



City of Hutchins

Mobile Library

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Introduction



Addressing Library Accessibility Challenges

Limited Library Access

The City of Hutchins faces significant **library access challenges** transportation barriers for many residents seeking educational resources.

Community Impact



Enhancing Access and Engagement

Access to Resources

The mobile library will provide **essential resources**, including books and technology, ensuring that all residents have the opportunity to engage in learning and personal growth.

Support for Families

By targeting neighborhoods with **limited transport**, the mobile library will support children, seniors, and families, facilitating easy access to educational tools and services directly in their communities.

Educational Programming

The initiative will feature **educational programming** and workshops, creating a dynamic environment for learning, collaboration, and community engagement, ultimately fostering a culture of lifelong learning.

Visualizing Service Gaps



Understanding the demographics and service gaps in ZIP 75141 is vital for highlighting the need for a mobile library. This initiative aims to target underserved areas, ensuring access to educational resources and bridging the gap for community members without transportation.



★ Reference Point

Address: 300 N Denton St, Hutchins, TX 75141

ZIP Code: 75141 (Hutchins, Dallas County, Texas)

Radius Threshold: 2 miles from reference point

~40%

Area Within 2 Miles

~60%

Area Beyond 2 Miles

75141

ZIP Code

2 mi

Radius Threshold

ZIP Code 75141 — Color-Coded Distance Map



Demographics

Hutchins, Texas (ZIP 75141) has limited access to library and educational resources. Recent Census data shows lower-than-average educational attainment, with many adults lacking a high school diploma and few residents holding college degrees. Access barriers are significant: 60% of residents live more than two miles from the nearest library, and the city has no public transportation, leaving many households unable to reach essential learning and digital resources. A mobile library would directly address these gaps by bringing books, technology, and educational programs into neighborhoods, supporting literacy, workforce development, and equitable access for the entire community.

Demographics	Lancaster	Hutchins	Wilmer
Total Population	41,275	5,607	4,974
Total Households	14,648	1,415	2,039
Total Housing Units	14,637	1,664	1,604
Median Household Income	\$ 67,584	\$ 45,250	\$ 58,837
Residents Below Poverty Level	14.4%	28.4%	15.2%
Without Health Care Coverage	16.2%	26.7%	24.3%
Employment Rate	61.9%	47.4%	59.8%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	25.7%	6.1%	9.5%
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	23.7%	45.5%	54.1%
Black	65.6%	38.8%	27.9%

Source: U. S Census Bureau. Available at: https://data.census.gov/profile/Lancaster_city,_Texas?g=160XX00US4841212

Cost Analysis



The mobile library initiative requires an initial investment of approximately \$150,000 to \$250,000 for the vehicle. Additionally, ongoing operational costs, including technology, are essential to ensure community access and sustainability for the program. **future PTE will be required**

Cost Analysis: Mobile Library Initiative

Expense	Cost
Vehicle Purchase	\$150,000—250,000
Books, Technology, Materials	\$30,000 initial + replenishment
Ongoing Costs	Technology, operations, etc.

Pros

- Expands library access and services
- Flexible, community-centered deployment
- Supports literacy and digital equity
- Encourages engagement through educational programs

- Reaches underserved residents
- Highly visible community engagement tool

Cons

- Weather and mechanical issues may disrupt service
- Limited space compared to a full library





Community Voices

- 01 "My children would **benefit greatly** from a library closer."
- 02 "Access to **computers and Wi-Fi** would help me apply for jobs."
- 03 "A mobile library would bring **essential services** to seniors like me."



