

**From:** Lana Paulhamus  
Good Morning,

One of my concerns is the budget process to sustain the Gibson House as Art/Historical Center. Who will control the funding, and what portion of the funding will be derived from the Yolo County tax payers. Since this is a "new concept for the Gibson House" when will it be considered a "financial success" and is there a time line to determine if this change is of financial value to the county.  
Please advise...thank you.

Hello Lana,

To answer your question below, under the implementation plan proposed, operation of the Gibson House as a cultural center would be conducted by YoloArts. Therefore, YoloArts would be responsible for obtaining revenue to fund operations at the site. At the December 12, 2018 Board meeting, YoloArts provided an estimated 3 year operational budget to outline their funding plan which is included in that staff report on the County website.

The only County funding long-term for the Gibson House would be the continued payment of utilities and water (which is currently provided by the County to YCHM) and the cost of future capital improvement needs (since it is a County building). However, YoloArts would provide a proportion of revenue to contribute towards capital improvement costs. A proposal for the County to provide funding for capital improvements to the Gibson House over the course of this summer (including ADA improvements, asbestos removal and additional alarm installation) is being included as part of the implementation plan presented on June 26, 2018.

The County wants to see operations that are strong and self-sufficient. However, the County's goals are not just self-sufficiency for the Gibson House operations, we are also wanting to see enhanced educational programming, increased community participation at the Gibson House, and the continued display of collection items. We understand that YoloArts will need time to develop and grow their operations. Annual check ins and Board updates would be a way to monitor their progress.

If you have any additional questions, please let me know. You can access the December 12, 2018 staff report I referenced above at [www.yolocounty.org/Gibson-House](http://www.yolocounty.org/Gibson-House) and the budget projection is shown in Attachment E of that report.

Sincerely,  
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