

# State of Maryland

## 2016 Prior Authorization Fact Sheet

<b>(1) Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>(2) House Sponsor</b>	<b>(3) Project Name</b>
	Del. Hornberger	Jacob Tome Gas House
<b>(4) Jurisdiction</b>		<b>(5) Contact Information</b>
Cecil County		Name: Rodney Heinze Email: rodheinze@gmail.com Phone: 410 378 2121
<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>
		hb0466 of 2012
<b>(7b) Senate Chapter</b>		<b>(8b) House Chapter</b>
		Ch. 444 Item: ZA03(Z)
<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 Town of Port Deposit has secured multiple grants and in-kind services for the restoration of the historic Jacob Tome Gas House on the bank of the Susquehanna River in Marina Park for a Visitors Center and Research and Education Center for Towson University students to study the endangered Northern Map Turtle that is indigenous to our area. One of our awards is the State Highway Administration Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) Grant. We anticipated advertising and releasing the project for bid before the December deadline to encumber the Bond Bill funds; however, review by SHA officials took longer than we expected. The project was advertised and bids opened on January 27, 2016. SHA officials are currently reviewing the apparent low bid and we anticipate a bid award by Mayor and Council in April 2016. The restoration and re-purposing of the Tome Gas House will kick-off our community and economic development revitalization and provide the town an opportunity to preserve an endangered species and promote ecotourism.</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?**

Prior to the December deadline to encumber funds, the Town was able to advertise and award the electrical component segment of the restoration project. The electrical award and contract was submitted; however, we were not able to encumber the entire amount of the Bond Bill. Therefore, we respectfully request an extension. We are making progress and anticipate completing the project in August 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