

Camas Library Improvements

Total Project Cost: \$4,410,000 (Phase I and 2) *Phase 1 is funded and in process

Capital Budget Request: \$1 million

Other Funding: Matching funds would be available through City General Fund, community donations, and community grants.

Background – The Camas Library building celebrates its 85th birthday this year. Over the last eight decades, the building has undergone a handful of significant renovations, with the last one in 2003. In the Library’s current two-phased project, accessibility, safety, and user experience are prioritized.

Phase 1 is currently underway and focuses on exterior improvements, as well as a renovation of the Children’s Library. Phase 1 was funded with a combination of State Library Capital Improvement Program funds and Local matching funds.

Phase 2 Purpose and Goals:

Three hundred community members visit the Camas Library on average every day, and the Library is open 301 days per year. That’s nearly 2 million bodies walking on carpet, sitting on furniture, and scuffing up walls since the renovated Library reopened 22 years ago.

Approximately two-thirds of the 35,000 square foot building needs new carpet and wall and ceiling treatment, as it is original to the last renovation 22 years ago. The furniture is also worn and well-used from more than two decades of use.

Improved lighting has also been requested by patrons because the books on the shelves are difficult to see with the current natural light and fluorescent light combination being offered.

Goals for Phase 2 are functionality, safety, and accessibility.

Budget Phase 2

Demo	\$120,000
Flooring	\$200,000
Wall + Ceiling Finish	\$350,000
Light Fixtures	\$230,000
Casework	\$50,000
Roller Shades	\$50,000
Furniture	\$1,100,000
Total	\$2,100,000

