



May 2, 2023

USDA Rural Development
505 W University Ave., Suite G
Georgetown, TX 78627

Re: Dripping Springs Community Library
Evidence of Significant Community Support for Essential Community Facilities Project

To Whom It Concerns:

This letter serves as certification of support for the Dripping Springs Community Library in their request for financial assistance from the USDA Rural Development to build a 37,000 square foot, two story library to better serve our growing community. This is necessary to improve or prevent a loss of service to their service area.

The library's current population served as assigned by the Texas State Library and Archives is 52,117. Anyone who lives or works in the Dripping Springs Independent School District or Hays County can get a free library card.

The library does not have the space to grow its services, programs, and materials for a community that is rapidly growing. Currently, adding print materials to their shelves requires a significant removal of other titles to make room. They are often unable to meet community requests for meeting space because there is barely enough room to offer programming. In 2022, they offered over 750 programs with a total attendance of over 12,000 people. They had about 80,000 visits and a total circulation of print and eResources of over 184,000.

The new facility will provide indoor/outdoor meeting and learning spaces, programs for all ages, flexible community meeting spaces, a drive-thru material pick-up and return window, increased parking, free computer and Wi-Fi use, and a welcoming, more open and naturally lighted space for all of our community. Access to print and eResources and life-long learning and collaboration opportunities will be available for everyone.

The need for the new library is to improve essential community facilities; to provide an essential service to rural residents, and when necessary, improve or prevent a loss of service.

Organization: Dripping Springs Community Library

Address: 501 Sportsplex Drive
Dripping Springs, Texas 78620

Open spaces, friendly faces.



Service Provided: Community Library

This certificate of support acknowledges that the facility will provide needed services to the community and will have no adverse impact on other community facilities providing similar services.

The City of Dripping Springs City Council strongly supports the Dripping Springs Community Library's request for USDA Rural Development financial assistance.

Sincerely,

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