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Project Classification: Social Well-Being
Project Focus: Basic Facilities & Infrastructure
Project Type: Fleet

Previously Submitted and Rejected: No
Continuation Project: No

Project Total Cost: \$ 469,000

Total Operating Cost: The Athens Nurses' Clinic will pay for the fuel and all other operating costs for this project.

Project Description: About 2% of the US population is chronically infected with the Hepatitis C virus (HCV), with rates much higher in marginalized or impoverished populations. Most with chronic infections experience slight or no symptoms for the first few decades of infection. This leads to the unfortunate situation that even though effective treatment exists for HCV (95% of cases clear with treatment), most with the virus do not know they are infected and therefore do not seek treatment. Chronic infection over long periods of time can be quite serious, leading to cirrhosis or liver cancer.

We are proposing the purchase of mobile medical laboratory and clinic which we can use to expand our operations, to test homeless populations and others for HCV as well as provide other healthcare services free of charge to all. It is envisioned that the mobile facility would be equipped with 2 exam rooms, a waiting area, a restroom, medical equipment, computer, WiFi connectivity, and a power generator. This will allow more people in Athens-Clarke County to make use of our free services and will allow us to screen for HCV more widely, without requiring them to make the trip to our brick and mortar facility.

Project Mission Statement/Goals & Objectives: The mobile laboratory and clinic will go into marginalized or impoverished areas, providing quality healthcare access to everyone, free of charge. Our goals will include reaching as many people as possible with a preference for and those who otherwise cannot afford to see a doctor. This project also has the goal of finding and identifying individuals infected with HCV so they can be treated. A secondary goal will be the training of Pharm D and medical students in the field treating marginalized individuals, which has its own unique challenges and is not handled by the existing curriculum.

Projected Useful Life of Project: The project will be useful as long as the RV can be maintained, perhaps 10-20 years, depending on the number of miles put on the RV per year.

To meet the Project Goals & Objectives, when should this project be completed? The need for this project will be ongoing for the foreseeable future, making this a difficult question to answer. We

have had this need for quite some time, but it won't go away, and will be waiting for whenever money is available.

The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building System compliance: N/A

How will this project help meet the Public Safety, Basic Facilities/Infrastructure, and/or Quality of Life needs in Athens-Clarke County? Athens-Clarke County has an exceptionally high poverty rate, even if partially influenced by the student population, and it provides challenges to healthcare providers here. Not everyone knows that the Athens Nurses' Clinic offers free examination and treatment, and it is sometimes difficult to get those who most need our services to our building. A mobile laboratory and clinic will greatly assist us in reaching our target population by letting us go to them more easily.

How is this Project recommended/included in any approved ACCGOV Land Use Plan, Master Plan, Study, Service Delivery Plan, Envision Athens, etc.? Unsure

Triple Bottom Line Impacts

Positive Benefits for the Prosperity of Athens-Clarke County: Healthier populations are more productive and also have a higher propensity to consume goods in the economy. By improving and saving lives, the mobile clinic will expand the economy and therefore the sales tax base of Athens. Also, it will relieve a strain on our hospitals by treating conditions that would otherwise lead to emergency room visits by those without insurance and unable to pay.

Detrimental Impacts to the Prosperity of Athens-Clarke County: We do not perceive any detrimental impacts.

Positive Benefits for our Citizens and Visitors: Our mobile laboratory and clinic will treat all who approach. It will allow us to help them be healthier and to lead more productive and happy lives, hopefully free of preventable disease.

Detrimental Impacts for our Citizens and Visitors: We do not perceive any detrimental impacts.

Environmental Benefits, including but not limited to Positive impacts on existing Infrastructure/Systems:
n/a

Detrimental Impacts for the Environment, including but not limited to Negative impacts on existing Infrastructure/Systems: The only detrimental impact would be that the mobile lab would likely burn fossil fuels to operate. We could attempt to find an electric RV if that is desired. To the extent possible solar panels could be used but they would not be able to supply all of the power for the facility.

Positive/Negative Impacts on ACCGOV Departments, Agencies, or other Organizations, if not covered in one of the above questions: We do not perceive any detrimental impacts.

Project Costs

Detailed project capital budget costs (to be funded from SPLOST 2020 only):

Project Costs (round to thousand)	Amount
1. Land Acquisition / ROW / Easement:	\$ -
2. Design Fees: (Min.12% of New Const.; 14% of reno,; 16% for LEED proj.)	\$ -
3. Miscellaneous Fees: (Min. Minimum of 3% of Construction Costs – used for permitting, etc. Utilize minimum of 10% if land acquisition if necessary.	\$ -
4. Fixtures, Furniture, and Equipment (for a facility): A detailed estimate is preferred – but dependent upon the specific project, utilize at a minimum \$15 to \$20 per square foot.	\$ -
5. Construction:	\$ -
6. Construction Contingency: (10% of the Construction line item)	\$ -
7. Acquisition of Capital Equipment:	\$ 450,000
8. Testing:	\$ -
9. Project Management: less than 4% because of project	\$ 5,000
10. Project Contingency: (10% of the total budget line items above)	\$ -
11. Public Art: Calculated at 1% of the Construction line item.	\$ -
12. Other 1:	\$ -
13. Other 2:	\$ -
Project Subtotal:	\$ 455,000
14. Program Management (3% of Project Subtotal):	\$ 14,000
SPLOST 2020 Project Total:	\$ 469,000

Project Financing

Is the proposed Project to receive funding from source(s) other than SPLOST 2020? Not for the capital portion but the Athens Nurses' Clinic will pay for the fuel and all other operating costs for this project.

Project Site

Will the proposed Project require any land, whether existing sites, new site, easements, or Rights of Way? No