

Attachment D

Building Forward Grant – Scope of Work

The proposed remodel of the Fortuna Branch of the Humboldt County Library will involve the redesign and remodel of the existing library footprint and interior amenities so that the library is fully compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and has a contemporary aesthetic to promote the comfort of library patrons.

The current Fortuna Branch location has numerous barriers to access as defined under the ADA which includes barriers in the path of travel linking the facility to the public right of way, the circulation desk, restrooms, kitchen, offices, and the overall facility layout. The proposed project will completely redesign the facility featuring universal accessible design so that all programs, services, and activities offered are in compliance with Title II of the ADA.

The project also proposes the replacement of the existing non-efficient heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) unit with a modern efficient system, replacement of the existing single paned windows with new dual paned windows, an emergency back-up generator so that the library can remain open during power loss events, installation of photovoltaic panels to provide green energy and assist in offsetting facility energy needs, and the installation of a Tesla power wall for power back up.

The proposed redesign addresses community needs by providing an expanded teen room, efficient technology and study areas, improved paths of travel, and dynamic event space. The Fortuna Library is dedicated to providing an accessible and contemporary environment that meets the diverse needs of the growing community. The current library layout has several limitations, including insufficient space for study and technology use, a lack of easily utilized event space, and an inadequate footprint for teen and Spanish language materials. In addition to removing accessibility barriers, the proposed project addresses these limitations so that the library will be better equipped to offer the programs, materials and services needed to provide essential services to all members of the community.