

Hamlin Memorial Library & Museum – FY2027 Budget Request

The Hamlin Memorial Library & Museum is requesting \$5,500 from the town of Paris for the upcoming fiscal year, which will allow us to pay for the insurance and basic utilities.

In addition to the funding received from the town, Hamlin organizes a fundraising event every summer. The income from this event is used to purchase new items for the library to loan, pay staff wages, buy supplies, and pay other operating costs. This “Founders’ Day” event is entirely weather-dependent; bad weather on the day of the event means very little money raised, whereas good weather will allow us to meet our budget. We never know from one year to the next how much money we can expect from this fundraising event, so we rely on the appropriation from the town to help support the most basic costs that keep this institution operating on a regular basis.

Receiving an allocation from the town makes us eligible to belong to the Maine State Library Consortium; our wireless internet connection, which is available 24/7 for our patrons even when we are closed, is paid for by the state, with Hamlin paying only \$100 annually toward this service. We are also able to provide public access to a wide variety of databases for research through this consortium. Because we receive funding from the town, these valuable services are available to us at minimal cost. If we were to purchase our own equivalent internet service and use of the databases available through this consortium, they would cost over \$45,000 annually.

We continue to be one of the few historic venues in the town of Paris with regular hours and, as such, we serve as a focal point for visitors from everywhere. We are able to direct people to other historical societies, local historians, and other local resources that they, otherwise, might not find.

We hope we can count on your continued support to offer our valuable services to the public. Thank you.

	Tentative					
	FY2027	FY 2026	FY2025	FY2024	FY2023	FY2022
	budget	actual	budget	actual	Actual	Actual
Income						
Donations	\$28,000	\$28,165	\$25,000	\$27,038	\$27,996	\$28,815
Dividends	\$2,000	\$2,224	\$2,000	\$2,076	\$1,658	\$1,469
Grant	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$2,500
Product sales	\$4,000	\$5,042	\$3,500	\$4,436	\$3,778	\$6,815
Town of Paris	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$5,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500
Founder's Day	\$27,000	\$27,637	\$27,637	\$23,973	\$28,457	\$34,411
Total Income	\$66,500	\$83,568	\$78,637	\$67,023	\$66,389	\$78,510
Expenses						
Payroll	\$33,000	\$31,788	\$32,300	\$31,359	\$27,786	\$27,331
Quickbooks Payroll fee	\$1,500	\$1,837	\$1,500	\$1,404	\$1,116	\$884
Payroll taxes	\$2,500	\$2,460	\$2,500	\$2,399	\$2,070	\$2,091
Collection materials	\$6,500	\$4,966	\$4,500	\$7,303	\$3,717	\$4,062
Heat	\$600	\$554	\$600	\$590	\$956	\$988
Electricity	\$2,000	\$1,729	\$1,500	\$958	\$753	\$736
Supplies	\$450	\$433	\$350	\$347	\$349	\$505
Phone service	\$725	\$717	\$700	\$690	\$663	\$656
Water & sewer	\$205	\$205	\$400	\$144	\$178	\$191
Insurance	\$3,000	\$2,933	\$2,650	\$2,650	\$2,478	\$2,394
Advertising	\$500	\$490	\$300	\$300	\$580	\$235
Alarm system	\$270	\$264	\$240	\$240	\$240	\$240
Postage	\$300	\$116	\$300	\$289	\$356	\$177
Dues	\$110	\$110	\$200	\$110	\$110	\$110
Maint. & Equip.	\$6,000	\$25,580	\$20,000	\$3,805	\$1,842	\$5,978
Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Museum Collection	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$113	\$2,037
Founder's Day expenses	\$5,500	\$5,102	\$5,500	\$5,352	\$5,498	\$5,440
Library Catalog	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Purchases for resale	\$2,300	\$2,204	\$2,300	\$2,828	\$2,617	\$3,062
Miscellaneous	\$500	\$339	\$300	\$339	\$752	\$319
Total Expense	\$66,460	\$82,327	\$78,640	\$61,608	\$52,673	\$57,937