

ZA00A
Miscellaneous Grant Programs

Baltimore Museum of Art (Baltimore City)

General Obligation Bonds **\$2,500,000** **Recommendation: Delete**
Nonbudgeted **\$2,500,000**

Bill Text: Provide a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Baltimore Museum of Art for the design, renovation, and reconfiguration of facilities at the Baltimore Museum of Art, subject to the requirement that the grantee provide an equal and matching fund for this purpose.

Program Description: Renovate the American, African, and contemporary art galleries; renovate visitor entrance; complete the planned space on the third floor; and upgrade lighting and building automation systems.

Prior Authorization and Capital Improvement Program

Authorization Uses
(\$ in Millions)

<i>Fund Uses</i>	<i>Prior Authorization</i>	<i>2011 Allowance</i>	<i>2012 Estimate</i>	<i>2013 Estimate</i>	<i>2014 Estimate</i>	<i>2015 Estimate</i>
Planning	\$0.500	\$2.470	\$0.680	\$0.680	\$0.556	\$0.000
Construction	0.000	2.530	4.320	4.320	4.444	0.000
Total	\$0.500	\$5.000	\$5.000	\$5.000	\$5.000	\$0.000

Authorization Sources
(\$ in Millions)

<i>Fund Sources</i>	<i>Prior Authorization</i>	<i>2011 Allowance</i>	<i>2012 Estimate</i>	<i>2013 Estimate</i>	<i>2014 Estimate</i>	<i>2015 Estimate</i>
GO Bond	\$0.250	\$2.500	\$2.500	\$2.500	\$2.500	\$0.000
Nonbudgeted	0.250	2.500	2.500	2.500	2.500	0.000
Total	\$0.500	\$5.000	\$5.000	\$5.000	\$5.000	\$0.000

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Program Analysis and Performance

The funding provided in the fiscal 2011 capital budget represents the first significant phase of funding for planned renovations to the museum. However, in fiscal 2006, the Baltimore Museum of Art (BMA) received \$250,000 in general obligation funds from the State to renovate the museum's roof. BMA matched the State's 2006 grant.

BMA plans to use the proposed funds to renovate several sections of the museum, as well as upgrade lighting, security systems, and building automation systems. Specifically, the plans call for renovations to the American Gallery in the John Russell Pope Building; renovations to the galleries of African, Native American, Ancient American, and Pacific Island art; and replacement of flat roofs over the West Wing for Contemporary Art and skylight repair. Further, funds will also support the effort to increase capacity of the east wing visitor entrance to include space for educational programs and events. This effort will include an expanded gift shop to generate additional income.

Plans also include the completion of the planned third floor space above the Thalheimer Galleries to be used as secure storage for the artworks that must be moved for the planned American and African gallery renovations. In the future, this space may be used for exhibitions, art storage, educational and library space, or offices. Finally, funds will also be used to upgrade the lighting system that is no longer supported by the museum's vendor. The new system will reduce light levels for sensitive works of art.

The main building of the museum was opened in 1929. Since then, 10 additions were constructed to the museum for a total museum space today of approximately 200,000 gross square feet. The funding in the allowance represents the first phase of a three-phase renovation plan for the museum. Phase II and Phase III are not included in the *Capital Improvement Program*. Phase II includes reopening the Merrick entrance to the facility; improvements to the Fox Court and East Wing façade; additional sprinklers; and restaurant improvements. Phase III includes repair/replacement of the Antioch skylight; atrium improvements; and upgrades to vertical circulation. It is not clear if commitment to funding Phase I would obligate continued State funding for the subsequent phases.

Recommended Actions

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Allowance
2,500,000

Change
-2,500,000

Authorization
0

Explanation: This action deletes funding for the planned renovations to the Baltimore Museum of Art. The State is currently obligated to several miscellaneous community and cultural projects in Baltimore City. This project should be delayed until funding for other similar projects has ended.