

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Natural History Society of Maryland Phase One Renovation		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Klausmeier		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore County	\$1,400,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Natural History Society of Maryland		
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
Senator Katherine Klausmeier		katherine.klausmeier.district@senate.state.md.us
Joe McSharry		443-520-5219
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Founded in 1929, the Natural History Society of Maryland (NHSM) preserves Maryland's natural history, promotes scientific research, and educates Maryland citizens in the natural sciences and STEM. This project's goal is to create a much-improved facility, capable of serving the scientific community and thousands of visitors a year while also revitalizing the local economy. In 2007, NHSM purchased a vacant building in Overlea, Baltimore County. This 9,000 sf headquarters now houses over 75,000 artifacts and specimens of fossils, minerals, plants, insects, reptiles, birds and mammals collected from the 1880s to present. In addition, it has two rooms for classroom instruction, lectures, programs and displays. Today, NHSM serves the scientific community and offers a robust natural history program onsite, online, and in the field for all Marylanders.</p>		

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

The Phase One Renovation is the redesign, renovation, and upgrade of the NHSM's current facility. Included is the conversion of the 4,000 sf upper level into flexible galleries which will display collection highlights and provide much needed teaching/learning space for students and families. The 4,000 sf lower level will be renovated to provide advanced collections storage and workspace for scientists and curators. A small, new mechanical space for upgraded HVAC systems will also be added. Finally, the entire exterior of the building will be replaced and wrapped in bold new environmental graphics. A prominent, free-standing graphic pylon will identify the site as that of the NHSM. This bright new identity will compliment other community development initiatives along the Belair Road corridor and will spark much-needed business growth. The new spaces will allow the NHSM to serve many more Maryland students and families.

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	\$500,000
Design	\$630,000
Construction	\$2,320,000
Equipment	\$1,250,000
Total	\$4,700,000

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

Baltimore County	\$1,200,000
State of Maryland	\$2,000,000
Federal	\$1,000,000
Private	\$500,000
Total	\$4,700,000

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
6/1/2022	3/1/2024	8/1/2024	8/1/2025
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
500000.00	9,000		27,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
FY 2018	\$390,000	Phase one design and construction (partial)	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
4304 Parkwood Ave		6908 Belair Road, Overlea, Maryland 21206	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	8 - Baltimore 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:	Joseph McSharry	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443-520-5219		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
4304 Parkwood Ave Baltimore, MD 21206		October, 2018	785000.00

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
4	21	188000.00	1766000.00
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	9,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	8,000		
New GSF	150		

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

2024/2025

28. Comments

Note on Private donations: not included in the Proposed Funding Sources above is an endowment goal of \$1,000,000 which will be raised from private sources (to date \$600,000 has been received in a bequest.)

Note on Projected Operating Budget: The Phase One Renovation will allow the NHSM to hire more staff who will serve many more visitors and program participants. This will produce more revenues from fees, grants, and other earned sources. However, affordable and free access will always be available to those who need them.

Note on Number of People Served: The current and future numbers are for people served at or from the facility. Future numbers will at least triple given the improved facilities and expanded staffing. Online and social media programs are not included and are very significant. For example, NHSM's YouTube page has 5,000 views per month now which will grow in the future