

State of Maryland

2011 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr0855	sb0386	lr0853	hb0269	Cultural Arts Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Young				Clagett
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Frederick County			\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Frederick Arts Council, Inc. for the acquisition and renovation of the Cultural Arts Center.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Shuan Butcher		301-662-4190	sbutcher@FrederickArtsCouncil.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The Frederick Arts Council is the umbrella arts organization for Frederick County. The mission of the organization is to be the primary catalyst for the arts and arts opportunities in the community. The organization operates the Cultural Arts Center, a 14,000 square foot arts incubator and community arts space that houses a black box theater, rehearsal hall, and gallery. The arts council also distributes grants to other nonprofit organizations and local schools for arts programming. In addition, the organization manages the Frederick Festival of the Arts, a nationally-juried fine arts and crafts festival along Carroll Creek Linear Park the first weekend in June. The arts council co-manages downtown Frederick's Arts and Entertainment District, which received the Outstanding A&E District Award from MD Department of Business and Economic Development in March 2010. There are many other initiatives the Frederick Arts Council sponsors to help promote, support, and advocate the arts in Frederick County, which had a \$10 Million economic impact in 2008.</p>				

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit Length to Visible area)

The Cultural Arts Center is one of the busiest arts facilities in Frederick County. The 14,000 square foot arts incubator and community arts space houses a 106 seat black box theater, event hall, and gallery space. The CAC is utilized by over thirty local groups throughout the year for theater productions, dance concerts, music and other special events, and visual arts exhibits. The facility is in the heart of downtown Frederick, frontage on both of the city's main streets.

The building is a former McCrory Five and Dime Store that was vacated in 2006, however the building dates back to the 1920's. It is in need of much-needed repairs to make the building meet current standards and be more functional and aesthetically-pleasing to users as well as patrons.

The project entails a facelift to the facades, new flooring and walls throughout the facility, lighting upgrades, additional bathrooms installed, functional upgrades to the theater space, and other general improvements. The plan also includes the purchase of additional property currently not owned by the Frederick Arts Council.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (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	\$85,000
Design	\$40,000
Construction	\$260,000
Equipment	\$15,000
Total	\$400,000

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

Source	Amount
TRIPP (confirmed)	\$20,000
DFP Facade Improvement Funds (confirmed)	\$20,000
Shields Foundation (confirmed)	\$5,000
State of Maryland (Bond Bill)	\$200,000
Shields Foundation, additional support	\$25,000
PNC Foundation	\$30,000
Private Support (individuals, foundations, corporations)	\$100,000
Total	\$400,000

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
Complete	February, 2011	October, 2010	TBD
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised		16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
45,000		30,000	40,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
1999	100,000	Initial Purchase/Renovation of Property	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Frederick Arts Council, Inc.		Same	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	3A - Frederick 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:	Shuan Butcher	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-662-4190		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
15 W. Patrick Street Frederick, MD 21701		7/25/08	\$1,600,000

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
3.5	5	\$376,050	\$450,000
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?			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	14000		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	14000		
New GSF	14000		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1926

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

In September 2008, the Frederick Arts Council Board of Directors affirmed the important role the Cultural Arts Center plays in the arts community, the area's quality of life, and local economy. At that time, the organization committed to making the improvements necessary to meet the needs of its constituents. The organization engaged board and community members to form a building committee and a local architect offered some initial services on a pro-bono basis. Along the way, the organization worked to make minor upgrades to the facility that improved the visual appeal as well as brought the facility up to code.

In 2010, the organization began serious efforts to improve the facility. We applied for and received three grants that will go towards this renovation project. And, other proposals are pending with good chances for funding. The bond bill will be critical to ensure success and completion of the project. We thank the State of Maryland, including appropriate staff and members of the legislature, in advance for your support of this endeavor.