

State Of Maryland

2020 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Maryland Historical Society		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Hayes	Conaway	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of facility and infrastructure improvements at the Maryland Historical Society's campus		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements: Equal	Type: The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund	
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
David Belew	410-685-3750 x344	dbelew@mdhs.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Maryland Historical Society (MdHS) is the states oldest continuously operating cultural institution. In 2019, we celebrated our 175th anniversary as an institution. The MdHS mission is to educate people of all ages about the American experience through the rich history of Maryland using the Societys collections, and to preserve important objects and archival materials from prehistoric Maryland to the present day. MdHS stewards seven million books, documents, manuscripts, and photographs and 350,000 objects related to state history. It is the largest and most comprehensive collection of Maryland material culture that exists. All collections are stored on site. MdHS collections inform exhibitions, publications, and K-12 educational programs that annually engage over 100,000 Marylanders from every part of the state.</p>		

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

The MdHS campus takes up an entire city block and comprises a mix of buildings constructed ca. 1846 to ca. 2003. MdHS is enacting a campus plan that offers extraneous buildings for sale or long-term leasing. Related revenue and funds earned through an ongoing capital campaign will be used to modernize our core campus buildings which suffer from FUNCTIONAL INADEQUACY, DEFICIENT mechanical systems, and OBSOLETE equipment. This is a multi-year, \$10M effort. Collections storage enhancements scheduled for FY2021 are particularly urgent. MdHS will consolidate all object collections in the modern, 2003 wing of the campus which provides an environment conducive to long-term preservation. This move is a \$2M endeavor that demands the design, fabrication, and installation of compact storage systems as well as the conversion of currently public areas of the museum to secure rooms. It also demands some repair to the building envelope and new security systems.

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	\$100,000
Construction	\$800,000
Equipment	\$1,200,000
Total	\$2,100,000

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

Private Donors (secured)	\$900,000
FY2021 State Miscellaneous Capital Grant	\$1,000,000
FY20201 Legislative Bond Bill	\$200,000
Total	\$2,100,000

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
01/01/2020	05/01/2020	11/01/2020	06/01/2020
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
1000000.00	30,000		50,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
FY2020	\$500,000	Misc. Capital Grant for Fire Suppression	
FY2019	\$100,000	MHAA Grant for Architectural Planning	
FY2016	\$50,000	MHAA Grant for Architectural Planning	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Maryland Historical Society 201 W. Monument Street Baltimore, MD 21201			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	40 - 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 B. Letzer, President & CEO	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	(410) 685-3750 x333		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Maryland Historical Society 201 W. Monument Street Baltimore, MD 21201			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site				
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget	
35	40	4300000.00	4200000.00	
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		19,314		
Space to be Renovated GSF		19,314		
New GSF		19,314		

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

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28. Comments

MdHS is in the midst of the 4 year, \$14M Shaping the Future of History fundraising campaign. This is a mixed programmatic and capital campaign that builds capacity for programming while enhancing the functional adequacy of our campus through minor alterations to building layout and the installation of new fire suppression, collections storage, security, and climate control systems. We have already raised nearly \$4M in private support and are making significant progress towards potential seven figure gifts. Despite this success, \$5M in capital funding from the State of Maryland remains a critical part of our fundraising formula especially for behind-the-scenes infrastructure projects.

These infrastructure projects are estimated to cost a range of \$8 to \$10M and will be implemented over the coming three to four years as funding becomes available. For example, the \$500K awarded by the state in FY2020 is being spent this year towards the \$1M fire suppression component of the campaign. Below is a succinct summary of the campus improvement plans as they are projected to take place. The estimates associated with each project were provided by respective industry experts in the museum, fire suppression, and engineering fields.

FY2020: Fire Suppression Project // \$1M

FY2021: Collections Storage and Security Enhancements // \$2M

FY2022: Interior Renovation of new Learning Lab for K-12 students // \$2M

FY2023: Building Envelope and Climate Control Enhancements // \$3M to \$5M

Total: \$8M to \$10M

These capital projects will benefit from a mix of private funds and state support. This schedule of capital projects has been selected over other MdHS campus needs because they fulfill urgent collections preservation issues as well as a significant expansion of our capacity to engage the public in our mission. These priorities are the result of a long planning process and are shovel ready. Project estimates related to this specific FY2021 phase of the campus adequacy plan--the design, fabrication, and installation of new collections storage systems along with necessary repair and conversion work for the host building--are informed by planning with architectural firm GWWO, Lewis Contractors, and the services of Storage Logic. Storage Logic is a Maryland firm that specializes in compact shelving and other customized equipment needed for successful implementation of this project.