

State of Maryland

Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate Bill #	House Bill #	2. Name of Bill
SB237	HB261	Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Blandair Mansion Ho. Co. 10-05
3. Senate Bill Sponsors		House Bill Sponsors
Howard County Senators		Howard County Delegation
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)		5. Requested Amount
Howard County		\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill		
Authorizing the creation of a State debt, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the historic manor house known as Blandair Mansion and its outbuildings, located on 300 acres on Maryland Route 175 in Columbia.		
7. Matching Fund Requirements		
Prior to the payment of any funds, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.		
8. Special Provisions		
This Bill requires the grantee to convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of its interest in the property.		
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization		
Howard County Maryland is the Grantee organization. The Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks will coordinate this work with the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service. The Department of Recreation and Parks manages 8,000 acres of parkland and the historic buildings on that land, as well as conducts programs for the County's 270,000 residents. Blandair "restored" will preserve a critical element of the county's heritage and allow the Department to tell the story of Howard County farm life in the 1800's.		
10. Description and Purpose of Project		
This project consists of phase II of the preservation and rehabilitation of the historic Blandair Mansion and outbuildings which date back to the mid 1800's. The Blandair Farm was once owned by Theodoric Bland, who was the Chancellor of Maryland from 1824 to 1846. The mansion is constructed of brick, rising two and one half stories, totalling 8,000 square feet of living space. Stair cases, mantles and wood trim reflect the fine craftsmanship of bygone days. In addition to preserving this important landmark, the restored mansion will provide space for meetings, conferences, and a visitors center for a future 300 acre regional park. A park of this size draws around 150,000 visitors annually. The mansion and its outbuildings will create the following jobs: Historic Site Manager, Programming Specialist, Park Maintenance Worker and numerous part time docents. Phase II will address the interior of the mansion, structural elements, installation of utilities and outbuildings preservation.		
<i>Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 11 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 12 (Proposed Funding Sources) must match. The proposed funding sources must not include the value of real property unless an equivalent value is shown under Estimated Capital Costs.</i>		
11. Estimated Capital Costs		
Acquisition		
Design		
Construction		\$ 975,000

Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Howard County Government 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, Md. 21043			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
-0-	3	0	\$220,000
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No
D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	8000		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	8000		
New GSF	8000		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			Circa 1857
28. Comments:			