

State Of Maryland 2016 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr2048	sb0563			Port Discovery Children's Museum
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Ferguson				
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City				\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Port Discovery Children's Museum, including the installation of exhibits				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:			Type:	
Grant				
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address
Bryn Parchman			410-864-2654	bparchman@portdiscovery.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>Port Discovery, one of the top 10 children's museums in the nation, educates children and inspires life-long curiosity, opening the door for children to discover and explore the world around them and to lead smarter, healthier, more engaged lives. It is recognized nationally and locally and is a model for replication among children's museums across the nation. Of 270,000 visitors each year, one-third receive free/ reduced admission through various access programs. Outreach/off-site programs touch 6,000 children in schools, hospitals, and other community settings. Port Discovery successfully connecting with parents, caregivers, teachers and community organizations to provide the best out-of-school learning experiences for children. Our goal is to promote success in school and in life for all children, regardless of ability, race, ethnicity or socioeconomic status.</p>				

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)

The 109-year-old Fish Market is rapidly deteriorating, resulting in failure of the exterior walls, doors and windows. These failures result in damage to the building, exhibits and offices. Much of the building's systems and equipment was installed prior to Port Discovery's use of the building, is inadequate for current use, and is in danger of failure due to age. Aging exhibits must also be replaced. Core facility renovation and reconstruction is required to ensure the integrity of the building and the Museum. This renovation project includes but is not limited to repair, replacement and renovation of: historic exterior facades; windows; exterior doors; exhibits; electrical, lighting and building systems; exhibits. Renovation projects are designed to ensure the integrity, safety, energy-efficiency and relevance of the 98,000 sq. ft. Museum.

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	\$402,000
Construction	\$3,566,000
Equipment	
Total	\$3,968,000

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

State of Maryland (current request-pending)	\$500,000
Allegis Group Foundation	\$15,000
City of Baltimore 2016	\$200,000
City of Baltimore 2017	\$200,000
Maryland Heritage Area Authority (pending)	\$50,000
Preservation Maryland (pending)	\$10,000
Baltimore Heritage Area (pending)	\$15,000
Private funding - Tax Credit Program (pending)	\$80,000
Other Private Sources	\$2,898,000
Total	\$3,968,000

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	Nov. 2016	April 2017	April 2018
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	
476527.00	270,000	300,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2015	\$250,000	Port Discovery Renovation Projects	
2013	\$1,028,000	Design and construction documentation related to Port	
2012	\$150,000	Design and construction documentation related to Port	
2000-2010	\$2,850,000	Finalize original conversion of Fish Market Building t	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Baltimore Children's Museum 35 Market Place Baltimore, MD 21202		Same	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	46 - Baltimore City		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[]	[]	[X]	[]
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
90	95	3924182.00	4150000.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond 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 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	31 years	Two 25-year renewal	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	98,212		
Space to be Renovated GSF	82,367		
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion

1998

28. Comments

The projects included in this request represent a portion of Port Discovery's overarching plan for capital improvements to fully update the Museum. That Master Plan has been developed over the past three years, in concert with our new Five-Year Strategic Plan, and lays out the scope of a three-phase program for addressing the capital needs of Port Discovery. Based on those plans, the Museum is preparing a major capital campaign to raise the necessary funds from a variety of sources. However, our historic building needs serious help and, without it, it would be irresponsible to move forward with the necessary internal upgrades and improvements. State funding will be used to make the critical core building improvements that are required in order to move forward.

Preserving our historic home the last of the original Centre Market buildings is critical; but even more important is ensuring that Port Discovery can continue its early childhood development educational mission to the children and families of Maryland.

Thanks to past State funding, Port Discovery has completed extensive planning and preparation for the current phase of our project. The Museum has contracted an architectural/engineering firm for the development of design concepts plans. Since finalizing those plans in 2014, we have also engaged a Lewis Construction as our project management firm. Worcester Eisenbrant, an historic architectural restoration firm, has completed the detailed assessment documenting project requirements and scheduling for the renovation and historic preservation of the Fish Market building exterior. This documentation has been submitted to Maryland Historical Trust for review.

Our project is now shovel-ready. This request will allow the Museum to build upon completed work and funding would be used without delay to move forward with the current phase of this project.

Port Discovery is a world-class, award-winning children's museum; its programs have been recognized both nationally and locally and have become models for replication among children's museums across the nation. Of its 260,000 visitors each year, approximately 100,000 receive free or reduced admission through school, family, and military access programs. For those facing transportation challenges, the Museum on the Road program touches 6,000 children in schools, hospitals, and other community settings. Port Discovery is an exemplary model of successfully connecting with parents, caregivers, teachers and community organizations to provide the best out-of- school learning experiences for all children, regardless of ability, race, ethnicity or income.

The Museum is extremely grateful for the State's past support. With your continued support we will provide the best educational experiences possible for the children of Maryland in a home that is safe and free of numerous leaks, failing elevators and electrical systems, and inefficient lighting, and similar problems.