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Funding Opportunity	Description	Status/Deadline	Who can apply	Additional Information	Contact Person	Available Funding
<b>Broad-band Stimulus Funds</b>	Various options for public computer centers and broadband connectivity	Application deadline: March 15, 2010.	Multitype libraries directly to federal government	<a href="http://broadbandusa.sc.egov.usda.gov/">http://broadbandusa.sc.egov.usda.gov/</a> Direct application to federal agency.		
	Public Computer Center application: Illinois State Library and Illinois Dept. of Commerce & Economic Opportunity	Application deadline: March 15, 2010	Multitype libraries; the ISL is no longer accepting libraries into this application.  The ISL is applying on behalf of the 96 libraries.	Application limited to the 96 Illinois libraries who submitted pre-application information by January 15, 2010.	Debra Aggertt, Illinois State Library, (217) 558-1945, <a href="mailto:daggertt@ilsos.net">daggertt@ilsos.net</a>	
<b>\$50 million in construction funds</b>	Special Illinois grant program for public library construction	Pending. Construction bonds not yet sold. Availability of grant applications not yet announced. Most likely the <i>earliest</i> availability will be FY2011.	Public libraries	Construction rules drafted. Most appropriate for public libraries that are interested in major construction and remodeling projects. Grant awards depend on a local match of between 25% and 65% based on a mathematical formula included in the legislation. <a href="#">Frequently Asked Questions</a> about the Public Library Construction Grant Program.	Neil Kelley, Illinois State Library, (217) 782-1891, <a href="mailto:nkelley@ilsos.net">nkelley@ilsos.net</a>	Awaiting sale of bonds.
<b>U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA) funds for public libraries</b>	Grants and low-interest loans for construction and equipment projects in public and other types of libraries serving communities of 20,000 or less population.	Funds must be awarded by Sept. 30, 2010, but earlier applicants have a better chance.	Public libraries and libraries in not-for-profit organizations.	<a href="http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/il/forms/ARRA%20Funding%20Public%20Libraries.pdf">http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/il/forms/ARRA%20Funding%20Public%20Libraries.pdf</a>	USDA Champaign Office: Patrick Lydic, <a href="mailto:Patrick.Lydic@il.usda.gov">Patrick.Lydic@il.usda.gov</a> , (217) 403-6209 or Illinois field offices	Minimum of \$3 million in grants and loans.

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<p><b>Sen. Durbin's special grant appropriation for construction</b></p>	<p>\$300,000 to allow the Illinois State Library, in cooperation with the Illinois Library Association, to assist public libraries in expanding their small business and employment resources, including technology.</p>	<p>Pending.</p>	<p>ISL is the fiscal agent/recipient but will work with the Illinois Library Association to deliver grant's services/products to public libraries.</p>	<p><a href="http://durbin.senate.gov/showRelease.cfm?releaseId=320742">http://durbin.senate.gov/showRelease.cfm?releaseId=320742</a></p>	<p>Lawren Tucker, Illinois State Library, 524-4200, <a href="mailto:ltucker@ilsos.net">ltucker@ilsos.net</a></p>	<p>\$300,000</p>
<p><b>Digital Divide money/Illinois Dept. of Commerce &amp; Economic Opportunity (DCEO)</b></p>	<p>Increase access to computers, telecommunications technologies, and related training for populations residing in low-income communities</p>	<p>Applications due Feb. 16, 2010</p>	<p>Community Technology Centers located in and serving "eligible communities. School free lunch program eligibility is a factor. Includes public hospitals, libraries, park districts, state educational agencies, schools, higher education, and public and private nonprofit or for-profit educational organizations. Must provide computer access and educational services to the public at least twelve (12) hours each week.</p>	<p>Maximum grant award: \$75,000</p>	<p>Cesar Lopez, DCEO, (312) 814-2672, <a href="mailto:cesar.lopez@illinois.gov">cesar.lopez@illinois.gov</a></p>	

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<b>Live &amp; Learn Construction funds</b>	State grant program for public libraries	Application deadline was January 15, 2010.	Public libraries	Accessibility grants, mini-grants and grants for new construction and remodeling projects.	Neil Kelley, Illinois State Library, 782-1891, <a href="mailto:nkelley@ilsos.net">nkelley@ilsos.net</a>	
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