

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3007	SB697	1394	HB424	Creation of a State Debt – St. Mary's County - St. Mary's College Amphitheater
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Dyson				Del. Bohanan, O'Donnell, and Wood
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
St. Mary's County				\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of the St. Mary's College of Maryland Foundation, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of the St. Mary's College Amphitheater.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the matching fund may consist of in kind contributions. 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>St. Mary's College of Maryland Foundation, Inc.</p> <p>The Foundation was formed in 1972 exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. The specific purposes of the Foundation include, but are not limited to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. receiving contributions, accepting, holding, investing, reinvesting, and administering any gifts, bequests, devices, benefits of trust and property of any sort, without limitations as to the amount of value and using, disbursing, or donating the income, and principal thereof to enhance, improve, promote, and develop the capabilities of the institution of St. Mary's College of Maryland and to benefit that institution, its students and faculty including but not limited to the awarding of grants and the making of loans to the institution, its faculty, employees and students; and 2. doing whatever is deemed necessary, useful, advisable, or conducive, directly or indirectly, to carry out any of the purposes of the Corporation, including the exercise of all other authority enjoyed by corporations generally by virtue of the Code of the State of Maryland. <p>The Corporation is managed by its Board of Directors, comprised of eight elected Directors and the President of St. Mary's College of Maryland who participates ex officio as a non-voting Director.</p>				

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

The Amphitheater project includes a permanent stage, a support building, site improvements, and infrastructure to support the popular, community-supported River Concert Series and other community events at St. Mary's College of Maryland. The project envisions constructing a permanent raised brick stage platform at the west end of the "Green" where the current Summer River Concert Series is staged. The stage will be approximately 90 feet wide by 55 feet deep. A "Saddleback" tent will be procured as part of the project that will cover the permanent stage for River Concerts Series performances and other events at the College, but will be removed and stored when no events are planned. The support building will provide 500 square feet for storage and 500 square feet for a green room and a reception area for visiting artists and speakers.

Site and infrastructure improvements include a brick paved drive around the perimeter of the stage and a loading dock to facilitate access by service vehicles. The brick drive will be enlarged in front of the stage to accommodate an orchestra for plays and opera type venues. Permanent power hookups will be provided at the stage for lighting and sound systems which will continue to be rented as needed for each event. Infrastructure to support control of stage lighting and sound from the audience area of the lawn will be provided as a permanent feature. An electrical generator will be installed to provide emergency egress lighting. An irrigation system will be installed in the lawn seating area to assist in recovery of the lawns from the wear and tear of events.

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	\$0
Design	\$160,000
Construction	\$1,560,000
Equipment	\$180,000
Total	\$1,900,000

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

Source	Amount
State Bond Bill '07	\$500,000
State Bond Bill - future years	\$450,000
St. Mary's County Government	\$250,000
Private Donations	\$700,000
Total	\$1,900,000

13. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
July 06	November 07	May 08	June 09

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	
\$0		37,000		50,000	
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years					
Legislative Session		Amount		Purpose	
None					
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee			Project Address (If Different)		
St. Mary's College of Maryland Foundation, Inc. 18952 E. Fisher Rd. St. Mary's City, MD 20686-3001					
19. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone		Email Address
Charles Jackson, Associate Vice President for Facilities			240-895-4412		ccjackson@smcm.edu
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located					First
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)					
Local Govt.		For Profit		Non Profit	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
22. Grantee Legal Representative			23. If Match Includes Real Property:		
Name:	Salvatore M. Meringolo, Exec. Dir.		Has An Appraisal Been Done?		Yes/No
Phone:	240-895-4282				N/A
Address:			If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
18952 E. Fisher Rd. St. Mary's City, MD 20686-3001					
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site					
Current # of Employees		Projected # of Employees		Projected Operating Budget	
0		0		\$326,000	
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)					
A. Will the grantee <u>own</u> or <u>lease</u> (pick one) the property to be improved?					property owned by St. Mary's College of Md.
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?					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
N/A			
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF			0
Space to Be Renovated GSF			0
New GSF			5,950
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			N/A
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			

This is a county-backed project on land owned by St. Mary's College of Maryland. The applicant is the St. Mary's College of Maryland Foundation. Reflected in Item #24 is the current operating budget for the River Concert Series, which will be reduced by the amount annually expended for staging, tent, and some equipment that is included in this project. Increased use of the facility (see increased number served in #16) will offset these savings, as reflected in the projected budget.

The River Concert Series at St. Mary's College of Maryland provides the citizens of the region with high-quality, professional performances each June-July, enriching cultural offerings while raising the profile of Southern Maryland throughout the state. The impetus for the River Concert Series sprang from the desire to improve the cultural offerings in the region for arrival of new residents affiliated with BRAC-enlarged Patuxent River Naval Air Station. Governor Ehrlich recognized the prominence of the River Concert Series with a 2003 Tourism Impact Award.

The Chesapeake Orchestra, the resident ensemble of the River Concert Series, under the direction of Jeffrey Silberschlag, offers programs designed to reach the broadest possible audiences. Both renowned artists and bright new talents are featured. Concerts are held outdoors in a family-friendly, community-welcoming atmosphere. The Series has become a vital element of community life and a significant tool for economic development in the region. The direct support of corporate sponsors, mostly defense contractors, has also grown from eleven sponsors in 1999 to forty-four sponsors in 2005.

The River Concert Series has evolved into an indispensable cultural event for the region. An amphitheater on the site, the College's Townhouse Green, will provide a permanent home and assure continued growth. In addition, it will allow for expanded programming from April to November to include additional concerts, theater productions, vocal and dance performances, operas, outdoor films, and College academic exercises.