

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3257	SB1002	3637	HB1680	Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City- Lloyd Street Synagogue
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Senator Della				Del. Krysiak, et al.
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City				\$440,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$440,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Museum of Maryland, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, reconstruction, installation, and capital equipping of structural repairs and accessibility modifications to the Lloyd Street Synagogue.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
This bill requires a standard match.				
8. Special Provisions				
No part of the proceeds of the bonds or the matching funds may be used for sectarian religious purposes.				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
The Jewish Museum of Maryland Inc. is a private non-profit 501(c)(3) organization located in Baltimore City. It is America's leading museum of regional Jewish history, culture and community. The Museum interprets the Jewish experience in America, with special attention to Jewish life in the state of Maryland. The Museum was founded in 1960 to rescue and restore the historic Lloyd Street Synagogue, and has become a cultural center for the Jewish community and for those interested in Jewish history and traditions.				
10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)				
Renovate the Lloyd Street Synagogue, which was constructed in 1845, in order to halt deterioration and make it accessible to mobility-impaired visitors. Renovation measures include installation of a new roof, repair and repainting of all windows and doors, and improvement of drainage to prevent periodic flooding of the lower level. Installation of a new HVAC system is needed to protect the Synagogue's interior woodwork, furnishings and ritual objects. Additionally, installation of a lift will make this historic building fully accessible.				
<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				n/a
Design				\$126,000
Construction				\$1,174,000
Equipment				n/a
Total				\$1,300,000
12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)				
Source				Amount
GO Bonds				\$440,000

National Park Service -Save America's Treasures		\$440,000	
The ASSOCIATED: Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore		\$100,000	
City of Baltimore		\$220,000	
Private Foundations and Individual Donors		\$100,000	
Total		\$1,300,000	
13. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
03/2006	08/2006	10/2006	06/2008
14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2006	15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
\$110,000	Approx. 12,000	Approx. 15,000	
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2005	\$23,500	Historic preservation grant for Lloyd Street Synagogue	
1996	\$12,500	Renovation grant for Lloyd Street Synagogue	
1994	\$750,000	Expansion of Jewish Historical Society of Maryland (predecessor to Jewish Museum of Maryland)	
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Jewish Museum of Maryland Inc., 15 Lloyd St., Baltimore MD 21202		27 Lloyd Street, Baltimore MD 21202	
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Avi Decter, Executive Director		410-732-6400	Avidecter@cs.com
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			46
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:	Richard Lehmann, Esq.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-539-8300, x 225		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Abramoff, Neuberger& Linder, LLP			
250 W. Pratt Street, Suite 800			
Baltimore, MD 21201			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			

Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
The project will have no impact on staffing or operating costs.			
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?			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	11,700		
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1845
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			

The Lloyd Street Synagogue (LSS) is the most important Jewish architectural landmark in Maryland. It is the first synagogue structure erected in the State and the third oldest synagogue building in the U.S. The LSS was restored as an historic landmark in 1963-65; it is now an integral part of the Jewish Museum of Maryland, visited by more than 10,000 people each year including 4,000 student visitors from Baltimore City and six other counties (Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Montgomery). The LSS was designed in 1845 for the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, the State's first incorporated Jewish congregation, by noted Baltimore architect Robert Cary Long, Jr. (1810-1849) as an "American" synagogue in the then-fashionable Greek Revival style. One of its key features was a large stained glass window displaying the Star of David—the earliest known public use of this iconic symbol. The restored synagogue has been a landmark in East Baltimore for more than 40 years; it is a contributing structure in the Jonestown Historic District, an anchor for neighborhood redevelopment (Hope VI Project), and a star attraction on the new Heritage Walk tour program that was recently recognized as the "Best New Tourism Program" in Maryland. The LSS was recently featured as "One of Ten Great American Synagogues" by USA Today (October 2005). At the LSS, visitors can step back in time to experience generations of history. The LSS features an archaeological investigation in the lower level, the only indoor archaeology project in Baltimore City. The LSS is a key component of the Jewish Museum's "Introduction to Judaism" program that serves thousands of public and parochial students each year.

Delay of needed preservation measures will increase costs and invite irreversible damage to the Synagogue's historic fabric and furnishings. Repair and restoration is urgently needed to stabilize and preserve this landmark structure for future generations of Maryland residents and heritage tourists.