

# Library Budget

**2022 PROPOSED – Special Funds + Capital Investment**



SAINT PAUL  
PUBLIC LIBRARY

# 2022 Overview

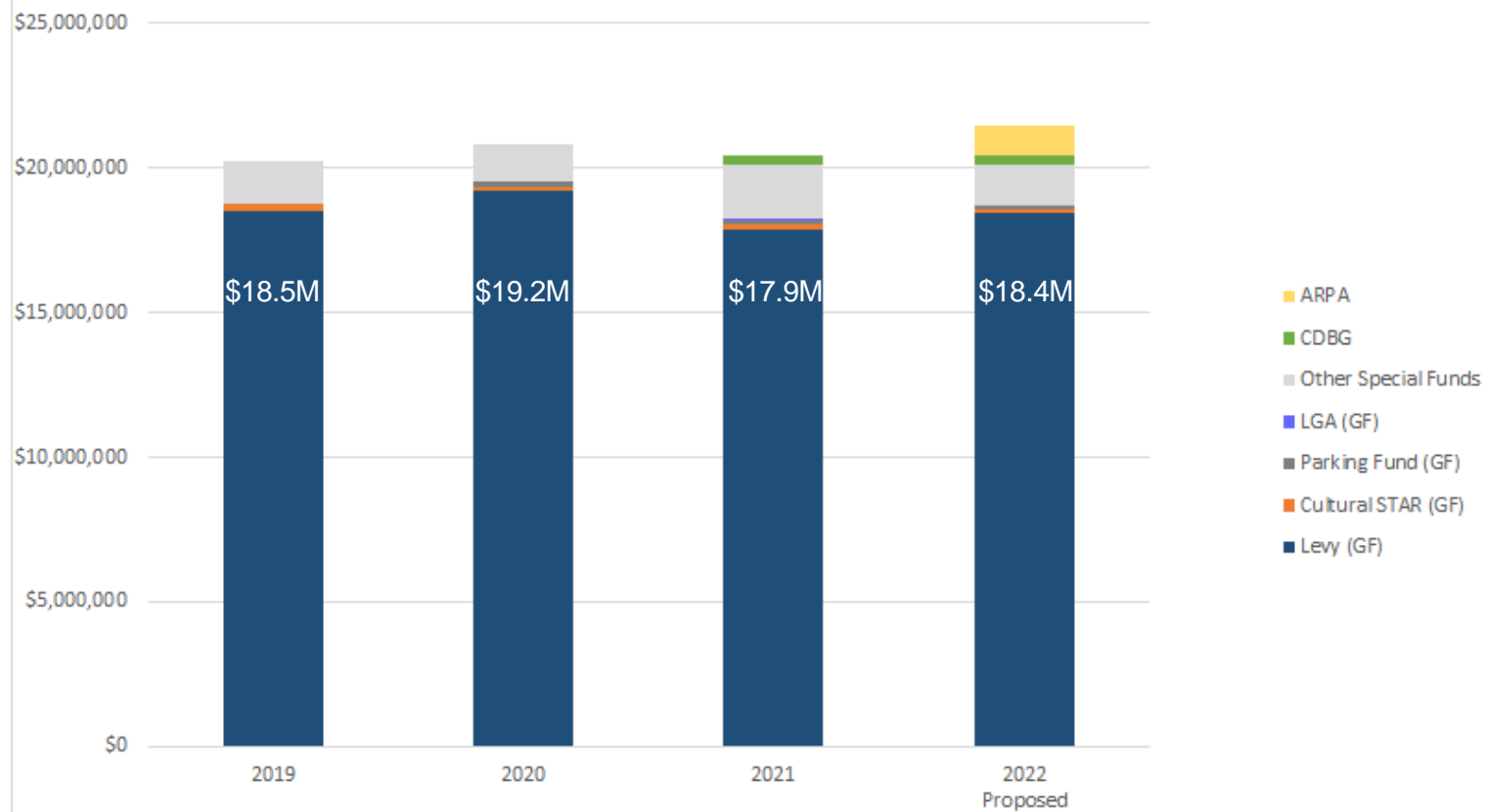
## SPECIAL FUNDS

- **Consistency in Special Funds**
  - Flat State funding for libraries
  - Flat Legacy funding for libraries
  - Successful in competitive grant processes
    - Secured State and Federal funds for service innovation projects
    - These are one-time funds that expire mid-2022
  - Flat Friends of the SPPL funding from individuals, institutions and endowments

