

# State of Maryland

## 2016 Prior Authorization Fact Sheet

<b>(1) Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>(2) House Sponsor</b>	<b>(3) Project Name</b>
Sen. Edwards	Del. Mckay	Allegany Museum
<b>(4) Jurisdiction</b>		<b>(5) Contact Information</b>
Allegany County		Name: Tyler Bennett Email: tbennett@alexander-cleaver.com Phone: 4104282301
<b>(6) Legislator Request</b>		
Extend the grant termination date from December 1, 2015, to June 1, 2018.		
<b>(7a) Original Senate Bond Bill</b>		<b>(8a) Original House Bond Bill</b>
sb1026 of 2012		hb1378 of 2012
<b>(7b) Senate Chapter</b>		<b>(8b) House Chapter</b>
Ch. 444 Item: ZA02(E)		Ch. 444 Item: ZA03(G)
<b>(7c) Senate Prior Authorization</b>		<b>(8c) House Prior Authorization</b>
<b>(9) In your own words, please describe in detail the project's background and your need for a prior authorization.</b>		
<p>The Allegany Museum is restoring its historical building in downtown Cumberland into a national heritage attraction. The second floor has already been restored to its 1932 condition and a museum established on that level. We are currently in the process of restoring the first floor of the building to complete the museum's master plan. The 2012 Bond Bill we received authorized funding for the design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of the museum. Unfortunately, we were unable to encumber the funds because the Maryland State Offices that occupied the first floor space were unable to move out until July 2015. To accommodate the State Offices, we postpone our restoration work until they vacated the space. We are now ready to proceed with the work. Therefore, we are requesting and extension of the date upon which the bond funds must be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works.</p>		
<b>(10) If you are requesting an extension of the date upon which evidence of a matching fund must be presented to the Board of Public Works, please explain the need for the extension. When do you expect to raise the requisite amount of matching funds, if at all?</b>		
N/A		
<b>(11) If you are requesting a modification of the type of matching funds (e.g., real property, in-kind contributions, or prior funds expended) that can be used to meet your match, or are requesting the matching fund requirement be changed from an equal match to unequal match or removed altogether, please explain why the change is necessary.</b>		
N/A		

**(12) If you are requesting an extension of the date upon which the bond funds must be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works, please explain the need for an extension. When do you expect to expend or encumber the funds?**

In 1999, the Allegany Museum purchased the former Post Office/Courthouse building in Cumberland with the idea of turning it into a first class museum. To help cover the operating costs, we leased part of the space mostly to Maryland State offices--Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Department of Agriculture. In 2011, DNR notified us they would vacating the first floor leased space and moving to their own building. However, DNR experienced a series of issues with their new space primarily concerning the renovations needed to accommodate their staff. Per their lease agreement with the museum, they exercised their right to extend the lease and did so until they were finally able to move out in July 2015. To accommodate the State offices, we postponed our first restoration work until now. We are finalizing the necessary bids and contracts to begin work and encumber our 2012 Bond Bill funds. To provide adequate time to issue the necessary bid documents and execute signed contracts, we are requesting an extension until June 1, 2017.

**(13) If you are requesting to use the funds for another purpose or to expand the scope of the project, please explain the reason and need for the change.**

N/A

**(14) If you are requesting to modify the name of the grantee organization, add another grantee organization, or remove a grantee organization, please explain the reason and need for the change. If applicable, do those organizations being added or removed as grantee consent to the change?**

N/A

**(15) If this is an emergency bill, please explain the need for such action.**

N/A