

State Of Maryland

2020 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Havre de Grace Performing Arts Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Cassilly		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Harford County	\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the a cultural and scholastic event center, including the performance of a feasibility study		
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
Patrick Sypolt	410-939-1800 x1131	patrick@havredegracemd.com
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The City of Havre de Grace has a unique opportunity to acquire the existing Havre de Grace High School auditorium and gymnasium building with the goal to expand and advance the City's commitment to the Arts and further grow our reputation as a destination for cultural tourism. Additionally, the City can expand upon it's ability to provide a recreational venue for youth as well as seniors in and around our area. To accomplish this, a comprehensive feasibility study will need to be provided to the City to make an educated, thoughtful, complete and financially reliable decision about the acquisition.</p>		

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

A comprehensive understanding of the work necessary to update auditorium and gymnasium. The study will be inclusive of the work necessary to bring the facility up to current building codes, meet accessibility requirements, and re-mediate existing environmental issues. The feasibility study will also include identifying the sustainability needs to be considered in order to identify strategies for energy efficiency and environmentally sensitive design approaches that can be integrated into the existing structure and systems. The study will also provide a holistic understanding of building operations and potential programming that will guide strategies for facility management options as well as identifying additional revenue resources. And finally, the study will outline the initial cost of the work with consideration for a phased approach to both the work and components as well as short and long term operational expenses.

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	\$200,000
Construction	
Equipment	
Total	\$200,000

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

State of Maryland, grant	\$200,000
Total	\$200,000

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
7/6/2020	10/30/2020	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	
	0		
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
MD			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Mayor and City Council of Havre de Grace 711 Pennington Avenue Havre de Grace, MD 21078		745 Congress Avenue Havre de Grace, MD 21078	
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:	Patrick D Sypolt	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	4438070092		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
711 Pennington Avenue Havre de Grace, MD 21078			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
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	63,000 s.f.		
Space to be Renovated GSF	63,000 s.f.		
New GSF	63,000 s.f.		

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

Auditorium-1974/Gymnasium-1958

28. Comments

The City of Havre de Grace has been given an opportunity to acquire the existing high school auditorium and gymnasium. Just two years ago the City completed a four million dollar restoration of our historic Opera House, which is now a very popular 200-seat venue for theatrical, motion picture, musical performances and other entertainment productions, further enhancing our City's reputation as a Cultural center in northern Maryland and a community that emphasizes performing and visual arts.

The high school auditorium is a unique facility, which now includes almost 1,000 seats in "continental" seating arrangement. Most importantly, it was envisioned by a group of committed, civic-minded individuals in the 1970's who believed that Havre de Grace was destined to be a leader in the Arts. As such, the Auditorium was designed and constructed to provide exceptional acoustics, a large, flexible stage setting, comfortable, continental style seating with outstanding sight lines, and spacious, plentiful and well located support rooms, all of which are not commonly found in a high school design.

The Gymnasium is unusually large, with a quality floor and pleasing natural and artificial lighting, and is supported by a second all-purpose room, weight room, lockers and rest rooms and other support rooms.

Both the Auditorium and Gymnasium have relatively new HVAC systems and high quality controls. A portion of the Auditorium roof is new, having been replaced after a recent storm. The facility has on site parking, which will be supplemented by an extensive new parking area on the grounds of the soon to be demolished High School just across the street.

With all of these unusual and hard to find components available within walking distance of our historic downtown, we are provided with a once in a generation opportunity to expand and advance our commitment to the Arts and public recreation.

To accomplish this we need a comprehensive feasibility study that will provide us with the professional-based information to make an educated, thoughtful, complete and financially reliable decision about the improvements of this site to accomplish the stated goals, including a separately documented analysis of the process for locating, booking and marketing the talent that will provide the full scope of performing arts and the recreational programs and management that would be accommodated by the renovated facility.

We firmly believe our vision and desire is shared by most public officials who most often are not given this rare opportunity. It is our hope for a favorable reply to our request to continue on this path.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Sypolt
Director of Administration
City of Havre de Grace