Call to Action

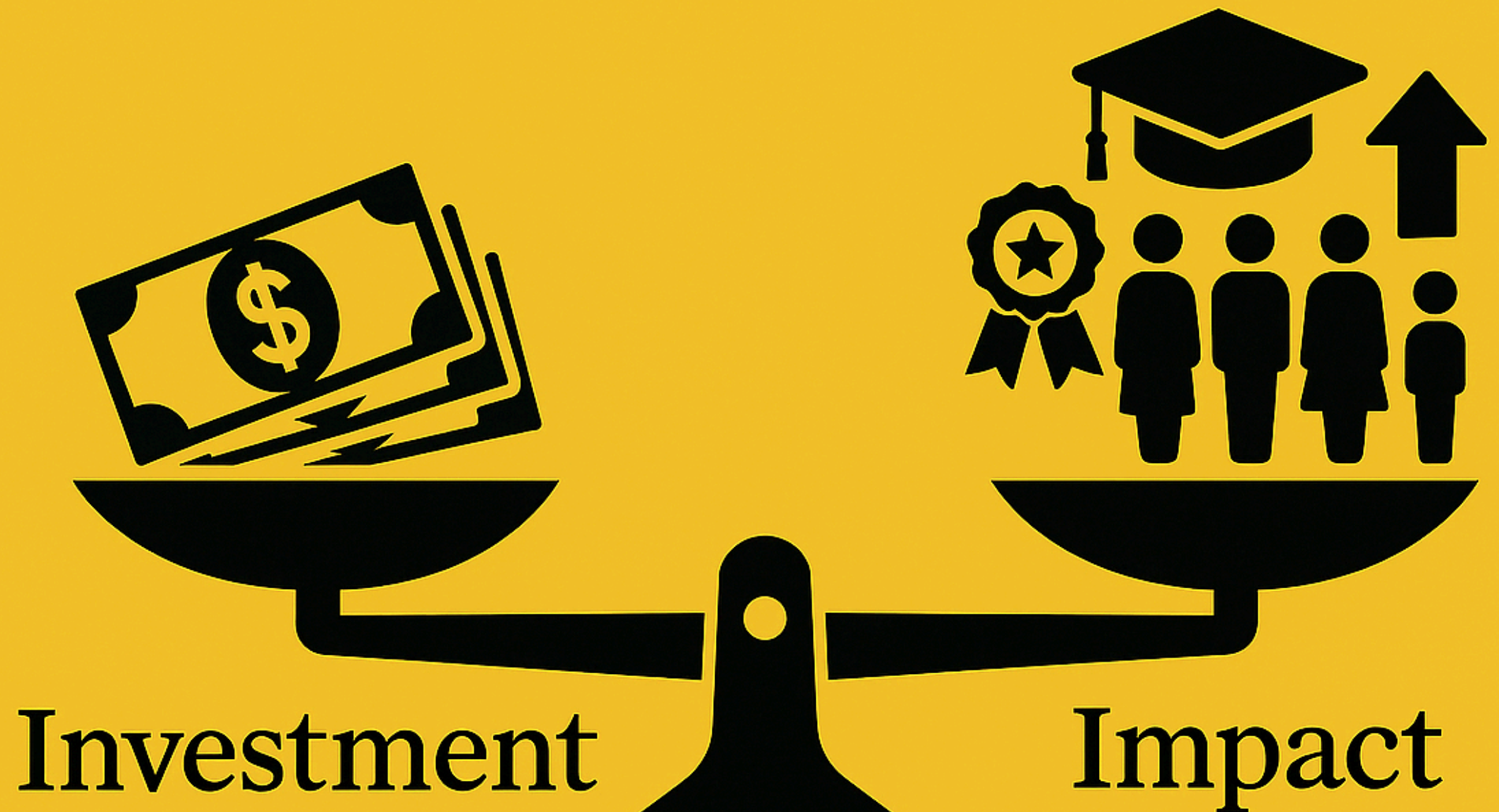
- 01** Approve funding for the mobile library's purchase and operation.
- 02** Foster partnerships to enhance outreach and programming efforts.
- 03** Advance literacy and digital access in underserved communities.

Community Benefits

This visual summary highlights the **investment versus impact** of the mobile library initiative. By comparing costs with community gains, we illustrate how this proposal not only enhances literacy and access but also fosters long-term community growth and engagement.



Investment vs. Impact: Mobile Library Initiative



the vision....



...to parks



...to mobile home parks



..to apartment communities



...to rural neighborhoods

Q&A

Thank You

We appreciate your consideration and support for the mobile library initiative.

