

Proposed Central Library Budget, 2023-2024

February 9, 2023

Assumptions:

1. Requested 1.5% increase from Monroe County in the amount of \$7.4 million, due to wage/salary and operating inflation impacts.
2. State Aid projected to be flat; governor's proposed budget decrease (3.5%) assumed restored in final budget (note education/schools increase of 10% in governor's budget).
3. Employee benefit cost increases:
 - a. 13.5% blended retirement contribution, plus adjusted amortization payment (12% FY23)
 - b. 1% blended rate 2023-24 employee medical increase (self-insurance by City)
 - c. 4% blended rate 2023-24 retiree medical increase
 - d. No Dental increase
4. Salary/wage increase 3.25% AFSCME, assumed APT; estimated 3.25% CSEA (in Wage Adjustment)

Proposal: Adjustments to revenue changes (2% increase from FY23)

1. Budget gap ~ \$250,000 due primarily to wage/salary inflation as known and estimated.
2. Gap closed with request for 1.5% increase in County support (\$109,300) and minor increases in System Services (increases in wage/salary offsetting partial system reimbursements).
3. The County has awarded historian's office services to the RPL (\$50,000, with expenses represented in Local History division, which will be up to a five-year agreement for services).
4. There are several position changes/upgrades/transfers within Public Services and Administration; these are detailed in the bureau budgets. The net FTE change is 2 positions.

Fund Balance

1. MCLS fund balances supported Central operations from FY11 to FY16. Going forward, excess fund balances shall apply to approved activities within the MCLS capital and operating budgets.
2. Based on 2022 MCLS expenses under budgeted allocations, the projected MCLS fund balance is approximately \$1.3 million pending final County year-end close. The projected *available* balance is the same, as no funds are currently incorporated in the 2023 budget for operating support.
3. The minimum fund balance required by the MCLS fund balance policy is \$73,085, based on 1.5% of the MCLS 2023 budget.
4. We will be requesting a small transfer (\$20,000) from the fund balance to appropriate for increases in the cost of acquiring the third Shipping/Delivery truck, to complete the bid/order.

Highlights:

1. Bausch & Lomb HVAC upgrades will begin in spring 2023; we anticipate roof replacement the following summer (NYSED grant-funded project).
2. Federal stimulus (ARPA) funding shall enable Rundel masonry and window upgrades to be completed as single phase; adjusts construction schedule to start fall 2023.
3. Rundel remaining projects include east terrace structural, roof replacement (as part of masonry/window project) and HVAC/air intake upgrades. Updates to City Capital Improvement Program requests and Plan will be shared with RPL Board in March.