

State Of Maryland 2018 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr2371	sb0336			Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Middleton				
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Charles County				\$125,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of real property or 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
Lawrence Abell			301-848-8400	Labell@laa.cc
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>The mission of the Maryland Veterans Museum is to document and educate the next generation and public as to the sacrifices that Maryland Veterans and all Veterans have made through all wars from 1776 to the present ISIS threat while protecting and defending America. Provide an educational resource at the elementary, middle, high school and college level through exhibits, re-enactments, interactive programs and lectures that provide a living history of those that have served. Show the patriotic contributions of those that many times did not wear a uniform, such as African-American, women, children and Native-Americans. To promote state-wide and interstate tourism by creating a national destination at the southern gateway into Maryland to promote statewide economic development by networking with Museums throughout the State.</p>				

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

The Bond Bill is to complete renovations and provide sufficient land to use currently developed resources. The Bond Bill is to be used for the land purchase MVM donations are utilized for renovations. The Museum closed on the land Jan. 2018 thanks to FY2016 Senate Bond Bill. The FY2018 Bond Bill request for \$125,000 will provide funding to complete the land purchase. The Charles County Commissioners transferred to MVM land and building valued at over \$2M as matching funds. The FY2018 Bill assures continued activities such as: Annual Patriots Day Festival, Commemoration of Vietnam Veterans, Commemoration of WWI, Antique Auto Show, Rolling Thunder Rally, Outdoor Military Concerts, Bluegrass & Jazz Festivals, Re-enactments - War of 1812 & Civil War, Outdoor Parades, JROTC Marching Competitions, Boy/Girl Scout Jamborees, First Responder Recognition, parking for Museum events and multi-purpose community use connecting to nationwide Historic Trails.

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	\$125,000
Design	
Construction	
Equipment	
Total	\$125,000

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

Charles County	\$2,200,000
Museum donations and in kind efforts	\$550,000
Private Donor	\$165,000
Total	\$2,915,000

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
Na	Na	Na	Na
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
550000.00	10,000		20,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
FY 2004	\$50,000	Design & Engineering	
FY 2006	\$100,000	Roof Repair	
FY2016	\$245,000	Land Acquisition	
FY 2017	\$150,000	Land Acquisition	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum, Inc. @ Charles County PO Box 2123 La Plata, MD 20646		Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum, Inc. @ Charles Count 11000 Crain Highway Newburg, MD 20664	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	28 - Charles 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:	Lawrence Abell	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-848-8400		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
PO Box 2123 La Plata, MD 20646		Dec 2018	576000.00

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
2 paid - 25	3 paid - 35	75000.00	90000.00
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
na			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
na			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	20,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	17,000		
New GSF	20,000		

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

1963

28. Comments

The Charles County Commissioners created a Committee in 2002 to honor Veterans. The Committee initially focused on Charles County Veterans. The Committee soon recognized that the local history was part of something much larger, State and National History. At the Suggestion of George Owings, Sec. of Veterans Affairs, under Governor Hughes, the Committee incorporated as MVMM and has since recognized and served all Maryland Veterans. The Veterans found an old school building that was to be demolished and prevailed upon the Commissioners to lease it to the Museum. The State of Maryland seed money sparked an effort by this veterans committee to take a building worth \$0 and turn it into a \$3M Asset. The value of the building includes the State funds and similar county funds but the remainder veterans in-kind labor, Veterans Organizations, donations from local building suppliers, contractors and the community, and veterans who have willed to the Museum. This building renovations effort is approx. 90% complete. We anticipate that the remaining building renovation can be accomplished through this volunteer community approach. The Museum provides its own operating and maintenance funds.

On January 31, 2017 the Charles County Commissioners voted to transfer the property to the MVM. Thanks to the FY2016 Bond Bill, MVM closed on the property in January 2018 and the Board of Public Works approved the funds in a February 2018 meeting. Without the property the Museum could not have events to celebrate the lives of our Patriots. The new land will be called Patriot Park as we expand our efforts to honor minorities such as African-Americans, Women, Children, and Native-Americans that never wore a uniform but served our country just as patriotically as those that did. The Museum has exhibits that span from 1776 to the current ISIS conflicts. The exhibits in the Museum have been created from donations of memorabilia from Marylander's families as well as individuals from other states. The Museum has exhibits on loan from other Museums. An example is the Vietnam Remembrance Wall from the Veterans Administration. We believe that the exhibits value \$.5M again from donations. The MVM is on several National Historic Trails, John Wilkes Booth Trail, Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trial, the Blue Star Memorial Trail, and is in the midst of the Star Spangled Trial. The MVMM is networking not only with the Museums throughout Maryland but now has ties at the national level as we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of WWI, The 50th Anniversary of Vietnam, and the 240th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War. Our Board Members participate on many National Boards to tie the Museum to these National Historic Trails through Maryland. The MVM has reached out to counties across the State of Maryland and our goal is to have a representative on our Board from every County. Our Honorary Board includes an extraordinary array of individuals to provide a national and state perspective, an education perspective at secondary and college levels, Flag Military and political leaders. The MVM is proud of the effort and accomplishment to-date. The work is not yet done.

We ask that you once again provide us with funds to finalize the land purchase that allows us to complete our efforts to honor those that have Patriotically Served our Nation.