

State Of Maryland 2017 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr3773	sb1179			McComas School Museum
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Cassilly				
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Harford County				\$25,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the McComas School Museum facility				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Equal			Type: 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 Ph#	Email Address
Jim Thornton			410-652-7468	jthornton@thorwoodreg.com
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>McComas Institute, also known as Mountain School, named for local abolitionist George McComas, retains the classic features of the original Freedmens Bureau (FB) schoolhouses a simple one-story wood frame structure with a bell-cot over the north gable. Established after the Civil War, the FB was designed to aid former slaves with basic needs and education. McComas Institute is one of two remaining FB schools in Harford County and one of the few in the nation. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. Hosanna Community House, Incorporated, recently acquired it to save it from a tax sale and plans to return it to its historic splendor and service as a community center/museum. It will be a place to bring people together to participate in activities that stimulate their imaginations and foster education, personal growth, and community engagement.</p>				

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

Located about 5 miles from active suburban communities, Hosanna Community House Incorporated endeavors to re-establish McComas Institute as a community center and educational resource. Further, this year McComas will celebrate 150 years. While it has received funding for historic restoration, its social history is less known and is now being explored in depth. Considerable historical resources have been collected requiring preservation storage and interpretation. Towards that goal, this project seeks funding to support: a) the development and construction of proper storage of historical resources, event tables and chairs and b) the development and construction of a permanent (15+ years) interpretive exhibition. As a center of educational and community engagement, it is important that the community it serves has an understanding of the history and contributions of McComas Institute and the citizens that established it. This project will help facilitate that

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	
Construction	\$50,000
Equipment	
Total	\$50,000

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

Bond Bill	\$25,000
Local Government (Harford County) Cash (Match)	\$25,000
Total	\$50,000

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
8/1/2017	11/30/2017	3/1/2018	12/14/2018
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
		0 (newly acquired facility)	1,800-2,500
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
415th	\$186,227	Planning, design and construction, reconstruction	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Hosanna Community House, Incorporated P.O. Box 305 2424 Castleton Road Darlington, MD 21034		McComas Institute 1911 Singer Road Joppa, MD 21085	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	34A - Harford County		
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:	Brown, Brown, & Young	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-838-5500		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
200 South Main Street Bel Air, MD 21014			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
0	3-5	85000.00	100000.00
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?			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 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	988		
Space to be Renovated GSF	988		
New GSF	988		

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

1867

28. Comments

Hosanna Community House Incorporated dba Hosanna School Museum was recognized by the State of Maryland through the Maryland Historical Trust with one of its highest preservation awards: "Excellence in Public Programming and Exhibitions" in the category of "Education and Community Engagement" for the Faces of Freedom initiative in collaboration with the Hays-Heighe House at Harford Community College. The organization wants to bring that expertise to the development of McComas Institute as

EXPERIENCE IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT:

Hosanna Community House Incorporated has extensive project management experience particularly with Bond Bills. We have a successful track record of receiving and managing a series of Bond Bills in the 1980s, 1990s, and the turn of the new millennium to complete work to preserve Hosanna School as well as McComas Institute.

The scope of work for this project is below.

SCOPE OF WORK:

Storage and Organization Built-ins: Design, construct, and install built-ins that are multifunctional serving as desks, organizational space, work space, and interpretive event space.

Design, construct and install built-ins that are multi-functional, serving as table and chair storage, presentation table top, interpretive education stations, and work space.

Permanent Interpretive Exhibition (15+ years): Conduct historical research, curate, and design a permanent exhibit that tells the story of the local community, early education, the transition to freedom in the Upper Chesapeake, and local impact on national issues. Construct and fabricate permanent exhibit components and install in a manner that does not impact preservation of the building, including vitrines and cases for objects, and didactic panels.

Note:

1. Non-capital support for the overall project comes from community contributions, and organizational fund-raising.
2. The schedule for the start of work is planned to begin after the completion of considerable rehabilitative work to the exterior and interior of structure.