## CIB

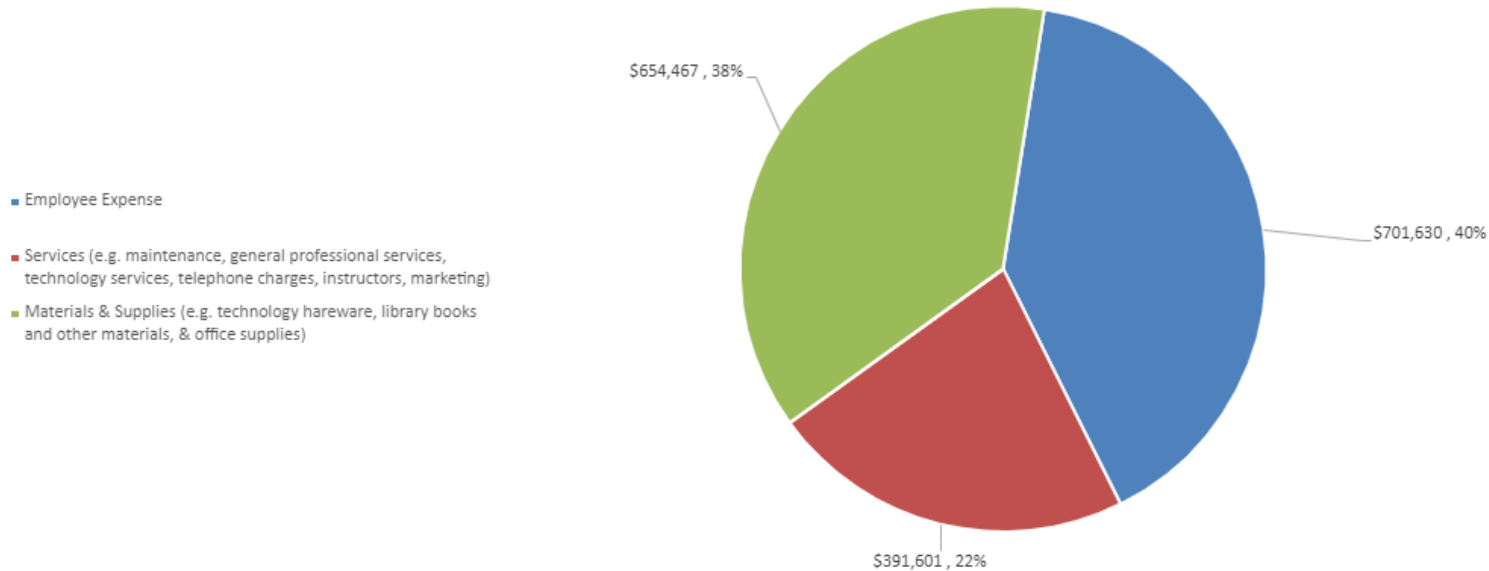
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## Library Budget Funding



