

State of Maryland

2012 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project	
lr2575	sb0417	lr2567	hb0547	VisArts	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors	
Forehand				Gilchrist	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount		
Montgomery County			\$25,000		
6. Purpose of Bill					
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$25,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts for the construction, repair, renovation, and reconstruction of VisArts.</p>					
7. Matching Fund					
Requirements:		Type:			
Equal		The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund			
8. Special Provisions					
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address		
Alice Nappy		(301) 315-8200	ajnappy@visartscenter.org		
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)					
<p>The Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts (VisArts) is a nonprofit arts center dedicated to engaging the community in the arts and providing opportunities for artistic exploration, education and participation. Located in Rockville, Maryland, VisArts is the cultural anchor for the newly developed Rockville Town Square, a large mixed use development featuring restaurants, shops, residential units focused around a traditional town square design.</p> <p>Through educational programming, gallery exhibitions and a resident artist program, VisArts provides children, teens and adults with opportunities to express their creativity and enhance their awareness of the arts. Each year VisArts welcomes more than 8,500 visitors to participate in art education classes and camp programs, attend events, visit our three galleries, or observe our resident artists at work in their studios on our artist concourse.</p>					

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit Length to Visible area)

This project has three goals. The first is to retrofit our public bathrooms with handicapped accessible door openers so that visitors and employees confined to a wheelchair can exit our rest rooms without assistance. Since we provide programming for many disabled adults and children and have a full time wheelchair-bound volunteer, this retrofitting must be done to make our facility accessible and usable to all. The second purpose of this project is the renovation of our event space to provide the organization with a more durable and flexible flooring surface. The approximately 2,800 square feet space is totally carpeted and does not permit us to offer dance, theater or even art programs. The new flooring, with a useful life in excess of fifteen years, will permit VisArts to support more varied and interesting programming. The last project is to purchase window coverings to deal with the solar heat gain we experience during the summer months. All of VisArts space has floor to ceiling windows that are not sufficiently tinted. The heat gain through these windows makes much of our space uninhabitable during the summer months. Purchasing shades would result in substantial cost savings to the organization and expand our programming options.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (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	
Construction	\$35,000
Equipment	\$15,000
Total	\$50,000

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

Source	Amount
State of Maryland	\$25,000
VisArts Operating Funds	\$25,000
Total	\$50,000

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
underway	May 1, 2012	June 10, 2012	August, 2012
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised		16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
25,000.00		8,700	10,700
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2005	205,000	construction and capital equipping of a visual arts center	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts (VisArts) 155 Gibbs Street, Suite 300 Rockville, Maryland 20850			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	17 - Central Montgomery County		
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:	John Britton	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	(202) 419-4218		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Schnader, Harrison, Segal & Lewis, LLP 750 9th Street, N.W. Suite 550 Washington, D.C. 20001			

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	11	650,000.00	750,000.00
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?			lease
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			
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	
The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, a municipal corporation of the State of Md.	20 years	four (4) additional terms of five (5) years each	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	25,400		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	3,000		
New GSF	25,400		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			2007

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

The Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts began twenty five years ago as Rockville Arts Place, an organization dedicated to supporting artists and art lovers alike through exhibitions, affordable studio space and classes. In 2005 the City of Rockville in partnership with private developers and the State of Maryland began a large scale redevelopment project to build Rockville Town Square. VisArts raised over three million dollars in private funding to build out the interior space of our new 25,000 square foot building that includes 9 resident artist studios, three gallery spaces as well as ceramics, glass, photography, digital arts, woodworking and general art classrooms.

The projects that we are seeking financial assistance with deal with retrofitting our building to address handicap accessibility, solar heat gain and limitations in our programming options.

VisArts provides art instruction to disabled adults and teens who come to our facility through Community Support Services (CSS) and Community Service for Autism Adults and Children (CSAAC). VisArts has many developmentally and physically impaired adults as gallery docents and office helpers. These volunteers come to VisArts through the Target Corporation, Amtrack and Unlimited Work Opportunities. The volunteers are often stranded in our bathrooms because they cannot maneuver their wheelchair through the rest room doors.

VisArts occupies the first three floors of the Arts and Innovation Center- a contemporary glass and metal building that, while very beautiful, becomes unbearably hot during the summer months. Large parts of our space become unusable and our cooling bills reflect the lack of appropriate window tinting or coverings. Purchasing commercial window shades with a useful life of more than fifteen years will allow us to reclaim currently unusable space for additional programming.

The last project that VisArts is seeking funding for would replace the carpet in our large event space with durable ceramic coated vinyl flooring. The flooring is maintenance free and has an expected useful life of 18 years or more. The primary reason for this project is to permit VisArts to expand our classes, programs and activities to include more dance, exercise and theater programs that are not possible with a carpeted surface. For VisArts, gaining this large space as a potential visual and performing art space would have a significant impact on our financial sustainability and permit us to greatly expand programming to our community.

FUNDING- Operating expenses will continue to be met with programming income and donations. The three renovation/retrofitting projects will be expensive and State funding is vital if we are to address these important facility needs and continue to grow.