

PUBLIC LIBRARY FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

The Library uses several types of funds to renovate, rehabilitate and construct library facilities. The Adopted CIP includes \$54.8 million in property tax-supported bond funds. In addition, the CIP includes \$10.9 million in federal funds (\$9.5 million CDBG, \$1.0 million HUD, and \$450,000 other federal grants), \$600,000 in private funds, and \$300,000 from Harris County.

During 2001, the Library commissioned and completed the development of a Strategic Master Plan that resulted in the adoption of the facility recommendations outlined in the Standards of Excellence. The recommendations are based on a long-range facility improvement strategy that calls for substantial growth and improvement in library facilities to meet the needs of a growing and changing Houston.

The FY2003-2007 CIP proposes to use existing bond, grant, private and County funds to:

- Renovate and improve the Central Library
- Rehabilitate and renovate various branch libraries
- Replace Bracewell, Kendall, Melcher and Vinson Branch Library
- Construct a new Stella Link Library
- Construct a new Clear Lake Branch Library