

State Of Maryland

2018 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project	
lr3841	sb1093	lr3517	hb0969	Historical Society of Harford County	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors	
Cassilly				Lisanti	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount	
Harford County				\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bill					
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Historical Society of Harford County headquarters building, including improvements to the building's grounds					
7. Matching Fund					
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of 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	
Maryanna Skowronski			410-838-7691	directorhshc@harfordhistory.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)					
The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. collects, preserves, promotes and interprets the rich and diverse history of the Harford County area in its regional context from its prehistoric origins to the present for the education and enjoyment of current and future generations. Its motto is "Preserving Our Past For Your future."					

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

The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. is entering the third phase of its preservation project. Work continues to repair and restore the Society's headquarters building, a 1936 Works Progress Administration era structure, originally built as the Bel Air Post Office. Among the projects in this phase are: continuation of exterior repairs and renovations to the structure, conversion of the basement level area of the building from utilitarian/mechanical space to climate controlled storage/work areas, flooring repairs and interior woodwork restoration. Also included is Phase II of the museum design plan, replacement of the non-historically accurate entryway & continued interior repairs and renovations.

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	\$0
Design	\$67,000
Construction	\$333,000
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$400,000

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

Dresher Foundation Grant	\$35,000
Harford County Government Tourism Grant	\$15,000
Harford County Government 2018/2019 Budget	\$25,000
Private Contributions	\$35,000
Events/Fundraisers	\$15,000
Greater Bel Air Community Foundation Grant	\$5,000
Cash Reserves	\$50,000
In Kind Contributions	\$10,000
Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts Grant	\$5,000
Bond Bill Request	\$200,000
Preservation Maryland	\$5,000
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
6/1/2018	4/1/2019	TBD	TBD
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
155000.00		3000	4000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2004 MHT Capital Gr	\$50,000	Relocation and restoration of historic aberdeen B&O	
2009 MHT Capital Gr	\$50,000	Same as above	
2014 Bond hb0644	\$50,000	Historical Society of Harford County Facility Restorat	
2016 Bond sb0396	\$50,000	same as above	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Historical Society Of Harford County, Inc.		Same	
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:	Richard G. Herbig	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-838-7691		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
143 N. 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
2	2	122050.00	125000.00
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	7,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	7,000		
New GSF	0		

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

1936 and 1962 (addition)

28. Comments

The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. is the oldest local historical society in the state. Founded in 1885, the Society led a vagabond existence headquartered in various non-owned sites until 1994 when it was given its present site. The 1936 WPA era building was deeded to the Society in compromised physical condition as prior owners had not taken the care to preserve the building. Since owning the building the Society has worked to make major repairs in order to return it to its original Colonial Revival-style design. To date the Society has completed exterior repairs to the stone walls and roof line in order to prevent water infiltration. It has repaired and repainted the signature cupola and installed a new roof. It has performed extensive asbestos abatement prior to the installation of a new first floor heating and air conditioning system and has made safety and energy efficiency upgrades to its lighting and electrical system. Interior painting and plaster work have also been performed in some areas of the building.

This work has been performed with previous help from the State as well as from private foundations, Society fundraising events and individual contributions. Interior repairs to the meeting area have allowed the Society to institute a new monthly free lecture series, added evening research hours and evening monthly genealogical classes. With continued improvements to the building we expect the amount of public traffic to continue to increase. Our goal is to create a sought out regional historic destination that attracts a range of residents, tourists and researchers encouraging repeat visits. At present, although much has been accomplished, there is still much to be done.

The Society has grown significantly over the past 16 years and the public traffic through the building, added to increased online, mail and social media traffic has created a great demand for the services the Society supplies including local, regional, national and international requests for information.

The Society's paper collections are available to the public however, the majority of its three-dimensional items are in storage due to the lack of a secure, modern, museum quality display area.

Among the projects to be addressed with funds from the bond is the second phase of the Society's museum space design. The Society's goal is to make the immense artifact collection more accessible and to expose visitors to never before seen artifacts. We aim to tell the Harford County story and create new dialogues through a unique and inspiring visitor experience by converting the highly visible interior front area of the building into an interactive museum display area which will allow for the greater portion of the Society's artifacts collection to be brought into public view.