

**ZA00R**  
**Miscellaneous Grant Programs**

***USS Constellation Education Center and Heritage Center  
(Baltimore City)***

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<b>General Obligation Bonds</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
<b>Nonbudgeted</b>	<b>\$3,182,000</b>

***Summary of Recommended Bond Actions***

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1. USS Constellation Education Center and Heritage Center

Approve.

**Bill Text:** Provide a grant to the Advisory Board of the Historic Ships in Baltimore, Inc. to assist in the construction of a new Education and Heritage Center at the USS Constellation at the Inner Harbor, subject to the requirement that the grantee provide an equal and matching fund for this purpose.

**Program Description:** Construct a new USS Constellation Education and Heritage Center at the Inner Harbor in Baltimore City.

***Project Analysis***

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The fiscal 2013 allowance includes \$1 million in general obligation (GO) bond funds to construct the new USS Constellation Education and Heritage Center. The new center will replace the existing one that has limited exhibition and public space, is not Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible, and is located below the flood plain.

The new facility is planned as a 5,000 square foot visitor center and will house exhibitions on the Historic Ships collection. The collection includes the USS Constellation, the USS Torsk, the USCGC Taney, the Lightship Chesapeake, and the Seven Foot Knoll Lighthouse. The plans call for a wide range of programming including hands-on demonstrations, specialized guided tours, and educational programming. The ships and lighthouses attract approximately 150,000 visitors each year.

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The limitations of the existing structure include limited exhibition space, small unisex bathrooms, and lack of ADA accessibility. Storage and office space are housed in the current facility. Plans for the new facility will move storage and offices offsite to allow for a larger exhibition space, a visitor entry plaza, and an expansion of the bathrooms. The entire facility will be ADA accessible including seamless handicap access to the USS Constellation.

Fiscal 2013 marks the first and only year that the project is included in the *Capital Improvement Program*. However, the State has provided GO support for the USS Constellation Museum in the past. Since 1999, the State has provided over \$1.1 million in funds to support the design, repair, restoration, improvement, and preservation of the USS Constellation.

GO support for the current project equates to approximately 22.7% of total project costs (\$4.2 million). In November 2010, the Baltimore City's Urban Design and Architecture Review Panel gave its final approval for the center. Additionally, the city has provided \$570,000 in funds to the new center. The federal government is providing over \$1.8 million in federal transportation funds. Also, the Maryland Historic Trust is contributing a grant of \$115,000 for the project. Finally, private fundraising has resulted in an additional \$877,000.

***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	0.220	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Construction	0.000	3.800	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Equipment	0.000	0.382	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.220</b>	<b>\$4.182</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</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	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
Nonbudgeted	0.220	3.182	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0.220</b>	<b>\$4.182</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>	<b>\$0.000</b>

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

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1. Approve.