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General Guidelines

Construction funds are typically granted to a City, County or Library Board. The applicant must have the legal authority to accept state grant funds and will be responsible for adhering to all applicable laws. To qualify for this grant, a library must meet the guidelines for inclusion in the regional system (please see Part VI).

State funding will not exceed 50% of the project's budget or \$200,000, whichever is less. The project budget must include an appropriation by the city and/or county government of at least 10% of the amount requested in this application. The minimum amount for a grant award is \$20,000.

Primary consideration will be given to new construction projects and significant expansions. In the case of a library system or a county with multiple library buildings, once the system/county has received the maximum in grant funds, any additional applications from that system/county within a 10-year period will be given a lower priority. When funds are available, projects for renovation will be considered provided the purpose is to improve accessibility of the library and its collections to the public.

Construction grants require a pre-requisite amount of local project funds to be spent prior to the availability of grant funds. This pre-requisite amount is equal to the amount of the grant award and can be spent on elements of the project that grant funds are not eligible towards, including but not limited to planning, studies, architectural drawings or other pre-construction expenses. These pre-requisite funds can also be spent prior to the grant contract start date. Grant funds can only be for actual construction costs and must be expended within the contracted start and end dates and are issued as reimbursements as paid invoices are submitted.

Part I. Applicant Information

Applicant Name	
<i>[City, County or Library Board applying for funds]</i>	
Mailing Address:	
Phone:	
e-mail:	

Local Government Officials	
County Mayor	
Mailing Address:	
Phone:	
e-mail:	
City Mayor	
Mailing Address:	
Phone:	
e-mail:	

Library Board Chair	
Mailing Address:	
Phone:	
e-mail:	

Applicant Primary Contact For Grant Funding	
Name	
Job Title	
Mailing Address:	
Phone:	
e-mail:	

Library Director	
Mailing Address:	
Phone:	
e-mail:	

State Senator(s) <i>to be contacted upon award</i>	
State Representative(s) <i>to be contacted upon award</i>	
Regional Library Director	

Project Architect/Firm	
Project Leader Contact	
Tennessee Registration Number	
Mailing Address:	
Phone:	
e-mail:	

Type of Library	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Department of the County or City
<input type="checkbox"/>	Joint Venture (a formal agreement between a city and county; between cities; or between counties where funding for the library is split between the agreeing entities)
<input type="checkbox"/>	A documented 501-C-3 (the library has filed with the IRS as a 501-C-3 non-profit organization; having a tax-exempt number or using one from a city or county does not qualify the library as a 501-C-3, just as tax exempt)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other, please specify

Part II. Summary of Construction Project

Type of Construction Project (check more than one, if applicable):	
New building ____	Expansion ____
Renovation of newly acquired building ____	Renovation of the existing building ____
Other (please explain): 	

Function of Proposed Building:		
Main Public Library ____	Branch of System ____	Special Purpose ____

Property Address of Proposed Project:

Brief Overview of the Project, Service Enhancement, and Community Impact from your Building Program:

Part III. Project Budget by Source of Funds

County	\$
City	\$
Library Board	\$
Other (Specify source)	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
Federal:	\$
a. (Specify Source)	\$
b. (Specify Source)	\$
State: Public Library Construction Grant Request	\$

TOTAL*	\$
<p>*Must be equal to or greater than architect's project cost estimate. <i>(please include architect's project cost estimate with this application)</i></p>	

Prior Grant Information		
	Yes	No
Has a library in your county or system received a construction grant prior to this application?		
Name of Library or Branch that received a Construction Grant		
Year Grant Awarded		
Amount of Grant Award		

Part IV. Support of Service

The Applicant must provide evidence of the availability of funding or intent to provide sufficient funding necessary to support the new or improved services that will be available in the completed facility and to assure effective operation and maintenance of the facility for public library operations. List below the anticipated changes in the library budget necessary for the new facility. *Add other categories on blank lines if needed.*

Category or Line Item	Current Budget	Projected Budget
Salaries & benefits		
Utilities		
Maintenance		
Total Increase		

Budget Notes/Comments:

Financial Certification

Library Name: _____

Federal Employer Identification Number
(FEIN) _____

Also referred to as a tax-exempt number

Business Name or Name of the Holder of
the FEIN _____

I prefer to have my grant funds direct deposited.

Please provide the last 4 digits of the account you will be using for this grant _____

Note: if using a new account for direct deposit, please contact the grant manager for the documentation and instructions to add this account to your file.

Signature of Authorizing Authority

Date

Printed Name of Authorizing Authority

Title of Authorizing Authority

If a physical check is preferred, please include address where check should be sent:

Part V. Checklist of Application Materials Submitted

Please submit application with the required documents as specified and confirm inclusion with this checklist.

