

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
1844	SB455	1463	HB350	Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore County - Fire Museum of Maryland
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Brochin, et al.				Del. Aumann, et al.
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore County				\$ 462,500
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$462,500, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Fire Museum of Maryland, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Fire Museum of Maryland.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
This bill requires a matching fund of \$50,000 that may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, and funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>1.The Fire Museum of Maryland (FMM) displays and interprets the history of the fire service (fire fighting and medical) in the U.S. as seen through the eyes of Marylanders.</p> <p>2.The FMM teaches new generations about the sacrifice of fire fighters, technology development, and personal fire safety.</p> <p>3.The FMM averages 15,000 visitors per annum, including 5,600 school children, 90% of whom are from Baltimore County and Baltimore City.</p> <p>4.The FMM has the highest visitor rate of any museum in Baltimore County.</p> <p>5.The FMM is a 501(c)(3) governed by a Board of Directors; Founded in 1971; Owns the real estate and is debt-free; Began a fund-raising program in 2002: is supported mainly by admissions and donators both private and corporate.</p> <p>6.The FMM research archives and library are open by appointment.</p> <p>7.The collections of the FMM are the third largest in the world: very rich in Baltimore City history (from 1763) and horse-drawn period materials; and personal fire prevention and fire safety.</p>				

10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)

This project is in four parts:

1. A new museum-quality lighting system is needed. The present one will be inoperable by 2007 due to new environmental laws. The new system will provide color-corrected general light as well as highlighting of special areas.
2. A new main building cooling and heating system is needed. There is no cooling at present. Summers are getting longer and hotter, so this new HVAC system will provide temperature stability year round for visitors and objects alike.
3. New roofs are required on every building. The old ones are coming to the end of their life span.
4. We wish to complete the Discovery Room used for children's exploration, seminars and meetings, by making it more energy efficient and installing an A.D.A. Rest Room.

The FMM is asking for State help in making these physical plant improvements that are critical for preservation and operation. The Museum is too new at fund raising to undertake such a massive program at this time.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 11 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 12 (Proposed Funding Sources) must match. The proposed funding sources must not include the value of real property unless an equivalent value is shown under Estimated Capital Costs.

11. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	N.A.
Design	10,000
Construction	338,000
Equipment	165,000
Total	513,000

12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)

Source	Amount
Maryland State Bond Bill	462,500
Private and Corporation donors	50,500
Total	513,000

13. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
Jan. 06	Feb. 06	Jul. 06 or 07	Aug. 06 or 07

14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2006	15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
\$ 5,700	15,000	20,000

17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years

Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
None			
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Fire Museum of Maryland, Inc. 1301 York Road Lutherville, MD 21093		The Same	
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Stephen G. Heaver, Director		410-321-7500	sgheaver@firemuseummd.org
James E. Doran, President		410-887-4885	jdoran@co.ba.md.us
Stephen J. Bernhardt, Treasurer		410-547-9101	N.A.
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			42
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Thomas P. Kimmitt, Jr., Esq.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-832-2032		N.A.
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
8	9	150,000	225,000
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No
D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
N.A.			
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			

Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew
26. Building Square Footage:		
Current Space GSF	24,424	
Space to Be Renovated GSF	24,424	
New GSF	24,424	
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		Main, 1971; Annex, 1990
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)		
<p>The Fire Museum of Maryland, located on I-695, north of Baltimore City and Towson, needs State Legislative support to provide four capital improvements because we can not do them for ourselves. Each of these improvements: lighting, HVAC system, roofs, and rest room, will have a huge impact on our visitors. During the last four years our fund raising efforts have been positive, increasing private and corporate donations by 226%, all of which is needed in operations. In 2006 it is anticipated that a full-time Development Director will be hired to help in raising the Museum's match for this Bond Bill.</p> <p>The Fire Museum is a treasure of fire fighting history for all people and the FMM tells it from a Maryland perspective. From the largest aerial ladder to the smallest flash light, the goal of the FMM is to have an impact on its visitors. Forty-three vehicles, thousands of photographs and hundreds of books make the story of fire safety within the community a very real experience. Since 1971 several hundred thousand visitors have learned about their heritage, and of their need for constant vigilance against fire.</p> <p>The Museum's Educator has built bridges with the schools in Baltimore City, County and contiguous counties, using their curricula to bring the young student together with history. It is here that visitors come face to face with the real thing: a classroom beyond the book. Some tours opt to go to a fire station after they leave the FMM to see the newest equipment and meet a fire fighter.</p> <p>Improvements to the Fire Museum of Maryland, Maryland's only fire museum that is open regularly, will result in increased attendance and better preservation of the collections. Fire fighting is an age-old part of human existence. Its history is compelling, and lessons in fire safety continue to be essential in the prevention of tragic accidents.</p>		