

State Of Maryland 2018 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr2596	sb0679	lr2001	hb1291	Arts on the Block Studio Expansion
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Smith				Hixson
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Montgomery County				\$100,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Arts on the Block studio expansion				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of in kind contributions.	
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address
Anne L'Ecuyer			202-528-9278	alecuyer@artsontheblock.com
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
Arts on the Block (AOB) empowers creative youth to imagine and shape fulfilling futures for themselves and contribute to the quality of life of their communities. AOB achieves its mission by providing real-world experiences in the arts, arts education and entrepreneurial training geared toward opening new pathways to learning, self-discovery, and achievement.				

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

Arts on the Block, a nonprofit arts organization with a 15-year history of service in Montgomery County, has been selected as the long-term tenant of the first floor of the new Silver Spring Library. Our new location will include a gallery and retail store, a large digital design and mosaic studio, and administrative offices, occupying the entire 4000 sf space. The transit-friendly location will solve our primary barrier to participation (transit access to our current studio) and allow us to scale up youth programs to serve the wider region. When complete, the new Arts on the Block home will provide high-quality arts experiences and creative workforce training for youth, an accessible connection point for local community and cultural visitors, and a mission-driven retail amenity that uniquely adds to the storefront offerings of downtown Silver Spring. Approximately 20% of our tenant buildout will make long term improvements to the library as a public facility.

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	\$50,000
Design	\$100,000
Construction	\$175,000
Equipment	\$75,000
Total	\$400,000

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

Maryland State Bond Bill	\$100,000
Philip Graham Fund	\$50,000
Cafritz Foundation	\$50,000
AHCMC - Advancement Grant	\$100,000
Private Donations/Corporate Support	\$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
July 1, 2018	February 15, 2019	March 1, 2019	June 30, 2019
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	
23000.00	0	200,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2012 HB0184	\$120,000	Planning, design and construction of Carroll Avenue/	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Artpreneurs, Inc 4218 Howard Avenue, Suite 3A Kensington, MD 20895		900 Wayne Avenue, First Floor Silver Spring, MD 20910	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	20 - Montgomery 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:	Anne L'Ecuyer	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	2406450730		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
4218 Howard Avenue, Suite 3A Kensington, MD 20895			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
5.5 FTE	15.5 FTE	679561.00	1000000.00
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?			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	
Montgomery County, Dept of General Services	10 years	10 years	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	3980		
Space to be Renovated GSF	3980		
New GSF	3980		

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

2016

28. Comments

In a memo from Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett, council staff noted the first floor of the Silver Spring Library was intentionally built to be the home of arts and cultural programming. AOB will help fulfill the county vision by making the Silver Spring library our home. Arts on the Blocks concept meets the programming objectives of Montgomery County as follows:

1. Contribute to the mission of the Montgomery County Public Libraries creating a synergy that enhances the enjoyment and use of the Silver Spring Library. AOB enhances the mission and usage of the library by further strengthening it as an arts-integrated educational space. A complement to the other creative media offered through the library and its partners, AOB youth focus on the creation of mosaics, a hands-on art form known to humans for millennia. The introduction of this new/old media encourages interest in academic subjects such as Art History, Geometry, Archaeology, and others, with both youth and the community able to take ready advantage of the best place to learn about those topics the Silver Spring Library.
2. Enhance and strengthen a cultural destination space in the Silver Spring Central Business District. AOB's retail storefront embraces the Downtown Silver Spring Arts & Entertainment district goal of enriching downtown with buildings with shopfronts that enliven the sidewalks. Our gallery and store will attract the community and cultural tourists to the high-quality, uniquely designed products that exemplify the artistic talent of AOB and our creative network. The fishbowl concept for our studio will create a real-time public exhibition that highlights the ongoing works in progress through the street-facing windows. Friendly signage will give details about the commission being produced, encouraging visitors to see the public art commission once it is installed on location.
3. Provide cultural and educational opportunities to the residents of Montgomery County and enhance the quality of life in the County. The Silver Spring location is immediately adjacent to a proposed Purple Line stop and within walking distance of a Red Line Metro station with bus access to all points in Montgomery County, Washington DC, and the greater region. Being part of this multi-modal space would solve the primary participation barrier for youth and the larger community, transit access to the AOB studio.
4. Contribute to the development of cultural opportunities in Montgomery County by making available public space for studios, public exhibitions, education, and/or development of creative partnerships. Co-location with the Silver Spring Library, Levine School of Music, and Gandhi Brigade Youth Media would make AOB part of a multi-disciplinary arts hub serving the public with educational and cultural opportunities. Our annual open house, open studio events, and exhibitions will engage the larger public free of charge. As many of our local arts and cultural partners already do, AOB will hold its own free interactive arts workshops in coordination with other community outreach events and the important dates on the downtown calendar.