

Library Bond Act Grant Applications - Cycle 1 Individual Application Summary

<i>Project Name [Number]</i>	Orange (City) Main Library Expansion 1041	<i>Current Square Footage</i>	17,000
<i>Applicant</i>	Orange, City of	<i>Project Square Footage</i>	45,000
<i>Operating Library Jurisdiction</i>	Orange Public Library	<i>Service Area Population:</i>	128,821
<i>Project Type</i>	Remodel & Expansion	<i>Anticipated Construction Start Date:</i>	1/1/2005
<i>Project Priority</i>	2nd	<i>Total Project Amount</i>	\$16,537,616
<i>Joint Use Type</i>	N/A	<i>State Grant Amount</i>	\$9,127,700
<i>Multipurpose?</i>	NO		
<i>Leased Site:</i>	NO		

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

	Rated	Other
<i>Needs of urban and rural areas:</i>		[see map]
<i>Population growth:</i>		53%
<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>	Poor Condition (= Very Good)	
<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 electronic technology:</i>	Outstanding	
<i>Appropriateness of proposed site for the proposed project:</i>	Outstanding	
Overall Rating:	Outstanding	

Summary of Review Panel Comments

Population Growth 53.3%

Age and Condition The existing library was built in 1961 and has not been renovated. Major deficiencies of the current facility: inadequate HVAC system; inaccessible areas of the facility; lack of flexibility to adjust poor space adjacencies (inefficient space); inadequate space for all functions and services. The hazardous materials study indicates the presence of a small amount of asbestos containing materials that will need to be removed by a qualified abatement contractor. The feasibility study verifies viability of expanding the current facility.

Needs of residents/response of proposed project to needs The needs assessment process included community residents via a wide variety of activities including: community forums, phone surveys, written surveys, and stakeholder interviews. The analysis of the input and demographic data was well done, resulting in a logical determination of library service needs.

The plan of service for this main library is well-organized and addresses the needs identified in the needs assessment, which is primarily for adequate space to provide library services. By expanding the library, services that meet the current needs will be expanded to provide the level of service now required. Services include: "Techmobile" mobile technology education center; homebound delivery service; dramatically expanded large print collection; added meeting/programming rooms of various sizes.

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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 program is well organized, thorough, and clear. Especially good are the detailed space descriptions which lead to a clear understanding of the activities to take place in the space.

The conceptual plans follow the building program, adequately adhering to programmed square footages and adjacencies. Non-assignable square footage is not shown on the plan.

Joint use agreement: N/A

Plan of Service Integrates Appropriate Technology The use of technology to assist in providing library services is already present in the current library and is noted throughout the planning documents. The building program specifies that to plan for future needs, planning should include the ability for library users "to plug in a laptop anywhere" by providing a wireless network covering the entire library. Specific technology uses include: self-checkout; video conferencing capability; and technology training.

Appropriateness of Proposed Site The library lies in the geographic center of the service area, adjacent to a mixed-use development and the Civic Center. It's located on and near major arterial thoroughfares, making it accessible via automobile. The site is accessible by public and private transportation, by bicycle, and by foot, and a Metrolink center is one mile to the west. The library is in the downtown area, which is heavily used, and is adjacent to residential areas on three sides. It is also within walking distance of a university and a high school. Because the library is adjacent to an historical site, Edwards House, the applicant contacted SHPO, which doesn't comment on projects that are not federally funded, and there are no federal funds associated with this project. However, Design Standards for Old Towne Orange, as well as the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitation, were used in reviewing the project.

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