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**Miscellaneous Grant Programs**

***Mount Vernon Square Redevelopment (Baltimore City)***

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<b>General Obligation Bonds</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Nonbudgeted</b>	<b>\$1,500,000</b>

***Summary of Recommended Bond Actions***

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1. Mount Vernon Square Redevelopment

Approve.

**Bill Text:** Provide a grant to the Board of Directors of the Mount Vernon Place Conservancy, Inc. to repair the George Washington Monument, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide an equal and matching fund for this purpose.

**Program Description:** Funding is provided for the restoration and rehabilitation of the Washington Monument located in the Mount Vernon neighborhood of the City of Baltimore.

***Project Analysis***

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The fiscal 2013 allowance includes \$1 million in general obligation bond funding for the restoration and rehabilitation of the Washington Monument. This represents Phase 1 of a larger restoration project that includes the surrounding park areas of Mount Vernon Place. The monument is the center of a National Historic Landmark District. It has been closed for over one year due to safety concerns regarding the upper balcony.

Fiscal 2013 marks the first year in which this project is included in the *Capital Improvement Program* (CIP). The CIP calls for three annual installments of \$1.0 million each from the State, representing 40% of total project costs for three phases of the project. The matching funds include \$500,000 from Baltimore City, \$3.5 million in foundation and corporation donations, and \$500,000 in individual gifts for a total of \$4.5 million.

The funds will be provided to the Board of Directors of the Mount Vernon Place Conservancy (MVPC). MVPC is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) organization established in November 2008 to restore and manage the use of Mount Vernon Place in partnership with Baltimore City. The organization commissioned a Master Plan to govern the restoration. The plan was reviewed by the Baltimore City

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Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation. It has also been reviewed by the Mount Vernon-Belvedere Association Architectural Review Committee, as well as peer reviewed by many experts in historic preservation.

Central to the plan is the restoration of the Washington Monument. There are safety concerns regarding the upper balcony of the monument. Further, the cast iron fence surrounding the monument is deteriorating and in need of restoration. The fiscal 2013 funds will go toward this restoration. The design period for Phase 1 will begin in August 2012, and construction will begin in March 2013.

The CIP shows funds in fiscal 2014 and 2015 for Phases 2 and 3, which will restore the parks and improve handicapped accessibility. There is significant damage and deterioration of the marble balustrades, fountain basins, retaining walls, sidewalks, and other architectural elements throughout Mount Vernon Place. The soils, which are compacted and contaminated, cannot support a successful tree canopy. Additionally, the existing trees were planted too deeply in soil pits that were too small, which resulted in damaging the health and long-term viability of the trees and canopy. The current plan is to replace the trees and implement above ground and underground infrastructure that will support the long-term health of the trees and canopy. Also planned are above ground and underground infrastructure improvements (irrigation, drainage, rainwater run-off collection, and electrical) along with replacement of all contaminated soil, and new perimeter sidewalks for improved accessibility.

The supporting documentation for this project also includes a description of plans for a Phase 4. Phase 4 would include the installation of historic pavement in the streets extending from Center Street north to Madison Street and in the streets surrounding the park. It is expected that this would be the most expensive of the phases. It is further expected to commence in fiscal 2017. However, the CIP does not include funding for Phase 4 of this project as described.

**The grantee should comment on each phase of this project, and specifically, on plans to raise funds for Phase 4 of the project by fiscal 2017.**

***Prior Authorization and Capital Improvement Program***

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

<i>Fund Uses</i>	<i>Prior Authorization</i>	<i>2013 Request</i>	<i>2014 Estimate</i>	<i>2015 Estimate</i>	<i>2016 Estimate</i>	<i>2017 Estimate</i>
Acquisition	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
Planning	0.000	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.000	0.000
Construction	0.000	2.215	2.215	2.215	0.000	0.000
Equipment	0.000	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.000	0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$2.500</b>	<b>\$2.500</b>	<b>\$2.500</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>

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

<i>Fund Sources</i>	<i>Prior Authorization</i>	<i>2013 Request</i>	<i>2014 Estimate</i>	<i>2015 Estimate</i>	<i>2016 Estimate</i>	<i>2017 Estimate</i>
GO Bonds	\$0.000	\$1.000	\$1.000	\$1.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
Nonbudgeted	0.000	1.500	1.500	1.500	0.000	0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$2.500</b>	<b>\$2.500</b>	<b>\$2.500</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>

## ***GO Bond Recommended Actions***

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1. Approve.