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Maximizing Learning Spaces - Furnishings Opportunity

Ends on December 3, 2019 (in 11 hours)

Overview

The Maximizing Learning Spaces 2019-20 project is a collaboration between the California State Library (CSL) and the Southern California Library Cooperative (SCLC) helping public libraries evaluate, reimagine, and furnish underutilized library spaces to maximize their potential for reading, literacy, and learning.

There are two distinct funding opportunities this year and libraries may apply for both:

1. Funding Opportunity for Design - Up to \$10,000 to develop a design and plan that re-imagines a space
2. Funding Opportunity for Furnishings - Up to \$10,000 for new, movable furnishings to realize an existing plan for a space

This online application is the Funding Opportunity for Furnishings Application and closes at 5 p.m. on December 3, 2019.

Please refer to the Application Guidelines for more information.

Questions

For any questions about the application or the project, please contact:

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SECTION 1 - APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Nevada County Community Library

Library/Organization Director Name *

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95959

Project Coordinator Name *

Roo Cantada

Project Coordinator Title *

San Juan Ridge Librarian

Project Coordinator Email Address *

[REDACTED]

Project Coordinator Business Phone Number *

Name of Learning Space Location *

Please provide the name of the space (that is, library branch name) to be re-imagined.

Address of Learning Space *

Please provide the address of the library/space to be re-imagined.

SECTION 2 - PROJECT INFORMATION

1. Tell us about your community and library and the needs that this project would address. *

The San Juan Ridge, known locally as simply "The Ridge," encompasses 75 square miles in rural Nevada County and has a population of approximately 3,000 people. The only town, North San Juan, consists of a handful of businesses and is a 14-mile drive on winding roads from the nearest town, Nevada City.

The Ridge is isolated by distance and often by weather. Rain and snow can make the drive to and from Nevada City treacherous. A few years ago, a landslide wiped out the main road to North San Juan, forcing residents to take a long and convoluted detour for several months. Internet access is very limited and independent business owners need to go to Nevada City for reliable connectivity when the San Juan Ridge Community Library is closed.

There are few employers on the Ridge and many economically disadvantaged families. The Ridge has a high population of at-risk youth and 94.5% of students at Grizzly Hill K-8 School are eligible for free or reduced lunches (source: California Department of Education's Student Poverty FRPM Data, 2018-19).

On the Ridge, there are no public spaces for teenagers to relax, socialize, and hang out. The dedicated staff of the San Juan Ridge Community Library started teen programming last summer, but there was very little room for their activities in the 1500-square-foot branch. Programs were held in the library's small kitchen which afforded no privacy for the teens, and other library users often complained about the noise.

Next to the Library is a 432-square foot mobile office unit that the Library is in the process of repurposing. The Library's vision is to create a welcoming space with versatile furniture that will easily meet a variety of community needs. Teenagers, many of whom are living in challenging circumstances, will have a separate space for library-run programs, such as movie or gaming nights, book clubs, and job readiness programs. The space can be used as extra seating for laptop users of all ages, thereby increasing internet access for the community. A versatile layout with furniture that is easy to move will also allow the mobile office unit to offer a location for community meetings and programs.

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2. What sources of information (e.g., surveys, staff and patron feedback) have you used to determine the needs to be addressed in this project? *

The staff and volunteers at the San Juan Ridge Community Library are part of the fabric of the tight-knit Ridge community. The Library is truly the "living room" of the Ridge and the librarians have a solid understanding of the unmet needs and desires of their friends and neighbors.

The Library is used to doing great things with limited space and money. Staff has been creative in making use of the space it has, but the growing popularity of library storytimes and other programs offered is stretching the Library's capacity. Moving activities outside does not work for every type of program and is a solution that is limited to nice weather.

The constraints of the Library are keenly felt during events that are targeted to teenagers. For the first time in 2019 the Library offered a summer reading program for teens. The Library was clearly not large enough to accommodate loud teens having fun while other patrons were trying to use the high-speed internet or read stories to their children. The drawbacks observed during the teen summer reading programs illustrate the importance of gaining space for programs and meetings for all ages.

