

# State of Maryland

## 2016 Prior Authorization Fact Sheet

<b>(1) Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>(2) House Sponsor</b>	<b>(3) Project Name</b>
Sen. Feldman		Warren Historical Site - Loving Charity Hall
<b>(4) Jurisdiction</b>		<b>(5) Contact Information</b>
Montgomery County		Name: Otho Thompson Email: omthompson@omtlaw.com Phone:
<b>(6) Legislator Request</b>		
Extend the grant termination date from June 1, 2016, to June 1, 2018.		
<b>(7a) Original Senate Bond Bill</b>		<b>(8a) Original House Bond Bill</b>
<b>(7b) Senate Chapter</b>		<b>(8b) House Chapter</b>
<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>		
In 2007 the General Assembly approved a \$175,000. grant to the Warren Historic Site Committee ("WHSC") to rehabilitate the Loving Charity Hall. Matching funds were certified for the project by the Bd. of Public Works in Jan. of 2011. However, before the easement agreement with the Md Historic Trust ("MHT") could be finalized, WHT was required to file a "Quiet Title Action" to clear a cloud in the title to its property. The " Quiet Title" action took some time to complete and an extension was granted to allow the legal proceedings to be finalized.		
<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>		
<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>		

**(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?**

After completing the Quiet Title legal action to remove the cloud in the title to the Warren Historic Site property, there was a disagreement with MHT over the adequacy of the metes and bounds description for the property. After consultation back and forth with our surveyor and MHT, it was later determined that MHT had inadvertently confused the legal description for the Warren property with another project.

WHSC was also forced to take legal action against their insurance company after receiving a notice that coverage for its property would be dropped.

At the present time, WHSC has signed a contract with an architectural firm and expects to have design plans for the project completed by Mid-March of this year. A project manager has also been hired and it is anticipated that the project will be bid and construction will be underway by late summer. The entire process will exceed the time frame set forth in the bond bill, and we are respectfully requesting that the grant be extended by two years.

**(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.**

**(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?**

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