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## Library to ask A&P Commission to help fund move

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With 117 years dedicated to the citizens of Phillips County, the Phillips County Library is planning to approach the Helena-West Helena Advertising & Promotions Commission for funding to help relocate the facility to the old Sav-a-lot building. The library board, chaired by Dick Hendrix, is currently in the process of raising a much-needed \$1,218,789.70 for the move.

An application filed for funding through the A&P Commission shows a request of \$100,000. The library began its literary efforts in 1891 by the Helena Women's Association and in 1920, changed its name to the Helena Public Library. In 1948, the voters of the county passed a "mill tax" in support of the library and changed its name again to the Phillips County Library.

The non-profit organization feels that renovating the building will not only improve the looks but also create a safe and healthy environment. It also will help create jobs, expand technology, update the display of local artifacts for historical references, generate a larger genealogy resource area and provide a complete handicap accessible center, coffee shop and children's learning center.

The request will go before the A&P Commission, Thursday.

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is for the Twin City Athletic Association. The association, which is in its 23rd year and is chaired by Travis Williams, is seeking \$18,000 for a road to the complex located on the outskirts of Helena-West Helena.

Williams says the group has constantly upgraded their facility but the task before the commission is one that Williams says was "bigger than we can handle alone."

"When we secure the needed funds and complete this project, we will erect a permanent sign at the entrance to the ballpark thanking all those who have participated in making this dream become a reality," said Williams in his proposal package. The season at the complex is set to open April 28.

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Partners, represented by A&P Commissioner Cathy Cunningham, is asking for \$20,000 in funding for preservation of Helena-West Helena's Civil War "resources."

According to the application that that group submitted, the funds will go to secure Battery A. Stabilizing and managing the site plus hiring a consultant to develop a plan for preservation and interpretation are goals of the organization.

The Delta Cultural Center is adding \$5,000 to the project and Main Street Arkansas is also adding funds to the tune of \$10,000, which the application says is "pending."

The A&P Commission will address these matters 4 p.m. at the Perry St. municipal building Thursday.