

## State Of Maryland 2017 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR #      Bill #		House LR #      Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr1089	sb0149	lr1090	hb0097	BlackRock Center for the Arts
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Feldman				Fraser-Hidalgo
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Montgomery County				\$115,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the BlackRock Center for the Arts				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:  Equal			Type: The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund	
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address
Krista Bradley				kbradley@blackrockcenter.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>Entering its 15th season, BlackRock Center for the Arts serves as Upper Montgomery Countys cultural cornerstone and is the leading performing and visual arts center in this region. Together with our partner organizations, we help create a stronger sense of community among residents in this rapidly growing area by providing a unique array of opportunities to explore, experience and celebrate the arts in a welcoming and intimate setting close to home. BlackRock believes that the arts belong to everyone. We welcome 20,000 people annually to our beautiful, light-filled facility which features an outdoor stage; two theaters, including an intimate 225-seat theater and a 160-seat black-box performing space; two art galleries; and classroom and studio space.</p>				

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

Grant funds will be used to underwrite vital enhancements to BlackRocks physical plant including improvements to building security, new carpeting throughout the building, and new flooring, risers, curtains and LED lighting for the Studio Theater. Security upgrades will include a new access control panel, ten card readers, ten request-to-exit motion sensors, ten door motion sensors, new locks, and reprogramming of outer doors as 24-hour zones to monitor access throughout the day. We will also install a video surveillance system. Throughout BlackRock's public and administrative space, we will replace the carpeting which is visibly worn. In the studio theater, new wood flooring will replace the existing flooring which is damaged. The curtains, which are faded and torn, will also be replaced. Risers will be replaced with new ones which will accommodate more patrons. Energy-efficient LED lighting will be installed, resulting in lower utility costs for the County.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	
<b>Design</b>	
<b>Construction</b>	\$101,484
<b>Equipment</b>	\$132,800
<b>Total</b>	\$234,284

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

BlackRock Escrow Funds	\$65,000
BlackRock 15th Anniversary Capital Campaign	\$54,284
MD State Bond Bill request	\$115,000
<b>Total</b>	\$234,284

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
N/A	N/A	TBD	TBD
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>	<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>	
	20,000	25,000	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
1998	\$1,000,000	Facility construction	
1999	\$700,000	Facility construction	
2001	\$350,000	Facility construction (completion of Mainstage theater	
2006	\$50,000	Purchase of pianos	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Germantown Cultural; Arts Center, Inc. 12901 Town Commons Drive Germantown, MD 20874			
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	15 - Montgomery County		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Lerch, Early & Brewer	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	301-986-1300		
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
93	100	1485000.00	1600000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property</b> (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Lease
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
Montgomery County, MD	6/30/2018	yes - 10 year terms	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	32008		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	5940		
<b>New GSF</b>	32008		

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

2002

**28. Comments**

As part of its upcoming 15th Anniversary celebration in 2017-18, BlackRock Center for the Arts is planning a series of vital capital improvements that will replace outdated fixtures and equipment, greatly enhancing BlackRocks ability to provide a first class visitor experience for its patrons.

Maintaining the safety and security of guests and employees is essential to the fulfillment of any organizations mission. The safety of BlackRock's constituents, particularly the thousands of children who attend classes and camps each year, is of paramount importance. Currently, BlackRock's facility access system is outdated and unreliable, and has resulted in several security breaches due to unauthorized access to restricted areas of the building. The new access panel, cameras, sensors and card readers will help reduce the likelihood of such incidents in the future.

BlackRock's 120-seat Studio Theater is used throughout the season for dance, music, theater and comedy performances, classes for adults and children, and event rentals which represent a key source of earned income. The wood floor has suffered significant wear due to fifteen years of constant use, as well as water damage through a leak that occurred in May 2016. Parts of the floor have been covered temporarily with tape, however it poses a significant safety hazard to performers, students and guests. The new floor will enhance the space's safety, utility and attractiveness, resulting in more frequent use of the space for performances, classes, special events and rentals.

In addition, the Studio Theater's curtains and risers are visibly worn, and the lighting system is inefficient and outdated. Replacing these items will significantly enhance the spaces attractiveness, comfort and versatility as both an artistic space and as a rental venue. The energy-efficient LED lighting will also result in lower utility costs.

The carpeting throughout BlackRocks public, backstage and administrative spaces is also visibly showing its age with many stains and worn spots. We plan to replace it with durable, high-quality carpeting designed for high traffic areas.

BlackRock plays a vital role in the cultural and economic life of Upper Montgomery County, As the region's only performing and visual arts center, we act as a community hub and employ hundreds of artists, educators, technical and administrative staff. 20,000 people come to BlackRock each year to explore, experience and celebrate the arts - and they do so in large part because of facility. We owe it to our constituents to maintain our building's safety, comfort and technical capacity. The overall goal of this project is to make BlackRock an attractive, welcoming space for the next fifteen years and beyond.