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Page 1: GRANT OBJECTIVE

Q1

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Q2

What are the goals and objectives of your project?

1. We want to replace the 6 mini split heat pump units throughout the building with 4 new, more efficient, environmentally friendly models.
2. We wish to make the library more comfortable for patrons and staff throughout the year.
3. We want to lower our utility bills.

The current models we have are about 23-24 years old. We have had several issues with them the past 4 years: leaking of coolant, condensation and leaks dripping into shelves containing library materials, and inefficient performance leading to very high electric bills in the summer of 2024, during their peak use as air conditioners. Since our previous heat pump servicer retired, we engaged another local company to service these units seasonally, but their efforts have not fixed ongoing issues for long. The cost of paying to maintain these units with this company since August of 2022 has been \$6623.49. We have not engaged this company to do the work for this grant project. An estimate from the company we hope to work with has been provided to SALS along with with product information.

Q3

How will this project change the library building?

Using these more efficient pumps will make the temperature in the library more comfortable in the summer during our very busy summer season. We have a separate heating system we share with another town building, but should that system fail (and it does on occasion), these new mini splits will allow us to heat the building too. The continued damage to walls and library materials will cease as well.

Q4

How will this project benefit your patrons?

Physically our patrons will be more comfortable throughout the year, particularly in summer when we've been consistently been having weeks in the high 80's and low 90's in the afternoons. These more efficient pumps will also not be leaking coolant or dripping condensation onto materials so patrons will have access to undamaged materials. Our budget is largely funded by our taxpayers, so less of their tax dollars will go toward wasteful repairs that do not last.

Q5

What is the timeline for the project?

The company whose bid our trustees want to accept (Algonquin Electric) said they can complete the project in Spring of 2025.

Page 2: Project Assessment

Q6

EVALUATION: What tools will you use to evaluate the program quantitatively (i.e. statistics)? What tools will you use to measure the program's success qualitatively?

Quantitatively: We can easily track our electric usage by comparing upcoming bills with those of previous years. Our electric use remains consistent throughout the year, except when these old units are being used, whether for air conditioning or for heat. When electric use spiked in the past it directly correlated to using the old mini splits. We will track the electric use for air conditioning from June 2025 through September 2025, and comparing to previous years' bills in 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Qualitatively: Just by being in the building as staff we will be able to evaluate whether is is comfortable or not, and whether the units are functioning properly. Patrons as well will let us know if it is a successful project if there are not complaints about the temperatures.

Page 3: File Uploads

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2025 Walk-Through Narrative Indian Lake Library

The person who did this our survey is a lifelong resident and semi-retired accountant. Pamela H. grew up in Indian Lake, went to college, married, and returned to town to work as an accountant, bookkeeper, and tax preparer. Pam has been a lifelong library user, but since becoming semi-retired, has used the library as a frequent meeting spot these past few years to consult with clients and other residents.

Pam sees the library as a clean, centrally located, comfortable place, with adequate access for all types of people. She noted its “soothing” atmosphere is conducive to reading and studying. Pam finds the furniture and places to hangout attractive and comfortable. She appreciates that the different areas of the library (kids’ area, adult stacks, computer lab) are easy to identify and do not interfere with one another during programs. She commented too that the variety and number of programs geared toward young children, students, adults, and seniors is impressive.

Pam appreciates the wide variety of materials to borrow, and makes use of Libby and Hoopla, and the inter-library loan. She appreciates that staff is helpful when navigating digital platforms, but also appreciates not everyone in the community is ready to be 100% digital, and the library has lots to offer in physical materials. Pam’s comments regarding staff state they are “friendly, easy to identify, well-trained, knowledgeable, helpful and fun.”

Pamela believes that our summers have gotten hotter in the North Country, and our library air conditioning performance hasn’t been as good as it can be in recent summers. As a tax preparer, she is familiar with the trend to switch to more energy efficient appliances for rebates, and feels this project will save the library money in the long run with utility bills. She also notes that many in our community are not able to afford air conditioning systems, or being seasonal residents, haven’t got ac, and anything that makes the library a more attractive, comfortable, safe place to spend time is money well spent.

Southern Adirondack Library System 2025 Challenge Grant Application

Budget:

In the "details" column, provide information on the item being budgeted for in this category.

| Category | Project Funds Requested | In-Kind/Matching | Total | Details |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|--------------|---|
| Purchased Services | 5,000.00 | 9,700.00 | 14,700.00 | Algonquin Electric's estimate for project is \$14,700. The Library will pay the balance from its fund balance if we |
| Equipment | | | - | Included in the estimate. |
| Materials/Supplies | | | - | Included in the estimate. |
| Personnel | | | - | Included in the estimate. |
| CE Program Registration | | | - | |
| Travel | | | - | |
| Total | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 9,700.00 | \$ 14,700.00 | |

Library Director Signature: _____

[Handwritten Signature]

Board President Signature: _____

[Handwritten Signature]

Date: _____

28 March 2025

Submit all documents as PDFs through our online application portal.

Hand-written applications will not be accepted.

