

Staff Report

Subject: Georgia Public Library Service Major Repair & Renovation Grant
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Meeting Date: 4/19/22
Item Description: Consideration for ECBOC to ratify and affirm acceptance of a grant award from the Georgia Public Library Service for the Major Repair & Renovation Grant.

Summary Recommendation:

Staff is requesting approval for ECBOC to ratify and affirm acceptance of a grant award from the Georgia Public Library Service for the Major Repair & Renovation Grant.

Executive Summary:

Georgia Public Library Service administers more than \$36.3 million in state and federal grant funds to public library systems and GLASS and for the support of other statewide activities. The Library Planning and Construction department helps communities build new libraries or revitalize existing structures and serves as an advisor between them and state funding agencies. Staff assist with the planning and funding of construction, remodeling, energy conservation, emergency preparedness, accessibility, space planning, and budgeting.

Planning and Construction manages two major programs for funding libraries: **Capital Outlay** and **Major Repair and Renovation (MRR)**. Capital Outlay Grants is a matching-funds program primarily for new library construction that also provides financial aid for full-facility renovations and large additions to existing facilities. Funding is allocated by state legislation and funded by General Obligation bonds through the Georgia State Financing and Investment Commission. Major Repair and Renovation (MRR) Grants is also a matching-funds program that assists library facilities with deferred maintenance projects and improvements. Typical projects range from structural issues to roof repair and HVAC replacement. It also assists with upgrades needed to help libraries meet the Americans with Disabilities Act's Standards for Accessible Design.

Effingham County plans to utilize the funds for LED lighting upgrades for Rincon and Springfield libraries.

Background:

1. There is a 50% cost share requirement and award amounts are as follows:

Library	GA Public Library Service Award	EC Match	Total
Rincon	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Springfield	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 8,750.00	\$ 17,500.00
TOTALS			\$ 31,500.00

Alternatives for Commission to Consider:

1. Ratify and affirm acceptance of a grant award from the Georgia Public Library Service for the Major Repair & Renovation Grant.
2. Do not ratify and affirm acceptance of a grant award from the Georgia Public Library Service for the Major Repair & Renovation Grant.
3. Provide staff with direction.

Recommended Alternative:

Staff recommends Alternative number 1 – Ratify and affirm acceptance of a grant award from the Georgia Public Library Service for the Major Repair & Renovation Grant.

Other Alternatives:

N/A

Department Review: *(list departments)*

Facilities Maintenance / Effingham County Board of Commissioners

Funding Source:

General Fund

Attachments:

GA Public Libraries Service Award Information