

State Of Maryland

2019 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Port Discovery Children's Museum		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Ferguson	R. Lewis	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Port Discovery Children's Museum, including fabrication and installation of exhibits		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
8. Special Provisions		
[<input type="checkbox"/>] Historical Easement	[<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>] Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Dawn Sacks	410-864-2656	dsacks@portdiscovery.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Port Discovery supports children from a wide variety of backgrounds in developing the tools they need to emerge from childhood prepared for the challenges of an ever-changing and increasingly complex world. The Museum serves children, parents and teachers throughout the State, as well as tourists. Three floors of interactive exhibits and programs within its historic Fish Market home encourage critical child development. The Museum also partners with schools, day cares, and other learning centers throughout the community as an exceptional provider of enriched educational programs. As an urban childrens museum with a special responsibility to its community, over 60% of schools that visit are Title I and 30% of all visitors receive free or reduced admission. In its 20 year history, the Museum has served over 5 million visitors.</p>		

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

This request includes final ReImagining Phase 1 construction and installation of new and renovated exhibits and public spaces, as well as ReImagining Phase 2 projects including planning, design and construction of a new Space exhibit, replacement of HVAC units serving the Atrium area of the Museum, and renovation of exterior windows of the historic Fish Market building. As part of the Museums Master Plan, these projects will: replace the failing 20-year-old Adventure Expeditions exhibit with a new exhibit to support community needs and 21st century educational initiatives; enhance programmatic content; maintain our historic home; and improve the visitor experience. This project includes but is not limited to: design, fabrication and installation of new exhibits; improvement to public spaces; exterior renovation; and building system improvements. Projects are designed to ensure the integrity, safety, energy-efficiency and relevance of the 82,000 sq. ft. Museum.

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	\$677,000
Construction	\$4,149,000
Equipment	\$1,330,000
Total	\$6,156,000

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

City of Baltimore (approved)	\$100,000
Foundations (committed)	\$855,000
Corporations (committed)	\$1,148,000
Individual (committed)	\$2,687,000
Other Private (pending)	\$866,000
State of Maryland (current request)	\$500,000
Total	\$6,156,000

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
Underway	6/15/2020	1/2/2019	4/22/2021
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	
4690000.00	255,000	303,232	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2018	\$1,000,000	Exhibits, facility improvements, other capital projects	
2016	\$500,000	Exhibits, facility improvements, other capital projects	
2015	\$250,000	Exhibits, facility improvements, other capital projects	
2006-2013	\$2,228,000	HVAC, Security/Telecom upgrades, exhibits; other ca	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Baltimore Children's Museum 35 Market Place Baltimore, MD 21202		Same	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	46 - Baltimore City		
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:	Mark Pollak	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410.528.5563		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Ballard Spahr, LLP 300 East Lombard Street, 18th Floor Baltimore, MD 21202			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
90	110	4318694.00	4889431.00
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?			
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	
City of Baltimore	29 years	Two 25-year renewals	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	82,367		
Space to be Renovated GSF	82,367		
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	1906 (building) and 1998 (interior)
28. Comments	
<p>As a children's museum, Port Discovery has a unique opportunity to address the systemic social problems facing many children and families. Research increasingly demonstrates that play is critical to child development and learning. The style of playful learning that is nurtured by Port Discovery is essential to the healthy development of all children, regardless of socioeconomic status. By providing access to all children, parents and teachers, Port Discovery provides the foundational skills (academic and social) that children require for success in school and in life.</p> <p>The projects included in this request are designed to enhance educational value and accessibility for Museum visitors, as well as improve energy-efficiency, and safety. These projects represent a portion of Port Discovery's overarching plan for capital improvements to fully update the Museum. That Master Plan has been developed over the past five years, in concert with our Five-Year Strategic Plan, and lays out the scope of a multi-year, three-phase, \$18.5 million program for addressing the capital needs of Port Discovery.</p> <p>Phase 1 improvements are in progress and Phase 2 improvements will flow from the completed Phase 1 work. Phase 1 will successfully install a new Port-themed exhibit paying homage to the 300-year-old industry that created Baltimore (and made Maryland a commercial center for the region) and a new three-story Climber will provide a series of physical challenges as well as engaging children in teamwork, trust and risk-taking as they traverse the structure. Improvements to rest rooms, the lunch room and other public spaces will substantially improve the visitor experience.</p> <p>Phase 2 installment of Atrium HVAC components will ensure continued access to Atrium programs for our visitors, while renovation and replacement of exterior windows will improve energy-efficiency and preserve our historic exterior. The new Space exhibit will provide families and schools with the exceptional educational experiences they expect from Port Discovery.</p> <p>The Museum greatly appreciates past State funding, which has allowed Port Discovery to make great strides in enhancing the educational value of the Museum and improving the Museum experience for all visitors. With continued support, not only will Port Discovery enhance the quality of life for families in our region, it will enhance appreciation of Maryland as a center of commerce, will increase visitation to the area, and will generate revenue to strengthen the Museum and surrounding businesses.</p>	