State of Maryland
2012 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR #	Senate Bill #	House LR #	House Bill #	2. Name of Project
lr2377	sb0305	lr3112	hb0672	Port Discovery

3. Senate Bill Sponsors	House Bill Sponsors
Ferguson	McHale

4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City	$250,000

6. Purpose of Bill

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed $250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Children's Museum, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of the Port Discovery Children's Museum.

7. Matching Fund

Requirements:	Type:
Equal	The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund

8. Special Provisions

☐ **Historical Easement** ☒ **Non-Sectarian**

9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Phone	Email Address
Bryn Parchman, President and CEO	410-864-2654	bparchman@portdiscovery.org

10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)

Port Discovery provides a safe, fun, and nurturing place where children and families can learn and play together. Through its mission to connect purposeful play and learning, the Museum is an educational resource for families and educators throughout the State. The Museum plays a vital role in providing play-to-learn experiences that lay the groundwork for academic success and for life-long learning. With annual attendance of over 260,000 and total attendance of over 3 million since opening, Port Discovery ranks in the top ten of over 300 children's museums in the country and is one of the most visited family destinations in the Baltimore area. Port Discovery is truly distinctive because it focuses entirely on children from birth to age 10 and offers age-appropriate activities designed to awaken each child's imagination, creativity, and talents. All of the Museum's curriculum-based exhibits and programs correlate to Maryland's educational reform standards. Museum services include structured school visits, state-subsidized admissions for school groups, after-school programs, free and low-cost community-based programs, family memberships, corporate memberships, overnights, catered events, and general admission.

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

Port Discovery Children's Museum's Renovation Project is being implemented over a 10-year period, with a final goal of LEED certification in 2017. The project is divided into six parts:
1) LEED Assessment and Strategy Development (2008); 2) Design of Phase 1 Projects (2008-10); 3) Construction/Installation of Phase 1 Projects (2009-12); 4) Design of Phase 2 Projects (2012-14); 5) Construction/Installation of Phase 2 Projects (2013-16); and 6) Final LEED Assessment (2017).

We are currently finalizing construction/installation of Phase 1 Projects, including but not limited to: replacement of the roof; installation of a new generator; improved visitor amenities; improved exterior door and vestibule; more efficient and effective interior lighting; creation of an outdoor activity/exhibit space; and the installation of new exhibit spaces. Phase 2 projects will be developed by the Museum based on the recommendations of its architect and building advisory committee. Each of these capital projects will be designed to move the museum toward its long-term goal of LEED certification.

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	
Design	$125,000
Construction	$225,000
Equipment	$150,000
Total	$500,000

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

Source	Amount
Requested 2012 State Funding	$250,000
Baltimore City Bond Bill	$65,000
The Wright Family Foundation	$20,000
Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board	$30,000
Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation	$10,000
Maryland Egg Council	$10,000
Private funding (pending)	$115,000
Total	$500,000

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**
Underway	June 2012	July 2012	September 2013

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
$60,000	262,000	270,000

18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years		
Legislative Session	**Amount**	**Purpose**
2010	$100,000	Capital improvements; construction of new exhibits
2009	$325,000	Capital improvements
2008	$200,000	Capital improvements
1996-2007	$6,225,000	Original conversion/renovation of Fish Market Building to children's museum; additional capital improvements

19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee	**Project Address** (If Different)
Baltimore Chidlren's Museum, Inc. 35 Market Place Baltimore, MD 21202	Same

20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	46 - Eastern Baltimore City

21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	**For Profit**	**Non Profit**	**Federal**
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22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Mark Pollak	**Has An Appraisal Been Done?**	Yes/No
Phone:	410.528.5563		
Address:		**If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value**	
Ballard Spahr LLP 300 East Lombard Street, 18th Floor Baltimore, MD 21202			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	**Projected # of Employees**	**Current Operating Budget**	**Projected Operating Budget**
75	75	$3,396,418	$3,467,000

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?	
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	48 years, expiring in 2047	Two 25-year renewal options

26. Building Square Footage:	
Current Space GSF	80,000
Space to Be Renovated GSF	80,000
New GSF	
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	1998

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

Port Discovery is located in the old Fish Market, a 104 year-old building in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. The age and historic nature of the building requires significant planning and maintenance to ensure the protection and upkeep of the building, as well as the health and safety of our 262,000 annual visitors. Additionally, each of the capital projects included in this project will be designed, constructed, and operated in a mode that moves the Museum toward its long-term goal of LEED certification. This project will also support the Museum's goals by increasing "play-to-learn" exhibits and opportunities for young children in their formative years, ages birth to ten.

The effects and benefits of coming to Port Discovery are as diverse as the experience. Parents who visit Port Discovery experience the joy of of learning through play with their children and learn new ways to use educational play with their children beyond the visit. Children who visit Port Discovery better understand themselves, have improved interactions with and understanding of others, and increase their knowledge of and connection to the world around them. Children who come to Port Discovery are exposed to a range of concepts, ideas, and subjects that support their learning in more structured environments. Visitors to port Discovery plan with diverse groups from different economic, social, religious, and cultural backgrounds. In addition, children are exposed to the arts and physical activity, two areas that are often the first to be cut from the public school system. Here at port Discovery, children of all socioeconomic levels, races and abilities participate together in a variety of developmentally appropriate experiences designed to promote the physical, social, and intellectual growth and well-being of our youngest citizens.

Finally, Port Discovery plays a significant role in establishing positive quality of life for families in Maryland, as well promoting the State economy as a prime destination for visitors.