



Chestatee Regional Library System

Serving Dawson and Lumpkin Counties

August 14, 2017

Chris Dockery, Chairman
Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners
99 Courthouse Hill, Suite H
Dahlonega, GA 30533

Dear Chairman Dockery,

This letter comes from the Chestatee Regional Library System Board of Trustees to the Lumpkin County Board of Commissioners to respectfully request the Commission's consideration in placing the building of a 21,000 square foot public library on the next SPLOST initiative. If approved, this would provide the remaining \$2,025,000.00 necessary for the \$5,775,000.00 building project.

The citizens of Lumpkin County voted for SPLOST referendums twice to build a new library. Once in 2008 (\$2 million) and again in 2014 (\$1 million), clearly showing community support. Only \$700,000 of the 2008 SPLOST was spent on grading the property and ground infrastructure for the new library as part of the planned Justice Center/Public Health Building/Library complex. (The remaining \$1.3 million of the 2008 SPLOST was not utilized for the library). It is our understanding, the \$1 million of the 2014 SPLOST remains intact and must be used for the library.

Please note, in 2017 the Georgia Public Library Service's Facilities & Construction Department approved the previously spent \$700,000 on infrastructure towards the county's match of \$1,750,000.00 in order to receive a State Grant of \$2,000,000.00. (The Lumpkin County Library building project is number 2 on the Georgia Public Libraries FY 2019 Capital Outlay Request list.)

The breakdown is as follows:

Initial Estimated Project Costs:	
Construction cost est. of \$275 per sq. ft. x 21,000 sq. ft.	\$5,775,000.00
FF&E cost est. of \$25 per sq. ft. x 21,000 sq. ft.	\$ 525,000.00
Project Grand Total	\$6,300,000.00
Allocated Funds to date:	
2014 SPLOST	(\$1,000,000.00)
Infrastructure	(\$ 700,000.00)
Library Foundation	(\$ 50,000.00)
State Construction Grant	(\$2,000,000.00)
Allocated Funds Grand Total:	(\$3,750,000.00)
Total 2020 SPLOST needed:	\$2,550,000.00

Thank you for considering this request to place the Lumpkin County Library on the 2020 SPLOST.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. Ragin Hause, Jr.
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Chair, Chestatee Regional Library Board

LUMPKIN COUNTY 2020 SPLOST

PROJECT REQUEST FORM

A. SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT, AUTHORITY, AGENCY, OR ASSOCIATION

Chestatee Regional Library System for the Lumpkin County Library

B. PROJECT NAME/BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Build a new Lumpkin County library to replace the facility that is both too small to serve the needs of its patrons and has numerous ADA compliance issues.

CHECK IF THIS IS A CONTINUATION FROM A PREVIOUS SPLOST

C. PROJECT LOCATION

Adjacent to the Justice Building

CHECK IF LAND ACQUISITION IS REQUIRED

D. PROPOSED PROJECT BUDGET (ROUND TO THE NEAREST THOUSANDS)

TOTAL BUDGET	\$2,550,000.00
ANNUAL OPERATING COST (SEE ATTACHMENT A)	\$19,673.00

E. CONTACT PERSON: Leslie Clark

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F. TO MEET THE PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES & WHEN SHOULD THIS PROJECT BE COMPLETED?

State funding is expected to be approved in July 2019 and as soon as possible thereafter.

**ATTACHMENT A
ANNUAL OPERATING COST
WORKSHEET**

ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL COSTS:	none
NUMBER OF POSITIONS	n/a
UTILITIES:	
GAS	n/a
ELECTRICAL	\$2,945.00
WATER	\$600.00 (includes sewer & trash in combined billing)
SEWER	
PHONE	\$400.00
TRASH PICK UP	
OTHER	\$400.00 Internet
OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$828.00
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	\$3,000.00
FACILITY MAINTENANCE	\$5,000.00 (includes increased cleaning cost est. on larger building)
SOFTWARE MAINTENANCE	\$500.00
OTHER (DESCRIBE)	\$5,000.00 Books and Materials
OTHER (DESCRIBE)	\$1,000.00 Computers
OTHER (DESCRIBE)	
TOTAL COSTS	\$19,673.00