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LIBRARY SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION ACT

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I. Objectives

The purpose of this project is to provide public library facilities adequate in space, design, and access to meet the needs of the community. To this end the project will insure wise and economical use of federal and local funds in the construction of library facilities; will assure that new facilities provide the maximum in function, efficiency and economy of maintenance; and will make construction funds available to the greatest number of communities for the wisest and best development of library facilities to reach the greatest number of people. Construction projects eligible for Title II grants are:

1. Construction of a new county or regional headquarters building or the enlarging of existing county or regional headquarters buildings.
2. Construction or enlargement of branch library buildings serving a population area of 20,000 or more in county or regional systems. (The Plan of construction and the location of the branch must be based upon a carefully developed plan for the location and development of branches to serve the entire area of the system.)
3. Construction or enlargement of branch library buildings serving a population area of 5,000 - 20,000 in county or regional systems. (The Plan of construction and the location of the branch must be based upon a carefully developed plan for the location and development of branches to serve the entire area of the system.)
4. Renovation of an existing county or regional headquarters building or branch library building to make it accessible to the physically handicapped as required in American Standard Specifications for Making Buildings and Facilities Accessible to, and Usable by, the Physically Handicapped.
5. Renovation of an existing county or regional headquarters building or branch library building for energy conservation.
6. Renovation of an existing county or regional headquarters building or branch library building to accommodate new technologies.

II. Relationship to Long-Range Program

The project supports Objective 4 of Goal II of the Long-Range Program:

"To encourage provision of public library facilities adequate in space, design, and access to meet the needs of the community."

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III. What the Project Expects to Accomplish

With the resources available to it under Title II, the State Library will assist as many libraries as possible in the construction, enlargement, or renovation of public library buildings designed to meet the needs of the public, to be accessible to the handicapped, to be energy efficient, or to accommodate new technologies.

IV. Needs Assessment

In 1980 the U.S. National Public Library Space Needs Assessment Survey indicated that forty-six (46) public library construction projects would be needed by 1985 in South Carolina. These consisted of nine new headquarters buildings, nine headquarters expansions, twenty-two new branches, and six branch expansions. Of these, seven projects have been completed and four projects are expected to be completed with Jobs Bill funding. Public library directors have since identified additional building projects. Eleven libraries have expressed preliminary interest in Title II funding for the current year. If South Carolina's public libraries are going to reach their goal of expanding and improving public library services throughout the state additional space is required. However, construction projects will be approved only for those libraries which are without adequate library facilities necessary to develop library services.

V. Who Is To Be Served

The educational, economic, and cultural enrichment of all citizens of the counties or communities receiving construction grants will be furthered by this project, which is intended to increase the space available for the provision of expanded and improved public library service.

VI. Activities To Be Used To Meet Objectives and Needs

The allocation of funds for construction projects will be as follows:

Branch libraries (permanent or temporary) serving populations of 5,000 - 20,000 in systems meeting requirements for State and Federal grants, \$50,000 or 50 per cent of the cost of the total project, whichever is the smaller.

Branch libraries (permanent or temporary) serving populations over 20,000 in systems meeting requirements for State and Federal grants, \$75,000 or 50 per cent of the cost of the total project, whichever is the smaller.

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The headquarters of county and regional systems meeting all requirements for State and Federal grants and serving under 50,000, \$100,000 or 50 per cent of the total cost of the construction project, whichever is the smaller.

The headquarters of county and regional systems serving 50,000 to 100,000 and meeting State and Federal requirements for grants, \$150,000 or 50 per cent of the total cost of the project, whichever is the smaller.

The headquarters of county and regional systems serving over 100,000 and meeting State and Federal requirements for grants, \$200,000 or 50 per cent of the total cost of the project, whichever amount is the smaller.

Renovation of headquarters or branch library buildings for accessibility for the handicapped, energy conservation, or to accommodate new technologies.

The amount of each grant will be determined individually on the basis of the nature and extent of the renovation required and on the other funding available. In no case shall a grant exceed 50% of the cost of renovations specifically required to assure access and usability for the handicapped, energy efficiency, or to accommodate new technologies.

In addition to the face value of the grant each recipient will be eligible for an additional sum needed to cover the costs of review required by regulations. The State Library will not use Title II funds for its administration of this project.

In the event the number of approvable construction projects received is not sufficient to utilize all available funds, the State Library reserves the right to allocate additional funds within the limits of the Federal/State matching ratio.

VII. When and Where Project Will Be Implemented

The project will be implemented in FY 85 in counties receiving grants. To participate in the Title II program, the public library must be legally established and meet requirements for State Aid and for participation in grants-in-aid from Federal funds administered by the State Library (Attachment A).

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VIII. Key Libraries and Other Libraries Involved

A. Priority Ranking

1. Headquarters

<u>County</u>	<u>LSCA Grant</u>
Aiken	\$ 200,000
Beaufort	\$ 150,000
Darlington	\$ 150,000
Georgetown	\$ 100,000
Horry	\$ 200,000
Lexington	<u>\$ 200,000</u>
	\$1,000,000

2. Branches

Chesterfield (Cheraw)	\$ 50,000
Greenville (Mauldin)	\$ 50,000
Pickens (Central)	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
	\$ 150,000

NOTE: Richland County has expressed interest in either headquarters or a branch.

