

State Of Maryland

2020 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Museum of the Ironworker		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Hough	Pippy	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Frederick County	\$50,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the museum of the Ironworker		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements: Unequal \$38,000	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
Elizabeth Comer	443-463-6437	ecomer@catoctinfurnace.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc.(CFHS) is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation formed in 1973 to study and preserve one of the most significant historical sites in Maryland. CFHS celebrates the rich history of Catoctin Furnace, a unique pre-Revolutionary industrial village of enslaved African and European immigrant workers through research and preservation of its architecture, cultural landscapes, and traditional lifeways. CFHS provides public and group tours, annual events, traditional craft demonstrations, and interactive school programs designed to educate and inspire students and the general public. CFHS partners with Silver Oak Academy, a high school licensed by the Department of Juvenile Services, by providing at-risk young men work and marketable job skill training in historic building restoration through the "Heritage at Work" program.</p>		

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

CFHS is undertaking renovation and restoration of the Museum of the Ironworker. In 2017 CFHS received a 20-year lease from the State of Maryland and secured grants to rehabilitate the circa 1820 stone cottage as a museum and visitors center with interpretative exhibits, gift shop, public bathroom, and kitchen facility for special events. During the demolition phase of the project, substantial structural problems were revealed in the non-historic rear wing. The cost of the replacement structure was beyond the original budget, jeopardizing the project and necessitating reprogramming of funds earmarked for exhibits and restoration of the historic part of the structure. The bond initiative will complete restoration and fund permanent exhibits. The museum and permanent exhibits will tell the story of workers' contributions to the historic iron forge, attracting visitors year-round to Cunningham Falls State Park and surrounding area.

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	\$25,000
Construction	\$225,000
Equipment	\$103,000
Total	\$353,000

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

State Bond Bill Grant	\$50,000
MHAA Grants	\$133,600
Andrew W. Mellon Grant	\$24,000
Frederick County TRIPP Grant	\$15,000
Preservation Maryland Grant	\$8,000
Donated In-Kind Services (Studies and Labor)	\$54,000
Funds Expended Prior to June 1, 2020	\$50,400
Committed Donations	\$18,000
Total	\$353,000

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
9/1/2017	2/1/2018	11/1/2017	6/30/2021
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	
119000.00	5,000	20,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2014	\$100,000	Forgeman's House Renovation	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Catoctin Furnace Historical Society, Inc. 8302 Stevens Road Thurmont, Maryland 21788		12610 Catoctin Furnace Road Thurmont, Maryland 21788	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	4 - Frederick and Carroll Counties		
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:	Tod Salisbury	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-694-7235		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Salisbury, McLister & Foley, LLP 100 West Church Street Frederick, MD 21701		N/A State owned	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
0	2	8300.00	38000.00
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?			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	
State of Maryland Department of General	20 years	Yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	1386		
Space to be Renovated GSF	1386		
New GSF	1386		

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

Main: ca. 1820; rear wing: mid 20th century

28. Comments

The Catoctin Furnace Historical Society will operate the Museum of the Ironworker as a year around museum and educational space for Cunningham Falls State Park. The museum will have a significant impact on the heritage tourism program in Frederick County and the State of Maryland, drawing visitors to the site to learn about and acknowledge the contributions of the enslaved African-American population as well as the later European-American immigrants to the industrial progress of the young United States. The museum will serve as the gateway attraction for the historic village of Catoctin Furnace, drawing visitors to northern Frederick County from across Maryland and beyond.

A central feature of the museum will be its focus on illuminating the lives of the enslaved workers, skilled artisans such as ironworkers, masons, and carpenters, who formed the backbone of the furnace's earliest workforce. A rescue excavation in 1979 unearthed the remains of 35 individuals who were interred in an unmarked cemetery during the late 1700s and early 1800s. These remains have been of great interest and curiosity to the public since their excavation. In 2016, MHAA generously funded cutting-edge DNA analysis, stable isotope analysis, biometric measurement studies, and other scientific studies of the individuals. The Museum of the Ironworker will share the scientific discoveries that have been made with a much wider audience through exhibits including the captivating medium of forensic facial reconstruction. Other museum exhibits will feature displays about iron making, daily life, leisure and celebrations, natural resources, historic clothing, and transportation.

Based on numbers provided by Cunningham Falls State Park, it is expected that up to 20,000 visitors a year will be introduced to the area's historic importance and heritage resources at the Museum of the Ironworker. Research has determined that establishing heritage destinations at historic sites such as Catoctin Furnace provides substantial income, jobs, and favorable exposure to the rest of the country and the world. The economic benefit of historic sites and events to Maryland has been enormous, both through tourism and by making historic towns and villages in Maryland more attractive places to live and work. The Museum of the Ironworker project will provide jobs for 5+ workers and training in historic preservation building trades such as carpentry and masonry for at least 10+ at-risk students. Once completed, the museum will contribute to the economy of Frederick County by increasing tax revenues and visitor spending while enriching the lives of all Marylanders and reminding us of the core values of the workers who built Maryland and this nation.

This bond bill request is urgent and critical. Renovation of the Museum of the Ironworker building was underway when the rear wing was determined to be structurally unsound and required replacement. The requested funds will allow the construction project to be completed and permanent exhibits to be installed in the museum. This will ensure that the publicly owned structure is fully restored/renovated and opened to the public for all to visit and enjoy.