

State of Maryland

Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate Bill #	House Bill #	2. Name of Bill
SB525	HB32	Creation of a State Debt-Dorchester County - Dorchester Arts Center, Inc.
3. Senate Bill Sponsors		House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Richard F. Colburn		Del. Adelaide C. Eckardt
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)		5. Requested Amount
Dorchester		\$800,000
6. Purpose of Bill		
A grant to the Board of Directors of the Dorchester Arts Center, Inc. for planning, design, renovation, and capital equipping of the center to convert it into a community center for the arts that will include gallery space, studios, classes, performing arts, and handicap access, located in Cambridge.		
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 in kind contributions. The fund may consist of real property or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.		
8. Special Provisions		
This bill requires the grantee to convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of its interest in the property.		
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization		
Since 1970, Dorchester Arts Center, Inc. has been the premier cultural facility in Dorchester County offering art exhibits, arts classes, and live performances. The Center also serves the community as the County Arts Council providing grant funding, grant writing guidance and support for art education in county schools. Dorchester Arts Center is a nonprofit organization. The busy art center offers over 70 instructional arts classes a year for adults and children and is home for artists of all media - drawing;painting - including watercolor, pastels, and oils; basketry, quilting, photography, stained glass, pottery and more. The Arts Center welcomes residents and visitors and serves as a link between the arts community, business, county schools, government and the private sector. Last year approx 9,500 residents of the county were served by the Arts Center's programs.		
10. Description and Purpose of Project		
<p>Dorchester Arts Center, Inc. has been operating in the same space (aprox. 2,400 sf) since 1970. With a more than 5,500 people enjoying the current facility each year, the space is very inadequate. The Dorchester County Council is very committed to this project. The County has purchased a 1930's Art Deco building (the old Nathan Furniture Store) in downtown Cambridge with Program Open Space funding to be used by the Dorchester Arts Center as a new community art and performing arts center. The building needs to be renovated before this can happen.</p> <p>The 16,000 sf in the new space will enable the Arts Center to expand with new programs in the performing arts and dance. The new building will offer increased gallery space, classroom space, art shop space, expanded pottery studio space, space for a small art café and a major performing arts space on the 2nd floor (also to be used as a community rental space).</p> <p>This project will be a vital anchor for the Arts & Entertainment district and Mainstreet program in Cambridge and will greatly impact the revitalization of the downtown area. It will be a wonderful facility for residents and tourists.</p>		

20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			37th		
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:	Mr. Edward H. Nabb, Jr.		Has An Appraisal	Yes/No	
Phone:	410-228-5252		Been Done?		
Address:			If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
526 Poplar Street					
Cambridge, MD 21613					
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site					
Current # of Employees		Projected # of Employees		Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
Five		Seven		219,000	490,000
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?				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	
Dorchester County			20 yrs	Yes	
26. Building Square Footage:					
Current Space GSF			2,400		
Space to Be Renovated GSF			16,000		
New GSF			16,000		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion					1930

28. Comments:

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