Indian Lake Library
Indian Lake, NY

January 14, 2025

Invoice – Proposal

- ✓ Remove existing mini split units
 - *Library responsible for patching holes where existing mini splits are
- ✓ Install new single zone 24k BTU floor mounted mini split for west wing
- ✓ Install new single zone 24k BTU floor mounted mini split on east wall of east wing
- ✓ Install new breaker, wire and electrical disconnect for east wing outdoor unit
- ✓ Install dual zone wall mounted mini split systems for (2) wall mounted 12k air handler in office area
- ✓ Install desk or wall mounted Wi-Fi thermostats for each unit
 - Senville Aura Series mini splits efficient down to -22^f

Total: \$14,700

Deposit: \$9,500

Due after completion: \$5,200

Fully Insured



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Senville Information -


21.5 SEER - ENERGY STAR Certified. Inverter Technology. (50% Savings per Year. vs. 10 SEER)

Air Conditioner with Arctic Heat Pump (Up to -30C / -22F). Great for Cold Climates!

Alexa Enabled (iOS & Android), Whisper Technology (Ultra Quiet), Silver Ion Filter (Anti-Microbial)

Vertical Swing Function, Refrigerant Leak Detection, Built-In De-humidification Function, Follow Me Function (Remote with Built-In Thermostat)

Self-Cleaning Mode, PTC Heat Belt and Pan, Bucket Free Outdoor Design, Self Diagnosis System, Low Ambient Cooling (Up to -30C / -22F)

Senville is proud to offer one of the most advanced heating and cooling systems in the world. Our Ultra-Inverter Technology allows our mini split systems to provide cooling and heating at up to -22F/-30C, with up to 75% efficiency, which means you won't experience any additional cost overages on your energy as temperatures go lower. Now available on all Senville AURA Series models, your Ultra-High Efficiency Inverter system will provide you with cooling and heating, all year round, even in the coldest climates. 

Manufacturer's Warranty

10-year Warranty All Senville models are backed by a comprehensive 10-year warranty designed to protect your purchase. All warranty claims are processed by the North American Headquarters of Senville, ensuring the highest levels of customer support and satisfaction. This 10-year warranty offers coverage on the compressor and a 5-year warranty on other parts. You can rest assured knowing that your purchase will be protected for up to 10 years, and we know that we are providing you with the highest quality product available.

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2025 SALS CONSTRUCTION GRANT PHOTOS



INDIAN LAKE LIBRARY

We are applying to receive grant money to offset the cost of replacing 6 mini split heat pump units and their 2 outdoor power units, with 4 more energy efficient heat pumps and 2 outdoor power units.

Photos 1 & 2: Mini splits in the adult stacks

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Water stains and damage from condensation dripping from unit

Darker stains from coolant leak. Unit froze during a power outage and leaked all over a book collection underneath.

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Leaked coolant in the computer lab. Some water damage to window trim as well.

2025 SALS CONSTRUCTION GRANT PHOTOS



INDIAN LAKE LIBRARY

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Mini split across from circ desks. Tray placed under to catch drips & protect shelves under.

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Mini split in kids' room. Not one of the worst drippers but not very effective at cooling.

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Mini split in office. Doesn't drip much, but no cooling either. Room not used much anyway, except by Library Director.

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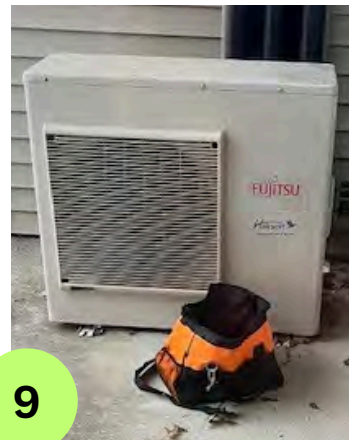
Proposed site for a new mini split. It is our craft room and serves as a meeting room for monthly support groups. More useful place for air conditioner than office in photo #6

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This outdoor unit powered 3 mini splits, but upon inspection this year, Algonquin Electric discovered it had no coolant in it.

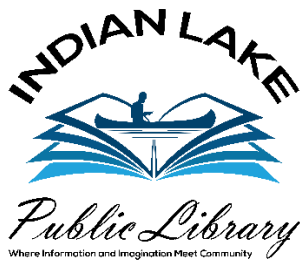
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This outdoor unit powered the other 3 mini splits, Algonquin Electric inspected and it still had coolant.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Susan Rollings,
Library Director



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March 31, 2025

SALS Board of Trustees
Southern Adirondack Library System
22 Whitney Place,
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Dear Board of Trustees,

I am writing to request a one-month extension to complete our library's 2024 construction challenge grant. It was a 4-piece project consisting of 3 groups of furniture for our children's room, and a remodel of our small staff kitchen. Last year you generously granted our library \$5000 for these projects.

While all the furniture has been ordered and is currently in use to great success, our kitchen project is behind in completion. Our library is a municipal building and our parks and recreation department has done all of the work on for our past grants. This grant however, has met with delays due to P&R having staff shortages.

I have recently been able to speak with its department head, and believe now that their busy winter schedule is behind them, and our busy summer season is a couple months away, they will be able to complete the project by the end of April 2025. We have purchased almost all appliances necessary to complete the kitchen.

It is my hope you will allow us this grace in order to keep us in good standing to apply for and receive future construction grants for our library.

Please accept my sincere thanks for your patience and consideration. It's been a busy year for us at the Indian Lake Library.

Sincerely,

Susan Rollings, Library Director