There is no free public space on the Ridge. The renovated mobile unit, outfitted with flexible furniture, could serve this need on the Ridge, further solidifying the Library's role as the center of the community.

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3. Describe your underutilized space including its size, how it is being used today, and its current challenges and limitations. *

The modular office building, located a few feet from the San Juan Ridge Community Library, is 36 feet long, 12 feet wide, and 432 square feet. It was moved to the site a number of years ago and is currently being used for storage. Located within Oak Tree Park, it offers a view of fields, trees, and a pond. The unit is essentially a blank slate with great potential to be an asset to the community, but lacks furnishings to make it usable.

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4. What objectives do you have for and what outcomes do you expect from a successfully transformed space? Please be specific and include how you will measure success. *

Our objective is to create a flexible space that will meet the needs of Ridge residents for a safe, comfortable, and welcoming space to meet, as well as expanding the Library's capacity to offer programming to the community. We also want to provide overflow seating for locals who wish to access the Library's high-speed internet, and a space to be used for community meetings. Library staff has a wealth of ideas for programs and services to implement, including book discussions, literacy tutoring, technology classes and workshops, and game and movie nights.

Success will be measured by the number of people attending programs and using the space as well as surveys and conversations with the public concerning the value they place on the space and in the Library in general.

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5. How will your participation align with the project goal of transforming underutilized spaces to maximize their potential for reading, literacy, and learning? *

The modular office unit, used now for storage, is a perfect example of an underutilized space. The Library struggles to find the room to provide programming and to balance a wide variety of public needs in a small space, while right next door is a good-sized space that is currently unusable. Outfitted with movable and flexible chairs and tables, however, the modular office unit will be transformed into a welcoming space with tables and chairs that can be configured for a wide variety of purposes that support reading, literacy, and learning.

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6. Detail any in-kind, match funding, community participation, or any other support you expect for this project. Identify the group, type of support, and amount of support for each. *

Community participation is a hallmark of the tight-knit Ridge community. On the San Juan Ridge, people pitch in to help when others need it, often with free labor or services, akin to a traditional barn-raising. The San Juan Ridge Librarian is coordinating and executing the repurposing of the modular unit with the help of several craftsmen who have volunteered their services. The Friends of the Nevada County Libraries have already funded various projects at the San Juan Ridge Community Library, including having new carpeting installed, new bookcases built, and providing new desktop computers. In addition to support from community members and the Friends of the Libraries, the San Juan Ridge Community Library is supported by funds from Measure A, which dictates that a portion of the sales tax collected in Nevada County be dedicated to the public library system.

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7. Explain how you will ensure the success of your project coordinator and the project itself including any organizational support you will provide. *

The project will be coordinated by San Juan Ridge Librarian Roo Cantada, who was the driving force behind the establishment of the library in 2003. Cantada will be supported by key Nevada County Community Library Administration staff members with extensive experience in managing grants from both an operational and financial perspective. We will be working closely with the County's furniture vendor, Campbell Keller, to purchase and set up the furniture.

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SECTION 3 - Furnishings Opportunity Questions

Detail your plans for the space including any furniture partners or furnishings you have already identified. *

Our vision for the repurposed building at the San Juan Ridge Community Library is a flexible and inviting space with windows looking out over Oak Tree Park. The back door opens to a grassy area, allowing activities to extend outside in good weather. The interior will be cheery and bright, with colorful furniture. We have worked with our vendor to select Seek chairs, which are easily movable and stack compactly, and Aware tables that nest for compact storage. We will also purchase a comfortable chair with a desk arm for versatility.

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Describe how the plan was created and how you expect to implement it. *

The library has been planning a renovation of the modular office unit next to the San Juan Ridge Community Library for years now, envisioning how it could be transformed from a storage area into a much-needed community space. Librarian Roo Cantada came up with the general plan and worked with former Nevada County Librarian Yolande Wilburn to identify flexible and fun furniture that would make the most versatile use of the space. Renovations are already underway. We plan to complete the vision by working with Campbell Keller to purchase and set up the furniture.