1. Application for Construction Funds: Yes ___ No ___
2. Library Board Resolution or Minutes authorizing the project: Yes ___ No ___
3. Resolution by each contributing funding body confirming the amount, source and availability of local funds: Yes ___ No ___
4. Documentation that funds are available for project completion, i.e., copy of bank statement(s), promissory note(s), bond issue/reports, etc.: Yes ___ No ___
5. Copies of the library's two most recent operating budgets: Yes ___ No ___
6. Site Documentation:
 - a. Legal Description: Yes ___ No ___
 - b. Deed Proving Ownership: Yes ___ No ___
 - c. Site Survey: Yes ___ No ___
 - d. Vicinity Map: Yes ___ No ___
7. Documentation concerning flood hazards, environmental impact, and effect on historic properties:
 - a. Flood plain map Yes ___ No ___
 - b. Historic properties Yes ___ No ___ Not Applicable ___
8. Library building program; please ask your regional library director for assistance.
Yes ___ No ___
9. Preliminary Design Information (to be completed by a certified architect/licensed contractor):
 - a. Contractor licensed and bonded Yes ___ No ___
 - b. Square foot summary Yes ___ No ___
 - c. Preliminary drawings Yes ___ No ___
 - d. Outline specifications Yes ___ No ___
 - e. Project cost estimate Yes ___ No ___
 - f. Floor plan of proposed project Yes ___ No ___
10. Financial Certification included (p.7 of this application). Yes ___ No ___

**Based on application submitted, additional documentation may be required, dependent on the scope of the project. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the project complies with all applicable laws, including but not limited to, construction bidding requirements, local zoning and planning commission requirements, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

PART VI. GUIDELINES FOR INCLUSION IN THE REGIONAL SYSTEM

All applicants must meet or exceed the following guidelines which are based on the Level I standards in the *Tennessee Standards for Public Libraries*. Please indicate that the library meets each guideline by checking the appropriate boxes.

- Resolution from the city or county commission that recognizes the entity as a public library.
- Minimum of 51% of the library operating expense is comprised of public funds from the city and/or county.
- The library budget provides a minimum of 20 hours a week for paid staff.
- Library is located in a county currently served by the regional library system.
- A governing library board has been appointed in accordance with TCA 10-3-101 and 10-3-103.
- The library is open a minimum of 20 hours a week.
- Library holds and/or owns a circulating, cataloged collection.
- Basic library services are free to the community, including but not limited to circulation of materials, reference services, programming, and public access to technology.
- Have submitted both the Service Agreement and Maintenance of Effort documents

PART VII. CERTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

The Applicant Assures and Certifies:

1. That it possesses legal authority to apply for the grant and to finance and construct the proposed facility; that a resolution, motion or similar action has been duly adopted or passed as an official act of the applicant's governing body authorizing the filing of the Application, including all understandings and assurances contained therein, and directing and authorizing the person identified as the official representative of the Applicant to act in connection with the Application and to provide additional information as may be required.
2. That the architectural plans for the project will be drawn by an architect licensed to practice in Tennessee; that the contractor engaged on the project will be licensed and bonded according to Tennessee law; that access will meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and that the project will be fully reviewed and approved by all relevant building codes authorities.
3. That it will comply with the regulations, policies, guidelines and requirements as they relate to the Application, acceptance and use of funds received from the State for this project.
4. That, if awarded, grant funds will be released only after a majority of the local funding for the project has been expended; that invoices will be submitted, and the local agency will be promptly reimbursed by the state up to the amount of the grant.
5. That to the best of their knowledge and belief, all of the statements made in this Application for Construction Funds are true and correct, that the estimates made are as accurate as they can be at this date; that all funds received for the project will be expended solely for the purpose of such grant; and any such funds not so expended, including funds lost or diverted to other purposes, shall be repaid to the State of Tennessee.
6. The funding body(ies) acknowledge and understand that any projected increase in the operational cost will be completely funded at the conclusion of the construction project. (Insert amount of increase from p.6 of this application, Section IV: \$_____.)

Chief Executive of Applicant Government

Signature

Title

Date

Library Board Chairman

Signature

Title

Date

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO YOUR REGIONAL LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Regional Directors will review and forward to the Construction Grant Committee, State Librarian and Archivist, and Secretary of State

Buffalo River Region

230 E. James Campbell Blvd. 108
Columbia, TN 38401
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Counties Served:

- Giles
- Hickman
- Lawrence
- Lewis
- Lincoln
- Marshall
- Maury
- Perry
- Wayne
- Williamson

Clinch River Region

130 North Main Street, Suite 2
Clinton, TN 37716
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Counties Served:

- Anderson
- Campbell
- Claiborne
- Grainger
- Jefferson
- Morgan
- Scott
- Sevier
- Union

Falling Water River Region

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Cookeville, TN 38501
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Counties Served:

- Bledsoe
- Clay
- Cumberland
- DeKalb
- Fentress
- Jackson
- Macon
- Overton
- Pickett
- Putnam
- Sequatchie
- Smith
- Van Buren
- White

Hatchie River Region

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Jackson, TN 38305
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Counties Served:

- Chester
- Decatur
- Fayette
- Hardeman
- Hardin
- Haywood
- Henderson
- Lauderdale
- Madison
- McNairy
- Tipton

Holston River Region

170 West Springbrook Drive
Johnson City, TN 37601
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Counties Served:

- Carter
- Cocke
- Greene
- Hancock
- Hawkins
- Hamblen
- Johnson
- Sullivan
- Unicoi
- Washington

Obion River Region

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Martin, TN 38237
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Counties Served:

- Benton
- Carroll
- Crockett
- Dyer
- Gibson
- Henry
- Lake
- Obion
- Weakley

Ocoee River Region

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Athens, TN 37303
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Counties Served:

- Blount
- Bradley
- Loudoun
- McMinn
- Meigs
- Monroe
- Polk
- Rhea
- Roane

Red River Region

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Clarksville, TN 37041
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Counties Served:

- Cheatham
- Dickson
- Houston
- Humphreys
- Montgomery
- Robertson
- Stewart
- Sumner

Stones River Region

2118 East Main Street
Murfreesboro, TN 37130
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Counties Served:

- Bedford
- Cannon
- Coffee
- Franklin
- Grundy
- Marion
- Moore
- Rutherford
- Trousdale
- Warren
- Wilson