

Augusta Georgia
SPLOT Phase 8
Project Request Form

Project Name **The Georgia Museum of Military History**

PROJECT SUMMARY SHEET

A. Submitting Department, Agency, or Association:

The Georgia Museum of Military History

B. Project Name / Brief Description:

The Georgia Museum of Military History will be a historical foundation assembled for the purpose of researching, showcasing, and preserving the unique legacy of military achievement of the natives and residents of Augusta, GA. With the Old Academy of Richmond County as its physical grounds, the museum will offer a unique and compelling attraction point to the city of Augusta. This will provide a large increase in quality of life for residents, and an enormous point of interest for promoting tourism.

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

C. Project Location / Address:

Old Academy of Richmond County, 540 Telfair St, 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):

Trustees of the Academy of Richmond County

D. District:

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

Total SPLOT 8 Request: 1	\$2,000,000
Annual Operating Cost: 2	N/A

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

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

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G. Project Classification

Quality of Life

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I. PROJECT JUSTIFICATION:

A. Project Mission Statement / Goals & Objectives:

The purpose of this project is to improve the overall quality of life for the community through education. We seek to inform the public of the contributions of Augustans and Georgia's military units to American history. By spotlighting the sacrifices made by service members native to or resident in Augusta, the public will see the unique role of Georgia's military history in the greater scope of martial culture and military history in general. Our programs and displays will add context to the rich and diverse elements of this history from colonial times up to the present day.

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

The proposed site for the Georgia Museum of Military History, the Old Academy of Richmond County, is currently underutilized, nationally registered as a landmark, and historically appropriate as a place of education. The property is owned by the State of Georgia and managed by a Board of Trustees, The Trustees of the Academy of Richmond County. As the oldest chartered military educational institution in Georgia, this site is perfect as a military museum. This use will provide the best preservation of Augusta's proud heritage as a trust for future generations to understand and have pride in their civic identity.

C. Why should this project be considered for SPLOST 2015 type funding?

The proposed museum will provide a unique point of attraction for all of Augusta. It is located between a number of existing museums, with several other historic sites on hand. This site will add value to our historic district. This additional museum will attract a wider international audience who will then survey the other historical and cultural sites on offer in Augusta. This will result in a "museum district" to drive greater engagement in longer stays with greater economic impact in hotels, restaurants, and related local industries.

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

The first phase of the project is replacement of the roof, stabilization of the foundation, and brick and mortar renovations to upkeep the building. This work will begin immediately and continue through the next four years.

E. Is this project recommended / included in any existing Augusta Richmond County Land Use Plan or Masterplan? If yes, please explain and provide necessary information.

No.

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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 requests should be prepared to submit detailed construction information, etc., as required during the technical review process.)

Our Construction Program covers a period of five years. This is broken down into three phases. The first phase (year one) is stabilization and design. The focus will be on triage to prevent further erosion or degradation of the site. Surveying and assaying will establish best practices for phase two. The second phase (year two and three) is construction. The third phase (year four and five) is the upfit of the property and installation of exhibits. At the end of year five, the museum property will be completed.

B. Projected Useful Life of Project:

The resources requested for this specific use are projected to make the project viable for fifty years. With proper maintenance and program supervision, the projected useful life of the project is indefinite.

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

540 Telfair St.

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 thousand)	Total	YR1 (22)	YR2 (23)	YR3 (24)	YR4 (25)	YR5 (27)	YR6 (21)
1. Land Acquisition / ROW /	\$0	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Design Fees:	\$108,000	108,000	-	-	-	-	-
3. Miscellaneous Fees:	\$100,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
4. Fixtures, Furniture, and Equipment	\$397,000	-	97,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
5. Construction:	\$1,082,000	230,500	230,500	215,000	215,000	191,000	-
6. Testing:	\$5,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
8. Construction Contingency	\$100,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
9. Project Management:	\$200,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
10. Other (describe):	\$0	-	-	-	-	-	-
11. Other (describe):	\$0	-	-	-	-	-	-
SPLOST 8 Project Total:	\$1,992,000	\$423,500	\$407,500	\$395,000	\$395,000	\$371,000	\$0

IV. PROJECT FINANCING:

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

Project Sources (round to thousand)	Total	YR1 (22)	YR2 (23)	YR3 (24)	YR4 (25)	YR5 (27)	YR6 (21)
1. <i>SPLOST 8</i> *	\$2,000,000	\$423,500	\$407,500	\$395,000	\$395,000	371,000	-
2. ARC General Fund:	\$0	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. State Grant:	\$0	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Federal Grant:	\$0	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Previous SPLOST:	\$0	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Testing:	\$0	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Reimbursement Amount	\$0	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Other (describe):	\$0	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Other (describe):	\$0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Sources:	\$2,000,000	\$423,500	\$831,000	\$1,226,000	\$1,621,000	\$1,992,000	\$0

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

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

None at this time.

V. OPERATING COSTS:

A. Total Annual Operating Costs when Project is complete: N/A

Operating Cost (round to thousand)	Annual Costs
(Estimated) Operating Revenues	\$ -
1. Personnel Costs:	-
2. Utilities:	-
■ Gas:	-
■ Electrical:	-
■ Water:	-
■ Sewer:	-
■ Phone:	-
■ Computers:	-
3. Operating Supplies:	-
4. Equipment Maintenance:	-
5. Facility Maintenance:	-
6. Non-Capital:	-
7. Other (describe):	-
8. Other (describe):	-
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS OF PROJECT:	N/A
NET INCOME (ESTIMATED):	N/A

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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:

Museum staffing will not be paid for by Augusta Richmond County.

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

No projected salary or fringe benefit cost to Augusta Richmond County.

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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.)

VII. OTHER IMPACTS:

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

Positive impact on Convention and Visitors Bureau. We project this to be a regional, national, and international tourist attraction. This will lead to an increase in hotel/ motel tax revenues for the CVB and the County.

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

Positive impact will be expansion of parking on site. Increased and better organized parking will alleviate the stress of on-street parking from increased patronage.

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

Positive impact from increased tax revenues. Increase in tourism will result in increase of hotel/ motel tax, excise tax, and sales tax.

VIII. OTHER INFORMATION:

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

This proposal will add a tremendous level of value to Augusta. Right now, the site is at risk of further deterioration, leading to a situation of blight in the midst of an important district. In addition to the positive elements listed above, we envision a historical foundation that will offer value to the military, contracting, and veteran communities. The military museum will provide a place for historical reenactors to set up displays and carry out their passion for living history while engaging with the public at large, particularly youth. We intend to stand up a research library as a addendum to the museum. This can facilitate active duty officers to pursue their Personal Military Education requirements in a way that increases engagement with the community. ROTC and JROTC programs will also benefit from this concentration of military and veteran volunteers. In this way, all of our communities will have a chance to communicate, cooperate, and come closer together through our shared history and civic identity.