

State of Maryland

Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate Bill #	House Bill #	2. Name of Bill
SB822	HB1082	Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - Historic Takoma
3. Senate Bill Sponsors		House Bill Sponsors
Senator Ida Rubin		Delegate Peter Franchot
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)		5. Requested Amount
Montgomery County		\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill		
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State debt, the proceeds to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of Historic Takoma, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a building to serve as a museum for Historic Takoma, including office and meeting space and facilities to house Historic Takoma's collection of photographs and artifacts, located in Takoma Park.</p>		
7. Matching Fund Requirements		
<p>Prior to the payment of any funds, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.</p>		
8. Special Provisions		
None		
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization		
<p>Historic Takoma, Inc. (HTI) is a membership-based, all-volunteer, non-profit organization [Sec. 501 (c)(3)] dedicated to helping preserve the heritage of Takoma Park, MD and Takoma, DC through educational activities and preservation of historical landmarks and archives. The mission of HTI is to improve the quality of life in the Takoma community by: (1) educating the public about the value of historic preservation; (2) promoting public policies that foster preservation of historic resources; (3) preserving the architecture and physical environment of the Takoma community; (4) working with the community to revitalize business areas; (5) procuring and preserving artifacts and archives relating to the history of the community; (6) establishing and maintaining historic structures and exhibits for the public; and, (7) holding meetings and other events for the instruction and information of members and the public.</p> <p>HTI was incorporated in Maryland in 1979 and in the District of Columbia in 1999. The organization has been a United Way Agency (code 8361) for many years and is certified by the State of Maryland as a charitable organization. HTI is governed by a 15-member board of directors and conducts its activities through a committee structure. At the beginning of 2005 the organization had approximately 430 members. HTI is dependent completely upon funds obtained through membership dues, donations, and grants from individuals and public and private entities. Membership is open to the general public.</p>		

10. Description and Purpose of Project

Historic Takoma, Inc. seeks to purchase and refurbish to our needs a building in Takoma Park, MD. We are in discussions with the owner of 7120 Carroll Avenue to buy the building, formerly a house, florist shop, and most recently, an apartment house.

The organization has amassed a significant collection of photographs (numbering in the thousands), negatives, slides, videos, documents, and assorted small artifacts which need to be housed in controlled climatic conditions and in organized space, i.e. shelving and flat storage. Having a permanent space will allow the collections to be properly catalogued, organized, placed in archivally appropriate housings, included in an on-line computer database, and made available to the general public for research and use. We intend to have a research collection and reading room/area that will also include a small reference library, open to the public a minimum of 20 hours per week. HTI also requires space to mount exhibitions of materials and objects in our collections. We have a fabulous photo collection that needs to be shared with the community, as well as a collection of fascinating objects such as the first ballot box used in city elections in 1890. Exhibition space would allow the community to access information about our past and our evolution into the current community of Takoma Park. It is vital for communities to understand their origins so they may plot an appropriate path to the future. Premises of our own would also ideally provide a small amount of office space for the organization as we look toward hiring an executive director in the immediate future. We would also like to have meeting space. Meeting space is at a premium in Takoma Park, with virtually none to be had free of cost. HTI needs space for regular monthly meetings of our board of directors as well as for committee meetings. From time to time we also hold educational sessions for small groups that would use such space. We could, for example, bring school groups in to see our collections up close and learn about the history of their city from original artifacts.

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.

11. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	\$390,000
Design	\$20,000
Construction	\$200,000
Equipment	\$50,000
Total	\$660,000

12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)

Source	Amount
2005 State of Maryland Bond Bill	\$400,000
Preservation Maryland Design Planning Grant	\$2,500
Maryland Historic Trust guaranteed loan	\$25,000
Private donors - cash donations	\$35,000
City of Takoma Park guaranteed loan	\$35,000
other grant funding	\$36,500
Design work (in kind)	\$20,000
HVAC equipment/installation (at cost/in kind)	\$11,000
Contractor services (in kind)	\$50,000
Historic Takoma endowment	\$45,000
Total	\$660,000

13. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
July 2006	October 2006	November 2006	May 2007
14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2005		15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
\$15,000 in kind services		not applicable	1000-1500
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Historic Takoma, Inc./PO Box 5781/419 Elm Avenue/Takoma Park, MD 20912		7120 Carroll Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912	
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Sabrina Baron, President		301-891-0626	s.baron@starpower.net
Lorraine Pearsall, Vice President		301-585-8062	ljpearsall@aol.com
Susan Schreiber, Grants Officer		301-270-6551	susanschreiber@starpower.net
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			District 20
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Richard S. O'Connor	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-762-8860		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
7110 Maple Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912			
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	4	\$50,000 p. a.	\$200,000
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?			To Be Determined
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
To be determined--ideally another local non-profit organization such as the Takoma Park Main Street, MD project	annual	\$25,000	to be determined
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			
Space to Be Renovated GSF	Still being discussed		
New GSF	0		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		1906	
28. Comments:			