

Library Bond Act Grant Applications - Cycle 1 Individual Application Summary

<i>Project Name [Number]</i>	Alameda Main Library (Alameda Free Library) 1008	<i>Current Square Footage</i>	0
<i>Applicant</i>	Alameda, City of	<i>Project Square Footage</i>	47,470
<i>Operating Library Jurisdiction</i>	Alameda Free Library	<i>Service Area Population:</i>	72,259
<i>Project Type</i>	New Library	<i>Anticipated Construction Start Date:</i>	3/1/2004
<i>Project Priority</i>	1st	<i>Total Project Amount</i>	\$23,999,709
<i>Joint Use Type</i>	Joint Venture	<i>State Grant Amount</i>	\$15,487,952
<i>Multipurpose?</i>	NO		
<i>Leased Site:</i>	NO		

Bond Act Factors [California Code of Regulations Title 5, Section 19998 (a)]

	Rated	Other
<i>Urban/Rural:</i>		[see map]
<i>Population Growth:</i>		25%
<i>Financial capacity of applicant to open and maintain operation of the library (new libraries only):</i>		Yes
<i>Age and Condition of Existing Library:</i>	No existing library (= Outstanding)	
<i>Inadequacy of the existing library in meeting needs of residents and the response of proposed project to meeting the needs:</i>	Outstanding	
<i>Plan of Service integrates appropriate technology:</i>	Outstanding	
<i>Appropriateness of Proposed Site:</i>	Outstanding	
Overall Rating:		Outstanding

Summary of Review Panel Comments

Population Growth 24.5%

Needs of Residents/Response of Proposed Project to Needs The needs assessment is exceptionally well done. It is well documented and contains extensive examination of the demographic data. A broad range of community residents were included in the needs assessment process.

The plan of service is based on the needs assessment findings. The applicant appears to have examined the entire community before deciding that a joint use project was needed. Other clientele, in addition to the K-12 students, will also benefit from the planned services, including homeschoolers, private school students, and adult learners of all ages.

The building program implements the plan of service, providing spaces for the services indicated in the plan. Spatial relationships and individual spaces are well described.

The conceptual plans adequately incorporate the requirements of the building program. Areas on the building sections are not labeled and numerous area adjacencies required by the building program are not carried through to the floor plans. The parking lot is located at the back of the building, away from the building entrance.

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The joint use agreement: Computer Center, Homework Center, & Shard Electronic/Telecommunications The agreement demonstrates a well thought-out response to needs of the clientele served mutually by both entities. While there is no specific financial commitment, the commitment to the services and requisite staffing is evident. The agreement embraces more than just a single component, including a network of services that respond to the goals of both agencies in filling the needs of the students.

Plan of Service Integrates Appropriate Technology The use of technology includes incorporation of WANs, LANs, proxied network connectivity to electronic and digital resources for students using the Homework Center, ensuring compatibility with School District resources and services. This networked approach to technology enables the library and school district to serve the students' needs better jointly than either could do individually.

Appropriateness of Proposed Site Site is centrally located within the service area, and is a key component of the downtown revitalization planning. The site is accessible by public and private transportation, by bicycle, and by foot.

Financial Capacity The applicant has committed to the on-going operation of the completed library.