# Special Funds

2022 Proposed Library Special Fund



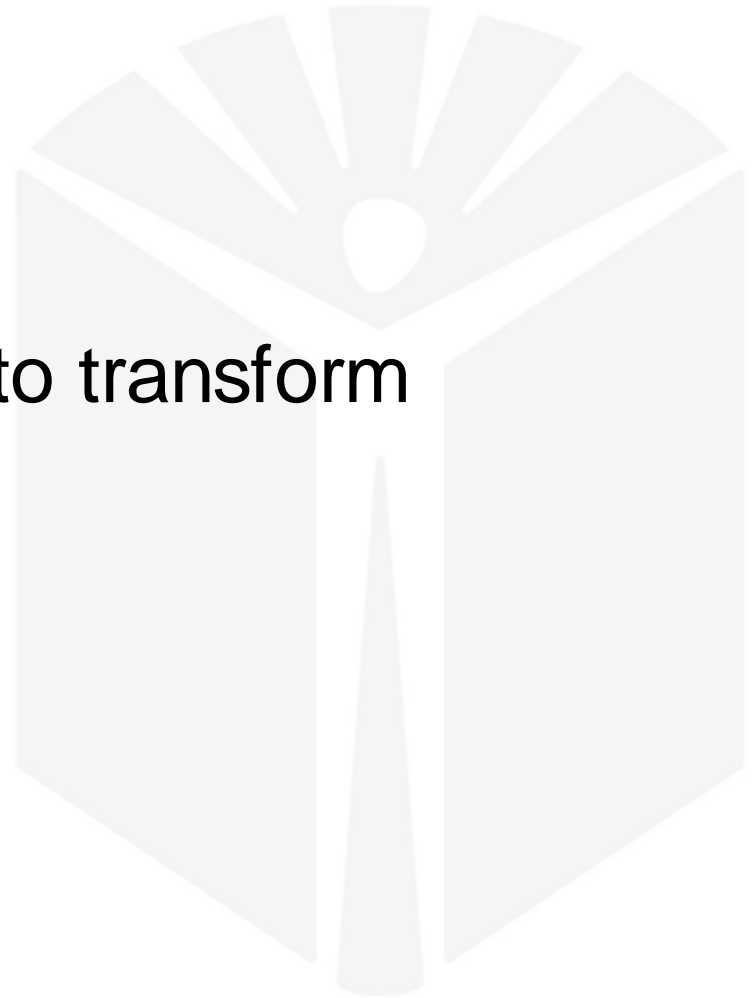
# Special Funds

- LSTA Grant – Digital Navigators
- IMLS Grant – Expanded Community Services
- Role of corporate support:
  - Since January 2020, 70+ companies providing \$500,000+ in support for The Friends of SPPL and/or direct support for SPPL programs and services.



# CIB

- Proposed \$8.169 million to transform Hamline Midway Library



# Co-Creating a Community-Centered Vision



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**2022**



# What we have heard

In 2018, we talked with our community about their wants, needs, and dreams – libraries and beyond. We heard:

- People want libraries to focus on young people and families.
- People want libraries to hold space for both quiet and loud activities.
- People face structural, cultural, and financial barriers to using libraries.
- People seek an environment that fosters safety and belonging.
- People seek programming beyond books and buildings.

**STRATEGIC GOAL:** Invest in spaces that are safe, inviting, affirming, and comfortable for people of all cultures, abilities, and communities.



# What we have learned

In 2019 and early 2020, we talked with our community about our facilities. We assessed the condition & function of our buildings. We learned:

- Across demographic and age groups, the library is viewed as a place for exposure to new things and people and as a place to have connections with other people.
- Community members feel pride for their neighborhood library.
- Saint Paul Public Library facilities are falling behind their peers.
- Outdated buildings struggle to support high use.

Libraries in Saint Paul are well loved, well used, and well worn.

# Facilities Vision

Imagine gathering spaces in our communities for neighbors to meet and connect, for job seekers to access WiFi and resume help, for children to discover and learn through play, and for community members to work, study, and access services. These free, accessible spaces that welcome everyone exist in our public libraries. They are **neighborhood resilience centers**.

Investment needs:

- **Transform three neighborhood locations** that are outdated, in poor condition, struggle to support high use, and have not been renovated in more than 30 years.
- **Improve technology and play and learn space** at all locations.

