

West County Community Library

Organization & Contact: Community Services — Director Tommy Scott, Tommy.Scott@CharlotteCountyFL.gov and Area: West County

Location: TBD

Category: Quality of Life

Focus Area(s): Public Services, Infrastructure

Need:

Provide a new library in west county as outlined in the Library Master Plan.

Purpose:

A new community library will serve the West County community and their needs to offer free access to knowledge, internet, learning resources, community events, and a space for everyone.

Objectives:

The new library will provide 28,000sqft of space for children, teens and a main collection, as well as spaces for computer use, reading and gathering. Additional spaces will include breakout/study rooms, multi-purpose meeting rooms, makerspace, a 'Friends' book store, and storage. There will be space for library staff work areas.

Project Cost Prior Funding:	\$0
Project Cost Prior from Sales Tax:	\$0
Total Project Cost:	\$25,000,000
Project Cost Required New Sales Tax:	\$25,000,000
Annual Operating Cost:	\$TBD

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

Yes. will provide a safe, public space where residents can access emergency information, health resources, and programs that support education, preparedness, and community well-being.

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

Yes, Libraries provide resources to assist in the creation of private businesses, in addition to the staff not currently working for Charlotte County system

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, possibly from State of Florida Library grant program

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

No

Is this a joint project with another entity?

No

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, will offer accessible facilities, adaptive technology, inclusive programming, and resources all age groups, physical and cognitive abilities

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

Yes, Library Master Plan, Capital Needs Assessment, Comprehensive Plan

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

No

Will the project improve quality of life in Charlotte County?

Yes, the new library will improve quality of life by expanding access to literacy, technology, lifelong learning, cultural programs that serve the entire community.

Is the project state or federally mandated?

No

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

No