

**ZA00A**  
**Miscellaneous Grant Programs**

***Birchmere Music Hall (Montgomery County)***

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<b>GO Bonds</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>Recommendation: Approve</b>
<b>Nonbudgeted</b>	<b>\$4,850,000</b>	

**Bill Text:** Provide a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Montgomery County to assist in the design, construction, and capital equipping of a facility for the Birchmere Music Hall in Silver Spring, subject to the requirement that the grantee provide an equal and matching fund for this purpose.

**Program Description:** This \$11.0 million project involves construction of a 22,000 gross square foot live music and dining facility in downtown Silver Spring based on design and space utility options. This would be the first Maryland facility of the Birchmere, a nationally renowned and world class music venue based in Virginia. The facility would seat more than 600 patrons and offer approximately 150 shows per year. The first floor would feature a dining area that would operate at lunchtime throughout the year.

The project is expected to be a part of larger redevelopment efforts in Silver Spring. State support is budgeted at \$4.0 million, and remaining funds will be provided by Montgomery County, the Birchmere, and a private developer. Montgomery County has offered to help the Birchmere establish a second location in an Arts and Entertainment District. The site will be in a vacant JCPenney building with a historic façade on Colesville Road across the street from the Silver Theater. The site is on a primary thoroughfare and has good accessibility to hotels, restaurants, mass transit, and parking.

**Comments:** The 2007 *Capital Improvement Program* includes \$2.0 million in general obligation bonds in each of fiscal 2008 and 2009, and \$6.9 million in nonbudgeted (private sector) funds over the same time period.

***Fund Data***

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**Authorization Sources  
(\$ in Millions)**

<i>Description</i>	<i>Prior Approp.</i>	<i>2008 Request</i>	<i>2009 Estimate</i>	<i>2010 Estimate</i>	<i>2011 Estimate</i>	<i>2012 Estimate</i>
GO Bonds	\$0.000	\$2.000	\$2.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
Nonbudgeted	0.000	4.850	2.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$6.850</b>	<b>\$4.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>

**Authorization Uses  
(\$ in Millions)**

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Planning	\$0.150	\$2.150	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
Construction	0.000	3.500	3.200	0.000	0.000	0.000
Equipment	0.000	1.200	0.800	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.150</b>	<b>\$6.850</b>	<b>\$4.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>

***Recommended Actions***

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Approve.