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Attach your design for the space including space plan and furniture list. *

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Share any additional comments or information that supports your participation in this project. *

The community on the Ridge strongly supports their library, which was established and run with minimal funds for many years. Since the passage of Measure A, the Nevada County Community Library has been able to provide direct financial support to the San Juan Ridge Community Library, plus increased staff support for projects such as the relatively new summer reading program. The close partnership between the Nevada County Community Library and the San Juan Ridge Community Library will ensure the success of this project.

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Budget Overview *

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Please attach a document that provides an overview of your project budget and details. Your submission should identify all costs associated with the project and funding sources. Include LSTA funds up to \$10,000 and any in-kind, match funding, or other support you expect for this project. (e.g. number of people, salary, hours, description of items). Supported file type extensions include .pdf, .doc, .docx, .jpg, .xls and .xlsx.

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CIPA Acknowledgment *

- CIPA compliant. The applicant library has complied with the requirements of Section 9134(f)(1) of the Library Services and Technology Act.**
- Not Subject to CIPA Requirements. The CIPA requirements do not apply because no funds made available under this LSTA grant program will be used to purchase computers used to access the Internet or to pay for direct costs associated with accessing the Internet.**

CIPA compliance is not required for this application as grant funds will not be provided for computers used to access the internet, nor pay for direct costs associated with accessing the internet. Please check one.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR CERTIFICATION *

Elise Strickler
Interim County Librarian



On behalf of this library, I certify:

- To the best of my knowledge, the information in this application is accurate
- I have read, understood, and if selected, commit to the goals and guidelines for this project as stated in the separate Application Guidelines document, and will ensure the library provides the support needed for success

To certify, please type your name in the box. Then print a copy of application and sign next to your name. Mail the hard copy of the application with wet signature and any other attachments to:

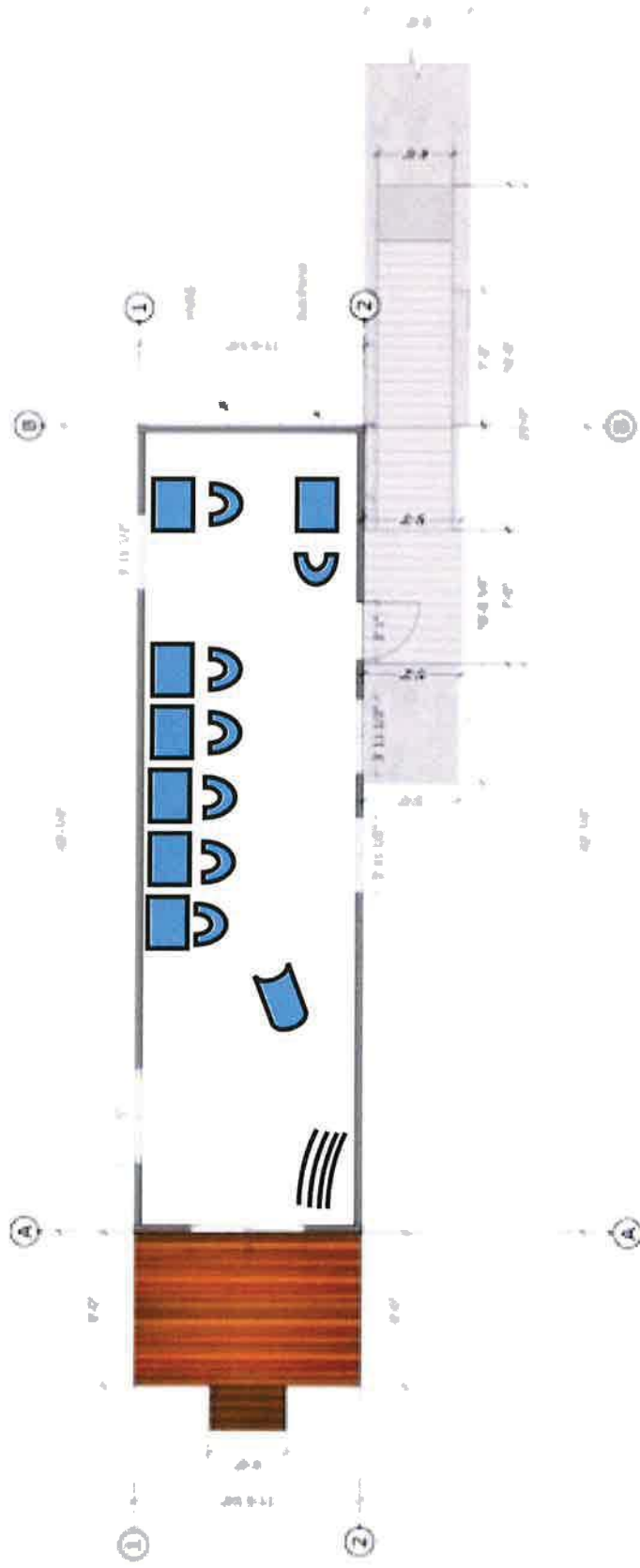
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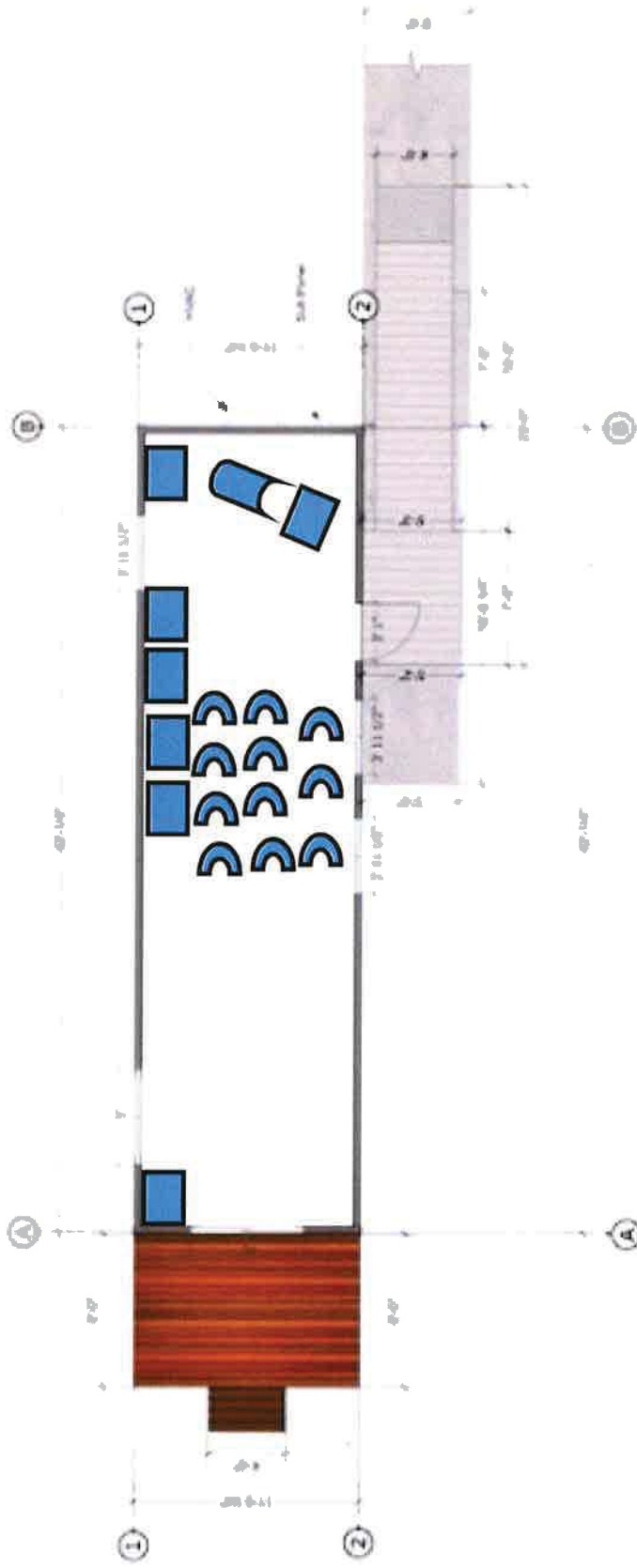
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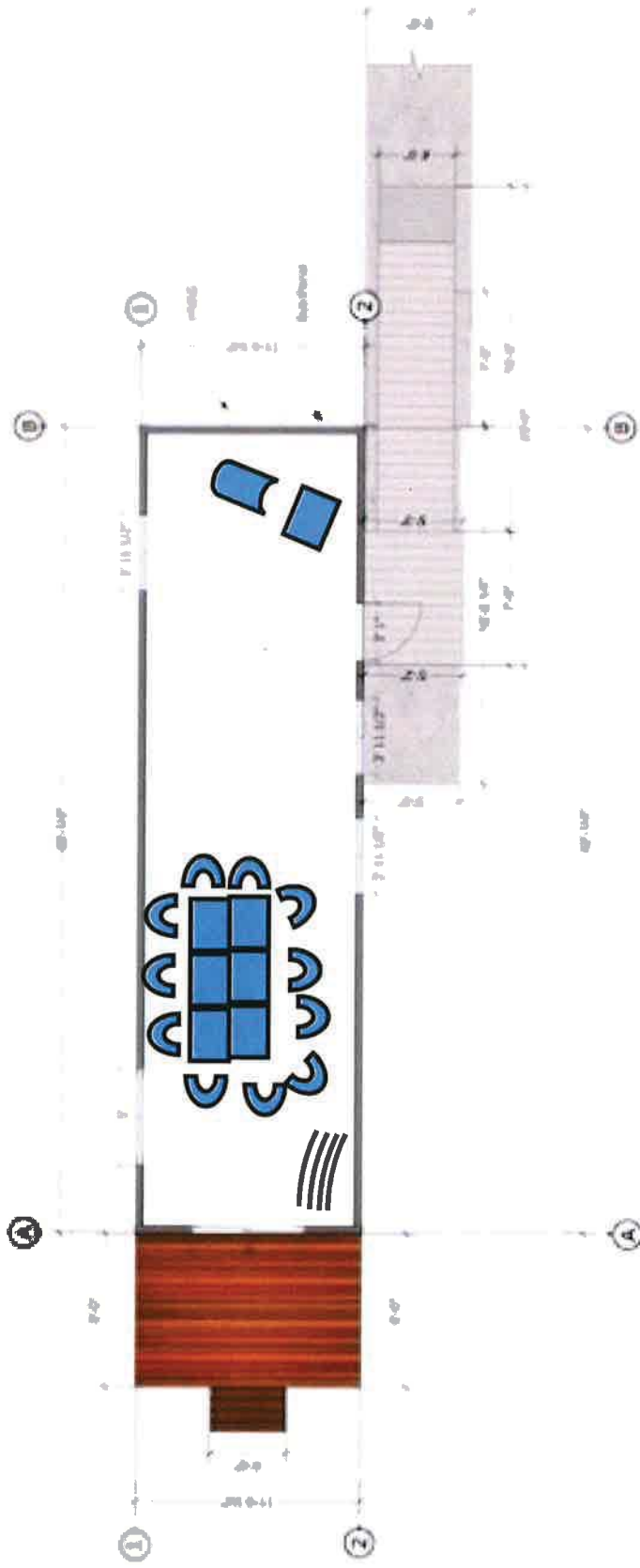
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Project Financial Overview - San Juan Ridge Community Library Teen Space

Item	Cost		Type of Funding	Details
	LSTA	Other		
Furniture, including tax and installation	\$ 9,723		Grant	Based on quote from Campbell Keller. Includes 7 tables, 11 nesting chairs, and 1 upholstered chair with desk arm.
Project Management, San Juan Ridge (Librarian)		\$ 110	In-Kind	5 hours @ \$22 per hour for direct management of furniture installation by San Juan Ridge Librarian
Grant Management (furniture ordering, grant oversight, reporting, tracking) (Librarian III)		\$ 420	In-Kind	2 hours for ordering furniture and related activities; 4 hours for general oversight; 4 hours for reporting and tracking @ \$42 per hour; all by Librarian III in Library Administration

Subtotals | \$ 9,723 | \$ 530

Total project cost | \$ 10,253