ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION

"A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE INTENT OF ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY TO ESTABLISH THE DELTA STUDIES CENTER, INCLUDING THE CARROLL CLOAR DELTA ART GALLERY, ON THE CAMPUS OF ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY."

WHEREAS, national attention was focused on the lower Mississippi River Delta region when U. S. Senator Dale Bumpers successfully led legislative efforts to create the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission to address major issues in the region, a region cited as the most impoverished in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas State University is the only comprehensive public university serving the Arkansas Delta, and has always played a leadership role in attempting to address many of the economic, educational, health care and environmental problems of the Mississippi River Delta; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas State University was recently entrusted with the archival, artistic, and scholarly assets of the nationally acclaimed artist, Carroll Cloar, whose work chronicles life in the Delta and captures its hardships and rich heritage.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University that it is the intent of Arkansas State University to establish the Delta Studies Center on the campus of Arkansas State University;

BE IT RESOLVED, that building on the foundation of The Carroll Cloar Delta Art Collection, the Delta Studies Center should focus itself on the study of the Lower Mississippi River Delta Region through encouraging and sponsoring in collaboration with other institutions of higher education in the Delta Region, interdisciplinary studies, research, teaching and extension activities directed toward exploring the people, the institutions, the economy, the culture, the arts, and the biological and physical environments and characteristics of the Delta, specifically including those issues identified in the report of the Lower Mississippi Delta Development Commission; and

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BE IT RESOLVED, that the knowledge developed through the Center's activities should be used for the purposes of continuing development of the Delta Region and its people, while retaining its unique culture and rich heritage; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the administration of Arkansas State University is hereby directed to pursue and obtain both directly and in conjunction with other institutions of higher education, gifts, grants, and contracts from sources both private and public, and to utilize available institution resources, in order to bring about the establishment of the Delta Studies Center, including The Carroll Cloar Delta Art Gallery at Arkansas State University.

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th day of December, 1994.

Mr. Harold O. Thomas, Secretary

Mr. Wayne Hartsfield, Chairman

CAPITAL PROJECT REQUEST

<u>Delta Studies Center</u> Project Name ASU-Jonesboro
Institution

Number of Months

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed construction of a 26,860 square foot Delta Studies Center is a new construction project. Funds requested are to be state funds in the amount of \$1,528,503.

HISTORY

This is the first request for funds for this project.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

The elapsed time schedule for the project is as follows:

Planning	3.0
SBS Review	2.0
Bidding	1.0
Construction Begin	March '96
End	January '97
TOTAL ELAPSED TIME	15

PLANNING

To date preliminary interviews have been held with faculty and administration to determine space needs in regard to size and type. This project is consistent with the University Masterplan. No reviews by or discussions with State Building Services have been conducted.

DESCRIPTION

The proposed Delta Studies Center will provide for the completion of the two unfinished floors of the Dean B. Ellis Library. In so doing, space would be finished on the sixth floor to pull together all the Library's special collections, archival areas, and administrative needs of the Delta Studies Center, including the Delta Project for the Humanities and Social Sciences, Delta FTP Internet Facility to make the Center's resources available to the world community through electronic means, and a multi-media instructional and demonstration facility.

The internationally significant Carroll Cloar Collection would be showcased on the seventh floor of the new library complex. Cloar, both a writer and an artist, was from Earle, Arkansas, and his work chronicles life in the Delta and captures its hardships, as well as celebrating the rich heritage of its people. The space will include requisite gallery area for exhibition of existing University art collections, conservation and archival areas, gallery support and storage spaces, and seminar, study and conference areas.

ALTERNATIVES

The special collections and archival materials which would form the core of the Delta Studies Center are dispersed through the existing library complex and off campus. This obvious lack of accessibility, cohesion and prominence limits focus on the collections by the interested public, but also severely limits serious research by students, faculty and visiting scholars. There are no feasible alternatives which could accommodate these collections.

IMPACT

By providing for the establishment of the Delta Studies Center, the existing library special collections could be relocated to areas which would provide to the students a state of the art center for exposure to and the research of the primary source materials of internationally recognized collections of history, Arkansas politics, art and culture. This continuation of the Dean B. Ellis Library expansion will allow the full completion of the original project and satisfy the Library Master Plan for the efficient and proper use of its full collection.

FORM 2

ESTIMATED PROJECT COST

<u>Delta</u> Projec	Studies Center t Name	ASU-Jonesbor Institution	<u>co</u>
A.	Building Construction		\$ 787,216
в.	Built-in Equipment		339,930
c.	Architectural and Engineering Fees (6% of Items A & B)		67,629
D.	Contingencies (10% of A)		119,478
E.	Other Costs		
	Advertising Land & Right-of-Way Surveys & Borings Site Improvements Utilities Parking Lots Other (specify)	500	
	Total Other Costs (Item E)		500
F.	Movable Equipment and Furniture		213,750
TOTAL	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST		\$ 1,528,503

FORM 3

PROJECT FUNDING SOURCES

Project Name	Institution		
SOURCE OF FUNDS	AMOUNT	PERCENT OF COST	
State Funds	\$ 1,528,503	<u>100</u> %	
Federal Funds		*	
Private Gifts/Grants		*	
Bond Proceeds		*	
Auxiliary Funds		*	
Other Funds		%	
TOTAL PROJECT COST	\$ 1.528.503	100 %	

Provide brief description of commitments made or funds already collected to finance this project:

NONE