

Project Name

Augusta-Richmond County Public Library Bookmobile

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

A. Submitting Department, Agency, or Association:

Library, 7000

B. Project Name / Brief Description:

The Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System Bookmobile will provide free library services and resources, such as book lending, Internet access, and educational programs, to underserved populations in the county.

Check box if project represents a continuation from a previous SPLOST:

C. Project Location / Address:

823 Telfair Street, Augusta, GA 30901

Check box if Site Selection required:

(If site selection is required, fill out section VI. Site Criteria & Standards)

Current Property Owner (if applicable):

D. District:

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E. Proposed Project Budget (round to nearest thousands):

Total SPLOST 8 Request: ¹	\$	291,000.00
Annual Operating Cost: ²	\$	126,000.00

¹ Figure from section III. Project Costs, first column (Total) for **SPLOST 8** Project Total

² Figure from section V. Operating Costs, first column (Annual Costs) for Total Operating Costs for Project.

F. Contact Person:

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G. Project Classification

Quality of Life

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I. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

A. Project Mission Statement / Goals & Objectives:

The goal of this project is to provide library services in underserved urban and rural communities of Augusta-Richmond County where residents cannot regularly access library services due to age, mobility, distance, or transportation concerns in locations such as Hephzibah, McBean, and East Augusta.

B. How will this project help meet the Public Safety, Basic Facilities / Infrastructure, and/or Quality of Life needs in

A mobile library/bookmobile will meet the quality of life needs of the community by providing more citizens with access to a wealth of library resources and services they otherwise would not be able to access. The libraries are an often overlooked resource for improving the quality of life in a community. They serve as a venue for citizens to complete assignments, to complete job applications, to print off documents for business transactions, to get information about health, to read the latest novels, and much more. However, many citizens are unable to use library services regularly because of where they live or personal circumstances that make getting to a library difficult. A mobile library would allow these citizens to enjoy the benefits of being a library patron without contending with those transportation and mobility concerns.

C. Why should this project be considered for *SPLOST 8* type funding?

A bookmobile has a greater geographic reach than a place-bound physical branch, with the flexibility to provide services where needed as the county's population moves, grows, and changes. Right now, there are only six library locations in Augusta-Richmond County to cover approximately 329 square miles and 200,000 citizens, leaving many residents at a great distance from their nearest library. A significant group of residents lack reliable transportation to come to a library or have a disability that impedes their mobility. A mobile library would address both of these concerns. This project would be less expensive than building, maintaining, and staffing a new physical location.

D. To meet the Project Goals & Objectives, when should this project be completed?

2024

E. Is this project recommended / included in any existing Augusta Richmond County Land Use Plan or Masterplan?

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II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

A. Project Construction Program / Description:

(Provide within this space a Construction Program / Description for the project. Agencies and departments submitting

The bookmobile would be equipped with free Wi-Fi, laptops or computer stations, a selection of books, access to the Libraries' electronic resources, printing, and copying services. It would also be ADA compliant with a lift for people with limited mobility, wheelchairs, or strollers.

B.

Projected Useful Life of Project:

15+ years

C. Site Specific Information: (address, tax map parcel #, etc.)

N/A

Check box if site currently owned by Augusta Richmond County:

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III. PROJECT COSTS:

A. Detailed project capital budget costs (to be funded from *SPLOST 8* only):

Project Costs (round to	Total	YR1 (22)	YR2 (23)	YR3 (24)	YR4 (25)	YR5 (26)	YR6 (27)
1. Land Acquisition / ROW /	\$0						
2. Design Fees:							
3. Miscellaneous Fees:							
4. Fixtures, Furniture, and	\$130,000			130,000			
5. Construction:	\$130,000			130,000			
6. Testing:							
8. Construction Contingency	\$25,000			25,000			
9. Project Management:							
10. Capital Equipment							
11. Other (describe): opening	\$6,000			6,000			
SPLOST V Project Total:	\$291,000	\$0	\$0	\$291,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

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IV. PROJECT FINANCING:

