

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2978	SB843	2889	HB912	Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County - Chesapeake Children's Museum
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Astle				Del. Clagett, et al.
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Anne Arundel County				\$115,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing a grant to the Board of Directors of the Chesapeake Children's Museum, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, installation, and capital equipping of an owl habitat, roof-top observation deck and elevator, and for the repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the multipurpose room at the Chesapeake Children's Museum				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
This bill requires a matching fund that may consist of in-kind contributions. No part of the fund may consist of real property or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>Chesapeake Children's Museum is a non-profit organization serving children and their families. We provide a setting for informal learning, and by design, informal family support. The building is owned by the City of Annapolis and is situated in a city park at the head of Spa Creek. In addition to the hands-on exhibits and nature trail, children and their families, school groups, scout troops, etc. can participate in scheduled programs in the arts, sciences and humanities. Our programs have a good reputation for not only engaging children in active learning, but drawing in their adults as well! We like to say, CCM is where children play to learn, and adults learn to play.</p> <p>The location not only attracts day-trippers to the state capital, county residents, and Annapolitans, but is convenient for many low-income children who can walk to it. These are children who may never visit any other kind of museum.</p> <p>Another vulnerable audience served are the mothers and other caregivers of very young children who are often isolated in their homes because most of their neighbors are at work. Children's museums across the nation recognize our role as the "new town square" where families can intermingle. On any given day, conversations around Chesapeake Children's Museum reflect the need to connect with other parents - to share helpful resources they have found, to confide each others' tribulations in parenting, to hear and observe effective parenting from each other.</p> <p>We are serving schools in a limited capacity at present. At best, we bring hands-on workshops to schools, including with the Museum Educatin On Wheels (the MEOW bus), to augment their classroom instruction. Hopefully the proposed additions to the building will allow us to have larger groups come to the museum. In the summer, we often have day camp groups of up to 100 children at a time, taking advantage of the ability to use the outdoor space. We know that most schools will have 3 or 4 classes, up to 120 children, in a grade level, and this is typically how field trips are arranged. We'd like to be able to welcome such groups to our building.</p> <p>Our mission is to create an environment of discovery about oneself, the peoples, the technologies, and the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay area for all our children and for the child in us all.</p>				

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

Owl Habitat: to house a screech owl that cannot be released into the wild due to injuries. The habitat would be visible through a large window in the museum, and accessible for a handler to do presentations for visitors (and to feed the owl, clean the habitat) from a deck off the back of the museum. Teaching wildlife appreciation and husbandry is the purpose for this addition.

Multi-purpose room: to provide classroom space for hands-on activities for large groups, as well as community uses such as Parks and Recreation programs, Neighborhood Watch meetings, etc. The existing space is an unfinished storage area. Would need a bathroom added and appliances for light cooking. Adding capacity for group visits to the museum is the primary purpose; adding to community meeting spaces is secondary.

Elevator and Rooftop Observatory: for daytime observations of the surrounding nature (we are close to the Chesapeake Bay - a migratory path for many birds), and for nighttime observations of stars, planets, meteor showers. The elevator would make the building accessible at all three levels, reducing the challenges for some of our visitors to use the downstairs classroom. The educational purpose would be to increase awareness of our natural world.

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	00
Design	\$3,000
Construction	\$142,000
Equipment	\$85,000
Total	\$230,000

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

Source	Amount
River Crest Design Build	\$90,000
Johnson Lumber Company	\$10,000
NASA	\$3,000
private contributions	\$12,000
Maryland Bond	\$115,000
Total	\$230,000

13. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
February 2006	July 2006	April 2006	July 2008

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
commitment from River Crest	20,000	30,000

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)	
Chesapeake Children's Museum 25 Silopanna Rd, Annapolis MD 21403			
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Deborah Wood, Executive Director		410-990-1993	debbie@theccm.org
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			30
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:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
2 p-t	2 f-t	\$110,000	\$250,000
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?			city lease
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
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	

City of Annapolis	3 x 5 years	every 5 years
26. Building Square Footage:		
Current Space GSF		3,000 sq. ft
Space to Be Renovated GSF		2,300 sq. ft.
New GSF		5,300 sq. ft.
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		2006 - 2007
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)		