

State of Maryland

Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate Bill #	House Bill #	2. Name of Bill	
SB954	HB1544	Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Great Blacks In Wax Museum	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors		House Bill Sponsors	
Nathaniel J. McFadden		T. Branch and C. Davis	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)		5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City		\$1,300,000.00	
6. Purpose of Bill			
The purpose of the bill is to authorize the creation of a State debt not to exceed \$1,300,000 to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Inc. for the acquisition, demolition, and construction of the Great Blacks in Wax Museum, located in Baltimore.			
7. Matching Fund Requirements			
Prior to the payment of any funds, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.			
8. Special Provisions			
none			
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization			
<p>The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum opened in a storefront in downtown Baltimore in 1983. The Museum has become a prominent nationally recognized institution for the past 22 years. The Museum moved in 1988 to a renovated firehouse on North Avenue. The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum has attracted over 6million visitors over the last 22 years to a low income community of East Baltimore, transforming it into a premier tourist attraction for the State of Maryland. The Museum has 53% of its visitors coming from outside the State of Maryland. The Museum, therefore, is in a key position to lead the efforts to tap the cultural attraction potential as a major tourism magnet to strengthen and stabilize the surrounding neighborhood, build community identity and pride, and become a catalyst for economic and cultural development. The Great Blacks In Wax Museum received it's national designation from the United States Congress in June of 2004 and signed by President Bush on June 22, 2004.</p> <p>The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum currently features life like, life size exhibits that chronicle over five thousand years of African American history and achievements from Ancient Africa , Middle Passage, Slavery, Civil Rights Movement to modern times. The new expanded Museum will display over one hundred thousand years of history beginning with pre-historic Africa to modern times.</p>			

10. Description and Purpose of Project			
<p>For the past five years, The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum has been advancing a plan that will expand the Museum along the entire 1500-1600 blocks of East North Avenue, Eareckson Place, and Lafayette Streets and 1800 Blocks of Broadway, Bethel, and Bond Streets.</p> <p>The overall expansion program will enhance the livability of the entire East North Avenue and the Northern front of the Hopkins Bio Tech park by :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Replacing vacant and dilapidated buildings *Creating a safer environment that will deter crime and increase commercial and community empowerment *Generate both permanent and construction jobs *Enhance the growing tourism for the Museum *Increase new interest for homeownership in the surrounding area <p>The expansion plan represents 120,000 sq ft of new construction and 43,000 sq ft of rehab space.</p>			
<p><i>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.</i></p>			
11. Estimated Capital Costs			
Acquisition			200,000
Design			2,100,000
Construction			200,000
Equipment			100,000
		Total	2,600,000
12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)			
	Source		Amount
	Requested 2005 State Grant		1,300,000
	Baltimore City Funds		800,000
	Federal Funds		250,000
	Great Blacks In Wax Fund Raising		250,000
		Total	2,600,000
13. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
7/04	8/06	11/06	5/08
14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2005		15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	
428,000		275,000 plus	
16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete			
		1,500,000	
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
1997	300,000	acquisition	

2000	750,000	acq,demo,design	
2002	750,000	acq,demo,design	
2004	300,000	acq,demo,design	
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Great Blacks In Wax Museum 1601 North Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21213			
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Dr. Joanne Martin, Director		410-563-7809	jmartin@greatblacksinwax.org
Dr. Marie J. Washington		410-752-3200	mwwashington@ebcconline.org
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			45th
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:	Donna Watts-Lamont	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-268-4130		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
2101 E. Pratt Street Baltimore, Maryland 21231			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
27	125	1.1million	4.3million
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease 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		43,300
Space to Be Renovated GSF		43,300
New GSF		120,000
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		11/06
28. Comments:		