B. How proposed building projects will contribute to new or improved library services.

Aiken. The present library, occupied in 1974, is a renovated mansion and is inadequate. Funds will be used to redesign the present interior and to provide additional space. Service demands require a larger, more modern library to extend and improve library services to the people of Aiken County.

Beaufort. The present library was built in 1964 and is inadequate. Funds will be used to enlarge this facility. Service demands require a larger, more modern library to extend and improve library services to the people of Beaufort County.

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- Chesterfield. The Matheson Memorial Library, the Cheraw Branch of the Chesterfield County Library system, is presently located in a totally inadequate historic home which dates back to the 1800's. There is very little usable floor space, and valuable wall space is "eaten up" by many long windows. An estimated 12,000 people are in Cheraw's service area. The minimum size facility needed is 6,000 square feet. The mayor of the town of Cheraw is working towards purchasing and renovating an old A&P building of which 6,000 square feet would be reserved for the branch library and 6,000 for a teen center. The site, situated in the downtown area is good; and parking is excellent.
- Darlington. The present headquarters building, a Carnegie Library, occupied in 1912 and renovated in 1922 and 1933-34, is inadequate in space and is inaccessible to the handicapped. Funds will be used to construct a new building. Service demands require a larger, more modern building to extend and improve library services to the people of Darlington County.
- Georgetown. The present library, occupied in 1953, is in the historic old jail which was renovated for library purposes and is inadequate. Funds will be used to build a new building. Service demands require a larger, more modern library to extend and improve library services to the people of Georgetown County.
- Greenville. The Town of Mauldin is served by a 2,000 square foot building. When this branch of the Greenville County Library system was built in 1962, the population of the area was approximately 1,500. The City of Mauldin, now over 8,000 population (20,000 if surrounding area is included), requires a much larger facility. Present plans call for building a new and larger branch library building in another location.

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- Horry. The present library was built in 1949 and is inadequate. Funds will be used to build a new building. Service demands require a larger, more modern facility to extend and improve library services to the people of Horry County.
- Lexington. The present library was built in 1967 and is inadequate. Funds will be used to expand and remodel the present building. Service demands require a larger, more modern library to extend and improve library services to the people of Lexington County.
- Pickens. The Allen Library, the branch of the Pickens County Library system in the town of Central, is now housed in a small room in an old building which it shares with local theater groups. The space available for the library is far from adequate for the Central area (division population of 6,267). Pickens County Library has requested Title II construction funds to use toward the construction of a new branch building in Central or for the renovation of an existing building for the library.
- Richland. Although plans are not definite yet, the Richland County Public Library does hope to move into a construction program for a new main library and expansion of at least two branches when authorized by the County Council. At that time, the library board would be interested in the availability of any LSCA Title II money for these projects.

IX. Estimated Cost of and Sources of Funding

<u>Federal</u>	<u>Local</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$363,196	\$363,196	\$726,392

X. Method of Administering Project

The State Library will administer this project with existing staff. The State Librarian will provide overall supervision for this project, which will be coordinated by the Deputy Librarian. Field

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Service Librarians will assist counties assigned to them with the application process, the written building plan, needs assessment, and other activities as necessary. The Office of the State Engineer will provide the required review of all plans for structural integrity. The State Fire Marshall will review them for fire safety compliance. The State Library will hire on a job basis a library building consultant to review the library functions of the building.

Administrative costs for the Title II program will be charged to Title I, Project IA (General Administration).

XI. Method of Evaluation

The State Library will evaluate each application to determine eligibility. Once a grant is approved the State Library will provide technical assistance and review before construction begins. During construction the State Library will work with the libraries to ensure that contractor(s) meet schedules, follow applicable regulations, and construct the building in accordance with specifications approved by the State Library. Periodic site visits will be made to verify the above. After the building is completed the State Library will make a final inspection of the building. A fiscal audit of the owner's accounts and records of both local and Federal funds will be made as soon as practicable after construction has been completed. This audit is to assure that Federal funds expended on the project are equal to the applicable Federal share of the actual allowable costs incurred by the library in constructing and equipping the project as approved and in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies established for the program.

Overall the project will be evaluated on the number of new library buildings constructed in areas which previously had no public library facility or which had an inadequate facility. Areas without library facilities necessary to develop services or facilities which are inadequate to provide services are those areas which do not have a facility to meet standards appropriate to their size on the basis of population served. Standards to be used in the evaluation of adequacy of the library facility will be Pamphlet No. 13, "Small Libraries Project," The Small Library Building (Library Administration Division, American Library Association, 1962) and in Wheeler and Goldhor's Practical Administration of Public Libraries, by Joseph L. Wheeler and Herbert Goldhor, revised by Carlton Rochell, (Harper, 1981), p. 464.