

# State of Maryland

## Bond Bill Fact Sheet

<b>1. Senate Bill #</b>	<b>House Bill #</b>	<b>2. Name of Bill</b>	
SB966	HB1481	Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum	
<b>3. Senate Bill Sponsors</b>		<b>House Bill Sponsors</b>	
Senator Della		Delegates McHale, Krysiak, and Hammen	
<b>4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)</b>		<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Baltimore City		\$500,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bill</b>			
Authorizing the creation of a State debt, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Babe Ruth Birthplace Foundation, Inc. for the design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of improvements to the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum.			
<b>7. Matching Fund Requirements</b>			
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.			
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>			
None			
<b>9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization</b>			
<p>The Babe Ruth Birthplace and Museum is an independent, not-for-profit educational institution dedicated to perpetuating the historic legacy of Babe Ruth and John Unitas, Baltimore's Orioles and Colts, regional baseball, the Negro Leagues, college athletics and related themes by preserving, exhibiting, interpreting and augmenting its collection for a diverse audience.</p> <p>To implement its mission, the Museum provides entertaining cultural and educational experiences through dynamic exhibits and programs; preserves, maintains and commemorates the historic significance of its facilities; contributes to the economic development of the region as a prominent visitor tourist destination point; provides effective dynamic community outreach; and encourages scholarly research by maintaining a comprehensive library and archives.</p>			

**10. Description and Purpose of Project**

The Babe Ruth Museum is located in Baltimore's historic Ridgely's Delight neighborhood, two blocks west of Oriole Park at Camden Yards. A handsome three-story rowhouse with a flat, red brick façade that dates to the 1850s, the Birthplace is interconnected with three adjacent rowhouses. Each structure is three stories high with a full basement. In the early 1970s, a two-story addition to the rear of the four buildings expanded the Museum's total area to 7,900 square feet.

This proposed reconstruction will be the first major work to the facility in 30 years. This project will add office and meeting space, create a handicapped-accessible entrance, add an elevator and provide handicapped-accessible bathrooms. The construction also will bring the building up to Life Safety Code by adding needed fire suppression systems and egress stairs.

The Museum currently employs its limited space wisely to preserve, present and interpret its collection on behalf of the public. The first and second floors encompass the Birthplace, a theater, exhibit galleries and a gift shop. The basement features research space, a meeting room, a workshop as well as storage and office space. Staff offices occupy the third floor. Receptions, pre-game parties and special events take place in the Museum's rear garden courtyard. The additional space will allow for further optimization of this small historic house and enable the Museum to create offices for additional employees.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	0
<b>Design</b>	205,000
<b>Construction</b>	600,000
<b>Equipment</b>	195,000
<b>Total</b>	1,000,000

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

Source	Amount
Requested 2005 Capital Funding	500,000
Private fund-raising	500,000
<b>Total</b>	1,000,000

**13. Project Schedule**

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
June 2003	May 2005	October 2005	April 2006

**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**

0	36,000 visitors	61,000 visitors at Birthplace (300,000 at both sites)
<b>17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years</b>		
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
1989	\$300,000	Creation of State Debt for the Babe Ruth Museum's expansion into Camden Station
1994	\$850,000	Creation of State Debt for the Babe Ruth Museum's expansion into Camden Station
<b>18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>
Babe Ruth Birthplace Foundation 216 Emory Street Baltimore, MD 21230		Same
<b>19. Contact Name and Title</b>		<b>Contact Phone</b>
Michael Gibbons, Executive Director		410-727-1539 x3010
Christine Meyer, Director of Development		410-727-1539 x3018
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>		46
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)</b>		
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>	<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b> Michael C. Hodes	<b>Has An Appraisal</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b> 410-339-6770	<b>Been Done?</b>	n/a
<b>Address:</b>	<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
Hodes, Ulman, Pessin & Katz 901 Dulaney Valley Road Towson, MD 21204		
<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>		
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>
26	50	\$3.2 million
		\$4.36 million
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)</b>		
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease the property to be improved?</b>		Lease
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>		n/a
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>		No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>		
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>
n/a		

<b>E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
City of Baltimore	20 year lease expiring on Dec. 31, 2014	subject to re-negotiation	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>		7,000	
<b>Space to Be Renovated GSF</b>		7,000	
<b>New GSF</b>		950	
<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>		1850s originally; 1970s renovations	
<b>28. Comments:</b>			