



## **REDUCED MATCH ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

As a result of legislation passed in 2011, public libraries that are located in an economically disadvantaged community will be eligible to be awarded up to 75% of their total approved project costs for the New York State Public Library Construction Grant program. To qualify for consideration for the higher award/reduced match option, libraries in the Pioneer Library System must be located in a county that meets at least two of the following criteria:

- the unemployment rate of the county is above the NYS average,
- the median household income of the county is below the NYS average,
- the percent of people below the poverty level residing in the county is above the NYS average,
- the percent of high school graduates in the county is below the NYS average,
- the percent of people with a bachelor degree or higher education in the county is below the NYS average.

Additionally, as stated in the legislation, the Board shall give particular attention to how the project addresses the library services needs of the economically disadvantaged communities, as described in the application.

Census data will be drawn for the area best representing the service area of the applying library. Should there be more than one possible census area; the level that brings the library closer to qualifying for reduced match will be used.

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