

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2483	SB743	3253	HB1302	Flag House and Star Spangled Banner Museum
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
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4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City				\$250,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Grant to the Board of Directors of the Star Spangled Banner Flag House Association, Inc. for the planning, design, reconstruction, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of the Flag House and Star Spangled Banner Museum and an interactive children's history center.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
Grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions. The fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
Requiring the grantee to grant and convey a certain easement to the Maryland Historical Trust.				
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone	Email Address
Stacey Shelnut-Hendrick			443-632-6085	director@flaghouse.org

10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)

Built in 1793, the Flag House is the site where Mary Young Pickersgill, a widow, operated her flagmaking business and constructed the 30 x 42 foot flag that flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812 and inspired Francis Scott Key to pen the words that would one day become our national anthem. Pickersgill's home and the adjacent Star-Spangled Banner Museum stand as a tribute to the patriotic devotion of the women and men who built our nation. Since 1927, hundreds of thousands of visitors have toured this significant historic site, and preservation repairs to the Flag House are imperative to the landmark's ability to support future visitation and share the story behind the making and flying of the Star-Spangled Banner. The mission of the Flag House and Star-Spangled Banner Museum is to tell the widest audience possible the stories of Mary Pickersgill, the making of the Star-Spangled Banner and the War of 1812 in an engaging, dynamic manner that allows the visitor to connect to that history. This is accomplished by education, interpretation, conservation, preservation and research. The Flag House and The Star-Spangled Banner Museum houses a diverse collection of furniture, textiles, military objects, photographs, and clothing, from the 17th, 18th and 19th centuries. A permanent feature of the museum is the Great Flag Window, a 30 X 42 foot glass flag that is the same size, and design as the original Star-Spangled Banner. Designated a National Historic Landmark in 1972, today the Flag House stands as a true symbol of American freedom, ingenuity, and courage.

The Flag House serves approximately 14,000 people annually, 12,500 on site. The majority (56%) are from Maryland. The remaining 44% come from all fifty states, and thirty-seven foreign countries. Traditionally, most of the museum's resources have been focused on school programming. Almost half of the museum's audience is made up of student groups, both local and visiting from around the country. The museum offers a suite of school programs that are developmentally appropriate and offer diverse curriculum connections for teachers and students. Annual public programs have included the Star-Spangled Banner Singing Contest, Defenders Day Celebration, The Flag Day Ceremony, the Flag Symposium, the Spring Historical Lecture Series, and the Blues to Bluegrass Concert Series. On Saturdays, the museum presents HistoryALIVE, which utilizes living history interpretation as a key means to introduce family groups to the dynamics of life for Baltimore's earliest citizens. Through lively dialogue, first-hand examination of rare material culture, and participation in research-based domestic activities, visitors gain a better understanding of Baltimore's formative years and the women and men who built and defended our nation.

11. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)

2007 is a very special year for the Flag House, marking the 80th Anniversary of the opening of the museum and the 200th Anniversary of Mary Pickersgill’s move to Baltimore and into the now historic Flag House. It is also begins, a five year count down to Maryland’s celebration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812. To prepare for this statewide celebration, the Flag House is seeking funds to complete the Flag House preservation project, implement major capital improvements to the Flag House’s campus as a whole, and, finally, to develop new core exhibitions and a Hand-On History Center that evoke the importance of the War of 1812 and what the war meant to the forming of the United States of America.

Through this project, two essential needs will be addressed:

1. The Flag House’s grounds will be redesigned for leisure and special events and the marvelous stone map, designed by Arthur Sewall, of the United States will be restored.
2. The original 1953 museum building will be transformed into a Hands-On History Center and with an adjoining small café. The Hands-On History Center will be designed specifically for children up to age 8, who demand a more tactile and experiential learning environment. In keeping with the feel of a children’s museum, the space will have thematic, exploratory exhibitions and employ play as an essential learning tool for early learners and young children. The space will also serve as a meeting place for after-school programs targeted for at-risk youth in the surrounding communities. Currently, the space is not ADA compliant and the project will focus on addressing this issue.

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.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	0
Design	\$50,000
Construction	\$250,000
Equipment	\$200,000
Total	\$500,000

13. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)

Source	Amount
The State of Maryland--Bond Bill	\$250,000
Baltimore City Funding (\$100,000 to be requested)	\$100,000
Private Foundations Grants	\$130,000
Donations made by individuals	\$5,000
Private Foundation In-Kind Contributions	\$15,000
Total	\$500,000

14. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
August 2007	March 2008	July 2008	June 2009

15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2007		16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site		17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
0		12,500		40,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years					
Legislative Session		Amount		Purpose	
2003/04		\$50,000		Maryland Historical Trust Grant for Preservation of historic Flag House (Mary Pickersgill's home).	
2001		\$700,000		Bond Bill-Construction and capital equipping of a new museum building.	
2000		\$100,000		Bond Bill-Construction and capital equipping of a new museum building.	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee				Project Address (If Different)	
Star-Spangled Banner Flag House Association 844 East Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21202					
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located				46th	
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)					
Local Govt.		For Profit		Non Profit	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
22. Grantee Legal Representative				23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:		None		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	
Phone:				Yes/No	
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		Projected Operating Budget	
12 (2 full-time)		14 (4 full -time)		\$325,000	
				\$255,000	
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)					
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?				Lease	
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	
Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, a municipal corporation of the State of Maryland.		Renewable automatically...in five year terms ...renewable forever.	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	25,750		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	Building = 4000 square feet, plus 3250 square feet of landscape		
New GSF	0		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		The original museum building, which is was constructed in 1953.	
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			