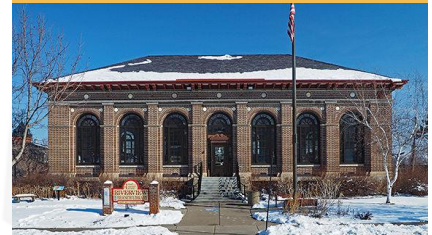
Hamline Midway Library



Hayden Heights Library



Riverview Library



# Facility Condition

Saint Paul Public Libraries, Facility Condition Index (FCI) Report								9/30/2021
Facility Name	Year Built	Square Feet	Current Year FCI	FCI Year 5	FCI Year 10	FCI Year 15	FCI Year 20	FCI Year 25
Arlington Hills Library	2016	7,598 SF	0.000000	0.00%	2.08%	2.08%	14.98%	18.68%
Central Library	1916	83,107 SF	11.556045	23.65%	27.58%	30.10%	34.14%	48.51%
Dayton's Bluff Library, Leased Space	2004	7,431 SF	0.000000	0.69%	43.59%	46.32%	47.42%	62.06%
Hamline Library	1930	7,917 SF	32.999048	33.85%	34.24%	41.46%	46.88%	60.81%
Hamline Midway Garage	2012	240 SF	0.000000	0.00%	0.00%	20.82%	45.03%	45.03%
Hayden Heights Library	1978	12,325 SF	19.266177	25.73%	25.73%	26.09%	38.21%	43.69%
Highland Park Library	1993	46,402 SF	0.131645	3.03%	4.23%	5.34%	26.42%	31.08%
Material Management	2000	8,038 SF	19.029044	37.71%	41.82%	49.05%	60.02%	77.71%
Merriam Park Library	1993	17,386 SF	29.936933	37.99%	42.36%	46.42%	50.02%	63.93%
Rice Street Library	2002	12,861 SF	2.913351	13.80%	25.32%	29.25%	34.14%	35.29%
Riverview Library	1917	10,567 SF	33.749718	42.08%	42.08%	45.82%	46.13%	56.70%
Rondo Library	2006	34,270 SF	3.398588	3.73%	22.85%	28.92%	32.73%	36.46%
St. Anthony Park Library	1912	10,686 SF	15.505276	22.12%	23.36%	30.30%	31.49%	44.57%
Sun Ray Library	1970	14,477 SF	2.549667	3.27%	3.47%	4.32%	29.73%	31.39%

	Critical need
	High priority
	Needs work
	Ok

Data for this report originated with 2017-2018 Condition Assessment of all City facilities.

# Hamline Midway Library

- 91-year-old building in very poor condition
  - Only library in city closed to patrons for more than one year during pandemic due to its ventilation system
  - Moisture, air quality issues
  - Structural issues that need further examination
- Significant accessibility challenges
- Lack of flexible community meeting space limits resources and uses of this location

# Hamline Midway

Entrance into the only community meeting room –  
significant accessibility issues



Water infiltration in community meeting room





# Hamline Midway

Exposed rebar and spalling concrete



Water damage in community room



Accessible entrance / side door



# The Opportunity

Co-create with neighbors a Hamline Midway Library that is safe, inviting, affirming, and comfortable for people of all cultures, abilities, and communities.

- Improve accessibility
- Add community meeting/program space and study rooms
- Acoustic separation between quiet & loud spaces
- Enhanced play & learn space and technology-rich space
- Catalyze investment in citywide vision

# Two Options

Additional community process and design consultation later this year will explore **two options** for the Hamline Midway Library site:

- "Radical renovation" that maintains elements of existing structure while adding space.
- New, larger, fully accessible building.

Both options emerged from community input, and both could address vision and goals outlined in SPPL's community-informed Strategic Direction and Facilities Direction.



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**NEXT STEPS**

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# 2022 and beyond

- Complete schematic and development design for all three priority locations.
- To the extent possible, seek State and/or Federal funds to support location-based and systemwide priorities laid out in the case statement for capital investment.
- The Friends of SPPL complete feasibility study for future capital campaign.
- *If budget proposal adopted*, complete construction documents and break ground on Hamline Midway Library construction while fundraising for the other projects.