

State of Maryland

Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate Bill #	House Bill #	2. Name of Bill	
SB749	HB311	Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - Canal Boat at Great Falls Tavern	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors		House Bill Sponsors	
Senators Brian Frosh, Rob Garagiola, Jennie Forehand, Sharon Grosfeld, P.J. Hogan, Rona Kramer, Ida Rubin, Len Teitelbaum		Delegates William Bronrott, Jean Cryor, Kathleen Dumais, Brian Feldman, Marilyn Goldwater, Susan Lee	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)		5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County		\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bill			
Authorizing the creation of a State debt, the proceeds to serve as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Montgomery County Community Foundation for the acquisition of a double decker packet boat, to be located at Historic Great Falls Tavern in Potomac.			
7. Matching Fund Requirements			
Prior to the payment of any funds, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund of \$75,000. 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

The Montgomery County Community Foundation is a regional affiliate of The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region, a 501 (c) 3 public foundation. MCCF is serving as the legal fiscal sponsor for the C&O Canal Fund of Montgomery County/Canal Boat Fund, which was set up to receive charitable contributions for the purchase/building of a new Canal Boat on the C&O Canal by the Historic Great Falls Tavern. This fund was established at the request of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Historic Great Falls Tavern. The first gifts to establish this fund were received from the children and families of the Seven Locks Elementary School who raised \$3160 from an energetic community event organized by third graders. When the full \$600,000 has been raised, the C&O Canal Fund of Montgomery County/Canal Boat Fund will make a grant to the Friends of the Historic Great Falls Tavern to contract with the boat builder. MCCF has a 20 member board of directors and MCCF's chairman sits on the board of the parent foundation, The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region. An annual report and audit are available by request.

The Friends of Historic Great Falls Tavern ("The Friends") is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide financial and volunteer support to the National Park Service in the Great Falls Tavern area of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park. The Friends is an organization of 150 members with a Board of Trustees of 15 members that includes the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. The Friends has raised private funds to purchase forty custom made mahogany shutters for the tavern building, a white picket fence enclosing the tavern yard, period lights outside the tavern building, California cedar flooring for the tavern porch, and wooden benches for the now condemned canal boat, the Canal Clipper. The Friends turned to the Montgomery County Community Foundation to house a C&O Canal Fund/Tavern Endowment which is a permanent endowment established for the Tavern building and programs. Friends launched this effort with a \$25,000 matching grant. To date, Friends have raised \$17,700 toward that match and hope to receive long-term bequest gifts as well.. The Friends is assuming the lead role as the fundraiser for the new Canal Boat, with the C&O Canal Fund/Boat Fund as the fiscal sponsor.

10. Description and Purpose of Project

To raise approximately \$600,000 through public and private donations to purchase a new canal boat for use by the National Park Service at the Great Falls Tavern in the C&O Canal National Historical Park located in the state of Maryland. The new canal boat will be a replica of a packet (passenger) boat that was used on the canal when it was a going commercial enterprise. The replica boat will be 90 feet in length, have a beam of 14 feet, an estimated draft of 8 feet, and a depth of 4-6 feet. It will have either a steel or aluminum hull. The upper part of the boat will be wood as were the original packet boats. The boat will be used by the NPS to provide rides on the canal to demonstrate a canal boat going through a working canal lock in front of Great Falls Tavern and being pulled by mules for approximately about a two mile round trip on the canal. The cement/iron supported hull of the old canal boat at the Great Falls Tavern cracked in early 2003 and had begun to desinegrate to the point where two consultant marine engineers declared the hull beyond repair and unsafe for use in the waters of the canal. The boat, when it was usable, carried annually over 18,000 park visitors of which more than 8,000 were school age children who came with school groups or with their family or friends. School children from Washington, Frederick, Montgomery, Prince Georges, Howard, Anne Arundel, and Baltimore counties would come to ride the boat and learn how a lock works and how a family lived their life on a canal boat during the 19th and early 20th century when the canal was being used to transport cargo between Cumberland and Georgetown. School groups from Washington, DC and Northern Virginia would also come to Great Falls Tavern to ride the boat and learn about the canal.

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			
Design			
Construction		\$600,000 includes transfer of boat from contruction site to the NPS site, and any contingencies.	
Equipment			
Total		\$600,000	
12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)			
Source		Amount	
Seven Locks Elementary School Students		\$3,160	
Friends of Historic Great Falls Tavern		\$3,500	
C & O Canal Association		\$50,000	
State of Maryland		\$250,000	
Corporate Donations		\$125,000	
Private Donations		\$168,340	
Total		\$600,000	
13. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
2004	2005	2006	2006
14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2005		15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
\$61,168.00		18,000 when old canal boat was in use; almost half were school children	21,000
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Community Foundation for the National Capital Region/The Montgomery County Community Foundation 8720 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910		Chesapeake & Ohio Canal National Historical Park Great Falls Interpretive District 11710 MacArthur Boulevard Potomac, MD 20854	

19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
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Donald Harrison, President, Friends of the Historic Great Falls Tavern		301-424-0229	donh811@sbcglobal.net	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			District 16, 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:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No	
Phone:			N/A	
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	
3	4.5	\$140,000	\$217,000	
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?			See Comments	
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		

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		
28. Comments:		
<p>#24 - project income for last two years that current boat was operating was \$75,000/year.</p> <p>#25 - The Friends of Historic Great Falls Tavern will purchase the new canal boat and then donate it to the U.S. Dep't of Interior, National Park Service for use at the Great Falls Tavern area in the C&O National Historical Park. The NPS will assume ownership and will staff and maintain the boat. The Friends have done this in the past with other donations to the NPS.</p>		