

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3301	SB970	3373	HB1551	Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City - Great Blacks In Wax Museum
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. McFadden				Del. C. Davis
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City				\$1,000,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>The purpose of the bill is to authorize the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000 to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Great Blacks In Wax Museum for the acquisition, demolition, repair, renovation, expansion, reconstruction, capital exhibit design, and Capital equipping of properties for the development of space for use as part of the National Great Blacks In Wax Museum and associated facilities.</p>				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
<p>This bill requires a matching fund that may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, and funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act.</p>				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum opened in a store front in downtown Baltimore in 1983. The Museum has become a prominent nationally recognized institution for the past 22 years. The Museum moved in 1988 to a renovated firehouse on North Avenue. The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum has attracted over 6 million visitors over the last 22 years to a low income community of East Baltimore , transforming it into a premier tourist attraction for the State of Maryland. The Museum has 53% of its visitors coming from outside the State of Maryland. The Museum, therefore, is in a key position to lead the efforts to tap the cultural attraction potential as a major tourism magnet to strengthen and stabilize the surrounding neighborhood, build community identity and pride, and become a catalyst for economic and cultural development. The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum received it's National Designation from the United States Congress in June of 2004 and signed by President Bush on June 22, 2004.</p> <p>The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum currently features life like, life size exhibits that chronicle over five thousand years of African American history and achievements from Ancient Africa, Middle Passage, Slavery, Civil Rights Movement to modern times. The new expanded Museum will display over one hundred thousand years of history beginning with pre-historic Africa to modern times.</p>				

10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)

The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum has been advancing a plan that will expand the Museum along the entire 1500-1600 blocks of East North Avenue, Eareckson Place, and Lafayette Streets and 1800 blocks of Broadway, Bethel, and Bond Streets.

The expansion program will enhance the livability of the entire East North Avenue and the Northern front of the Hopkins Bio Tech Park By:

- * Expansion of the Museum with 120,000 sq ft of new construction and 43,000 sq ft of rehab space
- * Increase the number of tourist for the Museum and visitors for the City of Baltimore
- * Replacing vacant and dilapidated buildings
- *Generate both new permanent and construction jobs

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	225,000
Design	1,000,000
Construction	775,000
Equipment	
Total	2,000,000

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

Source	Amount
Requested 2006 State Grant	1,000,000
Baltimore City Funds	800,000
Great Blacks In Wax Fund Raising	250,000
Total	2,000,000

13. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
5/06	10/07	12/07	3/08

14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2006	15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
1.8 Million	275,000 plus	1.5 Million People

17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years

Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose
1997	300,000	Acquisition
2000	750,000	acq,demo,design
2002	750,000	acq,demo,design

2004	300,000	acq,demo,design	
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Great Blacks In Wax Museum 1601 East North Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21213			
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Dr. Joanne Martin, Director		410-563-7809	jmartin@greatblacksinwax.org
Dr. Marie J. Washington		410-752-3200	mwwashington@ebcconline.org
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			45th
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:	Donna Watts-Lamont	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-268-4130		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
2101 E Pratt Street Baltimore, Maryland 21231			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
27	125	1.1 Million	4.3 Million
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) 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		43,300 sq ft
Space to Be Renovated GSF		43,300 sq ft
New GSF		120,000 sq ft
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		12/07
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)		