

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3140	SB874	3019	HB1071	Creation of a State Debt – Worcester County Delmarva Discovery Center on the Pocomoke River
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Senator Stoltzfus				Delegates Bozman and Conway
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Worcester County				\$450,000.00
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State debt, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of Pocomoke City for the design and construction of a steamboat exhibit at the Delmarva Discovery Center on the Pocomoke River				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The bill requires a standard match				
8. Special Provisions				
none				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>The Pocomoke Marketing Partnership was formed in November of 1997 to study the feasibility of opening a waterfront museum depicting life in and on the Pocomoke River. A study completed by the Project Management Group at Salisbury University in October of 1997 called for the development of such a museum. The group has worked until the present day to bring this project to fruition. We are now at the point where we are seeking funds for exhibits, having received sufficient funding to complete both the exterior and interior renovation of the building at 2 Market St. in downtown Pocomoke. We have been successful due in large measure to the diverse and talented people who are Board members. A dynamic mix of government officials and persons from the private sector have combined to make this project a reality. The President is Barbara Tull, who owned a clothing store in the downtown for many years. Ms. Tull was also President of the Downtown Pocomoke Association. City officials active in the group include Town Manager Russell Blake and City Councilman Robert Hawkins. Active county officials include Worcester County Commissioner John E. ("Sonny") Bloxom; Lisa Challenger, the Tourism Director; and Jerry Redden, the Economic Development Director.</p>				

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

The Delmarva Discovery Center will interpret the rich tradition of life in and on the Pocomoke River. Exhibits will cover the following subjects: ship building, the importance of maintaining a healthy river, "hands-on" discovery items, the life of the Native Americans in the area, terrariums and aquariums, the salt marsh environment and the life of the people who lived along the river. The center is expected to open in early 2008. Previous bond bill monies funded a portion of the costs of the exterior renovation. We are requesting Bond Bill funding specifically for the purchase of the steamboat exhibit. This will be a full-size replica of the type of steamboat which plied the river in the 19th century. Our cost estimates and designs were developed by Doug Mund of Groveland, Massachusetts. Mr. Mund also designed the exhibits for the Virginia Maritime Museum in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Close to the steamboat will be an exhibit wall describing the shipbuilding industry which was prevalent in the 19th century. In front of a dock will be seen the various wares and products that might have travelled the river. Voices will be heard discussing travel on the Pocomoke. Real water tanks at the dock will bring the dock sequence to life with lapping water. The visitors will be able to walk onto the steamboat and will be able to see such things as a storeroom filled with materials, the engine room, and the pilot house. They will also be able to sit on a bench next to a person dressed in traditional clothing who will tell his story. At a predetermined time, the paddlewheel will begin to move. Always in the background one will be able to hear the rumble of the steam engine. The visitor will also be able to see a mannequin at the helm with various charts and artifacts. A docent will act as a deckhand telling stories of the trips on the river, including tales of past captains. Throughout the steamboat experience, the use of actual artifacts will reinforce the historical nature of the exhibit.

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	
Design	
Construction	
Equipment	Exhibits-\$1,145,000.00
Total	\$1,145,000.00

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

Source	Amount
Bond Bill monies	\$450,000.00
Maryland Heritage Areas Authority	\$50,000.00
Preserve America	\$150,000.00
Worcester County Commissioners	\$495,000.00
Total	\$1,145,000.00

13. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
Completed	Completed	September, 2006	December, 2007

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	
\$100,000.00		0		35,000	
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years					
Legislative Session		Amount		Purpose	
2006		\$150,000.00		Exterior renovation of the building	
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee			Project Address (If Different)		
Pocomoke Marketing Partnership P.O. Box 385 Pocomoke, Md. 21851			2 Market St. Pocomoke, Md. 21851		
19. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone		Email Address
Barbara Tull, President			410-957-2463		bbtull@comcast.net
Lisa Challenger, Secretary			410-632-3110		lisac@co.worcester.md.us
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located					38th
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:	John E. Bloxom		Has An Appraisal Been Done?		Yes/No
Phone:	410-957-0132				Yes
Address:			If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
147 Market St. Pocomoke, Md. 21851					
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		8.5		0	\$270,000.00
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?					Lease
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?					N/A
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?					N/A
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	
City of Pocomoke	Long-term	Yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF		16,083	
Space to Be Renovated GSF		16,083	
New GSF		16,083	
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1920
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			