

Babcock Ranch Community Library and Annex

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Area: South

Location: TBD – Babcock Ranch community

Category: Quality of Life

Focus Area(s): Public Services, Infrastructure

Need:

The Master Developers Order identifies a need for a Community Library and Annex in the Babcock Ranch community.

Purpose:

A public library and annex space will serve the Babcock Ranch community and its needs by offering access to public services, knowledge, the Internet, learning resources, community events, and multipurpose space for various users.

Objectives:

Construct a 40,000SF building to accommodate both the library and annex services that will meet the community's needs.

Project Cost Prior Funding:	\$0
Project Cost Prior from Sales Tax:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$27,197,805
Project Cost Required New Sales Tax:	\$27,197,805
Annual Operating Cost:	\$1,105,000

Will the project impact public health and safety? If so, how?

Yes, Libraries provide educational opportunities and resources to enhance the community's well-being, while the Annex will provide access to public services.

Will the project foster economic development and create long-term jobs? If so, how?

Yes, Library and Annex services will provide resources to assist in creating businesses, in addition to the staff not currently working for Charlotte County.

Will the project result in decreased, increased, or no operation and maintenance (O&M) costs?

Increase

Will sales tax allow for application of grant funds from another entity?

Yes, through State of Florida

Will the project enable furtherance of phased projects from 2020 sales tax extension?

No

Is this a joint project with another entity?

Yes, through Babcock's MDO agreement

Will the project meet a community obligation to serve a special needs segment of the County's population, such as: low-income, aged, or minorities?

Yes, It will provide free access to "E" government services, free internet, computer access, information, and training.

Is the project included in a Master Plan, Comprehensive Plan, or Capital Needs Assessment?

Yes, CNA and MDO for Babcock Ranch community

Will the project impact environmental quality of Charlotte County? If so, how?

No

Will the project improve quality of life in Charlotte County?

Yes, public services provided through libraries and annex space will improve the lives of our citizens, seasonal residents, and visitors.

Is the project state or federally mandated?

No

Is the project dependent upon or connected with the completion of another project?

No