A. Detailed project capital budget costs (to be funded from *SPLOST 8* only):

Project Sources (round to	Total	YR1 (22)	YR2 (23)	YR3 (24)	YR4 (25)	YR5 (26)	YR6 (27)
1. <i>SPLOST 8</i> *	\$291,000	\$0		\$291,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
2. ARC General Fund:	\$0						
3. State Grant:	\$0						
4. Federal Grant:	\$0						
5. Previous SPLOST:	\$0						
6. Testing:	\$0						
7. Reimbursement Amount	\$0						
8. Other (describe): donations	\$0						
9. Other (describe):	\$0						
Total Sources:	\$291,000	\$0	\$0	\$291,000	\$0	\$0	\$0

* Amount from section III.A., "Detailed project capital budget costs" (*SPLOST 8* Project Total).

B. Describe the current commitments for the other sources funding this project:



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V. OPERATING COSTS:

A. Total Annual Operating Costs when Project is complete:

Operating Cost (round to thousand)	Annual Costs
(Estimated) Operating Revenues	
1. Personnel Costs:	84,000
2. Utilities:	
Gas:	7,000
Electrical:	-
Water:	-
Sewer:	-
Phone:	1,000
Computers:	5,000
3. Operating Supplies:	3,500
4. Equipment Maintenance:	10,000
5. Facility Maintenance:	2,000
6. Non-Capital:	3,000
7. Other (describe): materials to update the collection	3,500
8. Other (describe): fuel	7,000
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS OF PROJECT:	\$ 126,000
NET INCOME (ESTIMATED):	\$ (126,000)

B. Additional Personnel Information:

1. Identify the number of additional staff positions needed when project is completed:

- Full-Time: 2
- Part-Time: 0

2. Briefly describe the responsibilities of each additional staff position:

Two full time persons would be needed to drive the bookmobile, check out materials, assist patrons, and plan programs. The part time staffer would check out materials, pull patron requests, assist patrons with reference and technology

3. Identify the projected salary and fringe benefit cost for each additional staff position:

\$29,000 (salary) + \$13,500 (benefits) for 2 full time staff members

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VI. Site Criteria and Standards (only applicable if site Selection is required):

A. General Criteria:

1. Acreage:

- **Size:** Minimum acreage necessary for project, inclusive of parking and other
- **Topography:** Describe type of topography necessary to meet Goals and Objectives.
- **Estimated cost per acre:** Provide an estimated cost per acre and an explanation of how

2. Location / Accessibility:

- **Relative to its service area:** Define location relative to the project's service area that
- **Vehicular:** If necessary to meet the Goals and Objectives, describe what types of
- **Pedestrians:** Same as vehicular, but for pedestrians.
- **Bicycle Access:** Same as vehicular, but for bicycles.

B. No further information on site criteria and standards is necessary for the project request form at this time.

- **Development / Adjacent Impacts** (visibility, compatibility with land use plan, buffering,
- **Economy / Financing** (on- and off-site development costs, joint development
- **Environmental** (historic standards, traffic impacts, aesthetic standards, air quality, noise
- **Community Values** (displacements required, security needs, etc.)

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VII. OTHER IMPACTS:

A. Positive / Negative Impacts on ARC Departments, Agencies, or other Organizations:

The mobile library/bookmobile would visit ARC departments and agencies in its routes so that visitors to those facilities could use library services. The mobile library/bookmobile would specifically target ARC government public housing, parks, and senior centers. It would visit impact preschools, afterschool programs, and community organizations.

B. Positive / Negative Impacts on existing Infrastructure / Systems:

The mobile library would not require any additional land. Unlike a place bound building, it can reach people where they are.

C. Positive / Negative Impacts on Augusta Richmond County Tax Base:

Augusta-Richmond County taxpayers would see their tax dollars at work every time they pass the bookmobile on the road. Taxpayers who, due to distance or mobility concerns, find it very inconvenient or nearly impossible to go to a physical library branch could enjoy the benefits of a library that comes to their neighborhood.

VIII. OTHER INFORMATION:

A. Provide other information that would assist in the review of this proposed project: