

Project Name

Augusta-Richmond County Public Library Renovations - Appleby Branch

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

A. **Submitting Department, Agency, or Association:** Library, 7000

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

SPLOST funds will be used for the Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System's Appleby Branch renovations that will update its ADA compliance, appearance, and functionality. In 1954, the Appleby family donated a two-story antebellum home on Walton Way to the city of Augusta and Richmond County (now known as Augusta-Richmond County (ARC)) to be used as a library. No major renovations have occurred in the past 65 years since its donation to make the building compliant with American Disability Act (ADA) regulations nor to accommodate the growth of book collections, computer lab, or a larger patron base. The original configuration of the house no longer serves the needs of library patrons (the structure still has its original layout as a private home), and its interior needs to be repurposed. In addition, many of the rooms are poorly lit and need cosmetic improvements such as flooring, paint, and new furniture.

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

C. **Project Location / Address:** 2260 Walton Way, Augusta, GA 30904

Check box if Site Selection required:

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

Current Property Owner (if applicable): City of Augusta

D. **District:** 3

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

Total <i>SPLOST 8</i> Request: ¹	\$ 663,080.00
Annual Operating Cost: ²	\$ 142,804.00

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:** Mashell Y. Fashion

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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 safe, attractive, functional, and accommodating environments for learning and leisure for all Augusta-Richmond County Public Library System (ARCPLS) patrons. The Appleby Branch has several sets of stairs that makes its navigation and accessibility impossible or difficult for differently-abled persons. The building needs a ramp to access the building, an elevator to go to the second floor, and upgraded ADA compliant restrooms on both floors. The building has limited space. Several rooms need renovation to utilize available space for offices, storage, book collections, programming, and public computer stations.

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

The mission of ARCPLS is solely to enrich the lives within the community through educational and recreational resources and services. Well-maintained, modern, and functional libraries invite a wide audience, including county residents and visitors, to take advantage of the services and resources they provide. This project will allow Appleby Branch to serve all of its patrons in accordance with the ADA. This will also reduce Augusta-Richmond County's liability for noncompliance with the ADA at this facility. This project has been a goal of

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

The renovations sought will increase the value of the property, make it safer, increase accessibility, and enhance the county's amenities. The project should be considered for SPLOST funding to supplement funding available from the Georgia Public Library Service.

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? If

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

Appleby Branch is not in ADA compliance and needs to be renovated so that citizens and visitors with disabilities can enter the building and use its services. Renovations should include an elevator, ADA compliant restrooms, and other obstacles for patrons with disabilities. Appleby also needs renovations in order to attract visitors and provide improved services (i.e., replacing worn carpet, improving flow throughout the building, providing space for more computer access, updating the children's area, etc.).

B.

Projected Useful Life of Project:

20+ years

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

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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	\$200,000		200,000				
5. Construction:	\$642,800	300,000	342,800				
6. Testing:							
8. Construction Contingency	\$54,280	20,000	34,280				
9. Project Management:							
10. Capital Equipment							
11. Other (describe): Design, Supervision, Permit, etc.	\$50,000	50,000					
SPLOST V Project Total:	\$947,080	\$370,000	\$577,080	\$0	\$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> *	\$663,080	\$228,000	\$435,080				
2. ARC General Fund:							
3. State Grant:	\$284,000	142,000	142,000				
4. Federal Grant:							
5. Previous SPLOST:							
6. Testing:							
7. Reimbursement Amount							
8. Other (describe):							
9. Other (describe):							
Total Sources:	\$947,080	\$370,000	\$577,080	\$0	\$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:

Georgia Public Library System has approved Maintenance, Renovation, and Repair grant funding for ADA compliance for this location.

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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:	\$ 98,500
2. Utilities:	\$ 18,152
Gas:	\$ 3,612
Electrical:	\$ 9,000
Water:	\$ 400
Sewer:	\$ 200
Phone:	\$ 1,440
Computers:	\$ 3,500
3. Operating Supplies:	\$ 2,500
4. Equipment Maintenance:	2,500
5. Facility Maintenance:	3,000
6. Non-Capital:	
7. Other (describe):	
8. Other (describe):	
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS OF PROJECT:	\$ 142,804
NET INCOME (ESTIMATED):	\$ -

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-- no additional staff are needed. The branch already exists, and its budget would likely only increase by a small percentage due to these renovations.

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. However,

- **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:

ARC departments, agencies, and other organizations regularly use library facilities for meetings and will benefit from technologically updated and visually appealing libraries. The ARC ADA officer, Ms. Burrow bridge, has submitted her concerns about ADA compliance at Appleby Branch and proposed renovations for accessibility to ensure that all citizens can use that branch. No negative impacts are foreseen.

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

The renovations would modernize Appleby while maintaining the building's antebellum charm. They would allow visitors who previously could not climb the stairs to enter the building to use the facility and greatly improve the library's dated and worn appearance. No negative impacts are foreseen.

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

Taxpayers will be able to physically see and enjoy the improvements in this SPLOST proposal. They will feel more comfortable in the library due to its improved accessibility, appearance, and functionality.

VIII. OTHER INFORMATION:

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