

Project Name

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

A. **Submitting Department, Agency, or Association:**

B. **Project Name / Brief Description:**

The Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System needs to bolster its core hardcopy, electronic, and local history collections that support the leisure, learning, and business activities of the county's children, teens, and adults.

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

C. **Project Location / Address:**

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:**

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

Total SPLOST 8 Request: ¹	\$250,000
Annual Operating Cost: ²	\$ 6,000.00

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:**

Work Phone: **Home Phone:**

Fax Number: **E-mail Address:**

G. **Project Classification**

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I. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

A. Project Mission Statement / Goals & Objectives:

One goal of this project is to provide pertinent and up-to-date hard copy materials and electronic resources that will enrich the lives of the county's citizens. Another goal is to ensure the preservation of local history for future generations, which will require purchasing supplies to care for fragile historical documents and other artifacts. Libraries serve as a venue for completing assignments, job applications, printing documents for business transactions, getting information about health, genealogical and historical research, and much more. Updated collections would ensure the Library is in accordance with national and state library standards.

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

The Library's mission is solely to enrich the lives within a community through educational and recreational resources and services. Libraries support other government agencies' efforts and missions in providing these services. Often libraries are not able to negotiate the prices of materials, electronic resources, and archival supplies. The cost of materials varies greatly and are often expensive. However, a solid collection benefits the libraries' users for many years and is a wise investment.

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

New materials are a necessity for attracting and keeping patrons. The ARCPLS polled its patrons in 2020 about SPLOST priorities. The highest percentage of responses indicated a desire for more library materials. This project should be considered for SPLOST funding to assist funding already secured through the Georgia Public Library Service. Unfortunately, state funding for public libraries was cut for 2020 as a result of the Governor's mandate to reduce state funding by 6%. The budget cuts come at an inopportune time as the cost of salaries, benefits, maintenance, and utilities increase yearly. These costs overwhelm the library's FY budget.

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

2021-2031

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

N/A

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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

Books, DVDs, and online resources would be purchased for all library locations. Archival materials will be purchased to preserve local history materials.

B. Projected Useful Life of Project:

20+ 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							
5. Construction:							
6. Testing:							
8. Construction Contingency							
9. Project Management:							
10. Capital Equipment							
11. Other (describe):	\$250,000	41,667	41,667	41,667	41,667	41,666	41,666
SPLOST V Project Total:	\$250,000	\$41,667	\$41,667	\$41,667	\$41,667	\$41,666	\$41,666

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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> *	\$250,000	\$41,667	\$41,667	\$41,667	\$41,667	\$41,666	\$41,666
2. ARC General Fund:							
3. State Grant:	\$342,000	57,000	57,000	57,000	57,000	57,000	57,000
4. Federal Grant:							
5. Previous SPLOST:							
6. Testing:							
7. Reimbursement Amount							
8. Other (describe): donations							
9. Other (describe):							
Total Sources:	\$592,000	\$98,667	\$98,667	\$98,667	\$98,667	\$98,666	\$98,666

* 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:

The State grant funds are not guaranteed and are determined by legislative priorities and county population. They are estimated above. The total cost of the project, including SPLOST 8 funds, totals \$592,000.

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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:	\$ -
2. Utilities:	\$ -
Gas:	\$ -
Electrical:	\$ -
Water:	\$ -
Sewer:	\$ -
Phone:	\$ -
Computers:	\$ -
3. Operating Supplies:	\$ 6,000
4. Equipment Maintenance:	\$ -
5. Facility Maintenance:	\$ -
6. Non-Capital:	\$ -
7. Other (describe):	\$ -
8. Other (describe):	\$ -
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS OF PROJECT:	\$ 6,000
NET INCOME (ESTIMATED):	\$ (6,000)

B. Additional Personnel Information:

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

Full-Time: 0
 Part-Time: 0

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

N/A

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

N/A

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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:

There is no negative impact on other ARC departments, agencies, or other organizations. All users, residents and visitors, will benefit from updated materials to use for research, educational, business and leisure goals.

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

There are no foreseen negative impacts on existing infrastructure/systems.

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

Libraries are an amenity that increase property values as seen in a Philadelphia study of the value of public libraries (<http://www.ala.org/tools/research/librariesmatter/added-value-homes-and-neighborhoods>). Taxpayers will directly benefit from a wider variety of resources available to them through the public library.

VIII. OTHER INFORMATION:

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

The increased cost of purchasing materials were not forecasted into the county's budget when the Diamond Lakes and significantly larger Headquarters branches opened in 2005 and 2010 respectively.