

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
1506	SB97	1144	HB169	Damascus Heritage Museum
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Kramer			Taylor	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery			\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Damascus Heritage Society, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, and design of the Damascus Heritage Museum.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund of \$100,000. No part of the fund may consist of real property or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act. The matching fund may consist of in kind contributions.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Warren Fleming, Vice President, Damascus Heritage Society		301-916-4522	wkfleming@qst-inc.com	
Daniel C. King, Resident Agent			dancking@verizon.net	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
Our purpose is to be the devoted curator of Damascus, Maryland history and to chronicle the historic human adventures of its people. We wish to tell the story that is the unique agricultural, educational, economic, social, and spiritual history of this community. We will serve as the Damascus landmark exhibit center, dedicated to the collection, preservation, and maintenance of historical artifacts while becoming an educational resource for schools and providing an inspirational link between the children who are creating history today and their community's heritage. We will provide a window on Damascus creating greater cultural awareness and appreciation for our history, while setting an example of community spirit. We wish to be the cultural center of Damascus, where the community and its visitors meet, create, learn, and participate in museum programs and activities.				

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

This project will provide a temporary home (3-5 years) for a Damascus Heritage Museum and will complete site selection and preliminary engineering and architectural design studies necessary to identify a permanent site for the museum. Costs for the acquisition of land, if necessary, and for the final design and construction of the museum are not included.

A temporary home for the museum will be located within the center of Damascus either on land owned by the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department or at another location if available and more suitable. Surplus classroom trailers to be made available by Montgomery County will be utilized. Funds provided by this bond issue will be utilized to contract for engineering services to identify a specific site; perform design and engineering necessary to provide a foundation, sewer, electricity, and parking at the site; acquire the necessary permits for the work; and contract for movement of trailers to the site and the associated assembly, renovation, plumbing, electrical, paving, and other miscellaneous services necessary to make the site functional.

Funds from this bond issue will also be used to contract for architect and engineering services to evaluate and select a permanent site for a museum. While several potential locations have been identified, each must be evaluated based on availability, acquisition cost, suitability, and architectural and engineering considerations. Engineering issues such as suitability of the soil and topography; availability and capacity of water, sewer, and electrical service; and architectural compatibility with surrounding environs must all be considered. Using funds from this bond issue, we would expect a final location to be selected and preliminary engineering work done. Any funds remaining from the issue would be used towards land acquisition costs, if needed, or initial site preparation.

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.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	
Design	\$190,000
Construction	\$70,000
Equipment	\$40,000
Total	\$300,000

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

Source	Amount
Maryland State Bond	\$200,000
Private Funds and Pledges	\$50,000
In-kind Professional and Volunteers Services	\$50,000
Total	\$300,000

14. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
July 2007	Oct 2007	Nov 2007	June 2008 (temp location)
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2007	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
\$3500	0	Approx imately 1,000,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
None			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Damascus Heritage Society, Inc. c/o Daniel C. King, Resident Agent 26421 Mullinix Mill Road Mt. Airy, MD 21771 email: dancking@verizon.net			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			14
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:	None	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			No
Address:	If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
None	None, volunteers		\$149,025 CY 2007
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee <u>own</u> or <u>lease</u> (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

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			
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			2007
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			
<p>As indicated in sections 10 and 11, this project will provide a temporary home (3-5 years) for a Damascus Heritage Museum and will complete site selection and preliminary engineering and architectural design studies necessary to identify a permanent site for the museum. Although our organization of volunteers is a little over one year old, we have made a number of significant accomplishments during this time. We have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated as a tax exempt organization • Started membership and financial campaigns • Interviewed and video taped senior members of our community • Identified over 150 families willing to donate artifacts • Established a website domain and are in the process of planning our website • Started the search for both a temporary and long-term museum location • Received a grant from the Montgomery Historical Preservation Commission • Received numerous, positive articles of support in the "Gazette" newspaper • Initiated an "outreach" program to the community <p>With the support of the state legislature, this bond bill will provide funding to establish a physical presence, albeit initially temporary, within Damascus and constitute a first step in securing a permanent presence for a Damascus Heritage Museum.</p>			