

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3541	SB990	3572	HB1651	Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City - Maryland Zoo in Baltimore Elephant Facilities
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Hughes				Del. Marriott
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City				\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Zoological Society, Inc. for the planning and design of capital improvements to the elephant facilities at the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
This bill requires a matching fund that may consist of in-kind contributions. No part of the fund may consist of real property or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
The Maryland Zoological Society, Inc. (dba The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore) is a non-profit organization that provides: (1) Conservation education services to Zoo visitors on-grounds and through community outreach; (2) Free admission and educational programming to Maryland school groups grades K-12 (public, private and home school students) through the Free School Admission Program; (3) Tourism revenue as Maryland's premiere zoological park and as a fun, family-oriented and affordable attraction; and 4) Critical conservation and research impacting local, national and international species conservation efforts.				
10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)				
The Maryland Zoo Elephant Breeding Facility as a complete project will provide for the design, planning and construction of: (1) Upgrades to the current elephant barn; (2) Construction of a new elephant "trek" walking path, providing more room for exercise, and several "activity stations," including watering holes, a wallow, and an area for foraging; (3) A covered outdoor structure to provide shade in the summer and ensure that even on cold days, the elephants will be able to go outdoors for the mental stimulation and exercise they need; (4) Construction of a second elephant barn to separate cows and infants from the bulls; and (5) A variety of natural substrates for the elephants to walk and stand on, which reduces the risk of arthritis and foot problems.				
<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>				
11. Estimated Capital Costs				
Acquisition				
Design				1,210,000
Construction				9,790,000
Equipment				
Total				11,000,000
12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)				

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
135	135	\$11,000,000	\$11,000,000
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?			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?			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	
City of Baltimore	40 years	yes-2 additional 20 year terms	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF			
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	10,000+ (2 nd barn)		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1985
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			