

State of Maryland

Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate Bill #	House Bill #	2. Name of Bill
SB893	HB1444	Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Maryland Zoo in Baltimore
3. Senate Bill Sponsors		House Bill Sponsors
Senator Hughes		Delegate Marriott
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)		5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City		\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill		
The Bill authorizes a State Grant to the Maryland Zoological Society, Inc. for three capital projects: a new water filtration system for exhibits in the Africa and Maryland Wilderness sections of the zoo; a new manure disposal waste system; and a garage to house Zoo trams.		
7. Matching Fund Requirements		
None		
8. Special Provisions		
None		
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization		
The Maryland Zoological Society, Inc. (dba The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore) is a non-profit organization that provides (1) free educational services to Maryland students K-12 through the Free School Admission Program and to the general public, (2) important tourism revenue as Maryland's premiere zoological park and as a family-oriented attraction, and (3) critical conservation and research efforts for local, national and international species.		
10. Description and Purpose of Project		
<p>The Zoo's current water filtration systems in Africa and the Maryland Wilderness exhibits are eight to fifteen years old and are operating sub-optimally in terms of system upkeep and staff time. They are past their anticipated useful lives. Upgrades to new water filtration technology would result in greater cost efficiencies, greater life spans for the system components, ease of use for Zoo staff, improved quality of life for animal populations, and enhanced water viewing of animals for guests.</p> <p>The second project deals with animal waste at the Zoo. Current procedures require a multi-step process that is both time consuming and exposes some waste to run-off. The new system is more environmentally sound and more efficient.</p> <p>As a good steward of State property, the Zoo would like to build a garage to house its three new tram systems. The building will safeguard the vehicles from criminal activity, protect from weathering, and provide a garage/maintenance area.</p>		
<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		0
Design		75,000
Construction		100,000
Equipment		325,000
Total		500,000

Towson, MD 21204			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
200	200	11,000,000	11,000,000
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	n/a		
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			n/a
28. Comments:			