

# **EAST SABINE SENIOR SERVICES INC.**

**P.O. BOX 232  
HEMPHILL, TX 75948**

9-13-2023

Sabine County Commissioner's Court

Dear Sirs,

East Sabine Senior Services gratefully requests the \$25,000 SLRF Award grant as mentioned in your letter.

This funding would help offset the continued rising cost from serving the seniors through the COVID-19 pandemic. During the pandemic food prices began going up and have continued to rise along with the number of people we serve at the senior center. This money will be used to help purchase food and pay other expenses that we must contend with each day. Thank you for considering us for this grant.

Respectfully yours,



Director Diann Burns

**Sabine County Fire Firefighters Association**

**P.O Box 721 Hemphill, Tx 75948**

**Jon Daffron: President**

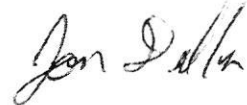
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RE:SLFRF AWARD

Thank you for your consideration to award the SCFFA with this grant. During the Covid-19 pandemic the departments that are a part of our association were greatly impacted since many of them are first responder organizations and were the first to arrive on scene to provide care to the many people of our county that have had the unfortunate circumstance of contracting the Covid-19 virus. The Departments within the organization went thru a lot of fuel, equipment, and experienced a lot of wear and tear on apparatus. If the grant is received I as president will ask other members on their thoughts of splitting the money amongst all departments as a reimbursement for equipment damaged or used during the pandemic, along with purchasing new equipment to replace old and worn out and outdated equipment.

Thanks,

Jon Daffron



President, SCFFA

936-275-8934

September 6, 2023

Sabine County  
Daryl Melton, County Judge  
P.O. Box 716  
Hemphill, TX 75948

RE: SLFRF Award( Covid-19)

Impact of Covid-19 on the Jail Museum

Thank you and Sabine County for allowing the Sabine County Jail Museum to be considered for the above referenced grant. The County has been very supportive in the past by helping us to maintain the old jail building and keep it operating.

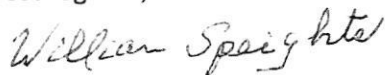
The covid-19 period was a very difficult time for the museum to operate. We experienced a drop in donations and low interest rates on our investments. The result was operating expenses exceeding income thus producing annual negative income. We were unable to maintain the building up to standards and even before being hit by a storm that did major damage to our roof causing us to close for a period of time. The County came to our rescue and got us operating again. We were also hit with staff personnel illnesses. The Museum operates on a low budget and pay minimum wages but we were able to keep paying our staff even when the Museum was closed and this allowed us to retain our present staff and their valuable experience.

How the Jail Museum would use the funds to help the Community:

We plan to use the funds to help bring the Museum to a higher standard while continuing to offer free admission. This will build pride in our community and encourage our citizens to visit more often and bring guests that increases tourism. The Museum Library focuses on local history and purchases books about East Texas and also purchase books by local authors. Our young people need a sense of local history and a need to develop roots that build a desire to stay in Sabine County on a permanent basis. We feel this is one of our core growth areas and by working closely with the Sabine County History Center we can improve tourism, youth education, industry, community pride and growth.

The Sabine County Jail Museum requests the one time grant of \$25,000.00 be awarded to our organization. The funds will greatly benefit our community.

Best regards,



William Speights, President, Sabine County Jail Museum

J. R. Huffman Public Library  
375 Sabine St.  
Hemphill, TX 75948

September 11, 2023

Sabine County  
Judge Daryl Melton  
PO Box 716  
Hemphill, TX 75948

Re: SLFRF Award and the Impact on J. R. Huffman Public Library

Judge Melton,

We would like to request the \$25,000 allotment/grant. Covid caused us to close our doors the entire month of April in 2020. The library continued to pay our employees during the closure. After reopening, less than 50% of our patrons returned for several months, which caused our income and donations to drop. Several of our patrons lost their lives to covid as well. The money we receive from grants each year has drastically declined due to covid. We were forced to cut back on our book purchases by 80% and struggled to pay expenses. We had to sanitized and quarantine books as they were returned. It was quite an undertaking. Now that covid is once again upon us, our numbers are beginning to decline.

We will use these funds to make up for the lost revenue during these rough times. By doing so, we will be able to purchase more books for the public, and cover more expenses that will allow us to keep our doors open. In doing so, the public will have access to computers, internet, copying, faxing, scanning, printing, laminating services and notary services.

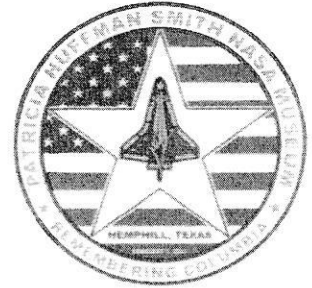
Thanks for all you do!!

Sincerely,



JaNelle Trexler  
Library Director  
J. R. Huffman Public Library

**Patricia Huffman Smith NASA Museum  
375 Sabine St Unit B  
Hemphill, Texas 75948  
409-787-4827**



September 12, 2023

Sabine County  
Daryl Melton, County Judge  
P. O. Box 716  
Hemphill, TX 75948

REF: Letter of Request

This letter is an acknowledgment of your letter dated August 25, 2023. Thank you for choosing the Patricia Huffman Smith NASA Museum "Remembering Columbia" (PHS NASA Museum) as one of the recipients of the SLFRF funds. This letter serves as a formal request for a one-time allotment of \$25,000.

The museum was greatly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and is still recovering from the loss of revenue. As you know, the museum relies on visitors entrance donations, gift shop sales and donations. The museum closed for three months in 2020 and once the doors opened again to the public, visitors did not return compared to prior years. Historically, April and May are busy months with field trips and many schools travel as far as 2 hours away to visit the museum. The loss of sales from the gift shop and the entrance fees were significant. Once the museum was open, CDC rules stated only limited capacity for several months. Additionally, the pandemic affected the museum's yearly fundraising events. The annual fundraising events did not happen because of COVID-19.

The SLFRF funds will enable the museum to continue providing a quality educational place for school children to come and learn not only about Columbia and her crew but they will also learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM). The museum hosts and sponsors a Robotic Competition yearly in February. This event is open to schools and is free to the public.

Once again, thank you in advance for considering the PHS NASA Museum for this funding award.

Sincerely,

Veronica Thomas  
Secretary/Treasurer

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# ARTHUR TEMPLE SR. MEMORIAL LIBRARY

PINELAND, TEXAS 75968



*Sept. 15, 2023*

Sabine County  
Daryl Melton, County Judge  
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Hemphill, Tx 75948

As being a public library, we were affected by COVID-19 in many ways as was our community that we serve. When the whole community is shut down, you lose the ability to use the services that you depend on in your daily life, we look to our local library for entertainment, education, internet services, computers, copies, notary services are just among a few things that are provided to the public. All was shut down we worked behind closed doors to provide curb service for books that were provided through phone ck out or over our automated catalog. Our community suffered Greatly not only did they lose, the loss of services we are a retirement community, People loss the ability to have contact and social environment with other people.

Our allotment will be used to add to and enhance services for the public like our online data bases, e-book services, a computer set up for tell a doc visit.

Thank You,

*Donna Nichols*

Donna Nichols / Director