

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
1871	SB434	2189	HB910	Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - The Walters Art Museum
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Jones, et al.				Del. Haynes, et al.
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City				\$600,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$600,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Walters Art Gallery for the acquisition, planning, design, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a building to be used to further expand the museum and provide additional exhibit space.				
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)				
Ranked among the finest museums in the country, the Walters Art Museum is one of only a few to present the history of world civilization from 3500 B.C. through the early 20th century. In 1931, the Museum's founding benefactor, Henry Walters, bequeathed the core collection to the City of Baltimore "for the benefit of the public." Since its opening, the Walters has been a national leader in scholarship, conservation, and education. The mission of the Museum is to bring "art and people together for enjoyment, discovery, and learning. We strive to create a place where people of every background can be touched by art. We are committed to exhibitions and programs that will strengthen and sustain the community." Planning for the long-range future of the Walters includes the development of this new campus on Centre Street.				
10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)				
The Walters' expanded campus will be located on Centre Street between Park Avenue and Cathedral Street. The purchase of the new Centre Street building allows us to phase the project, giving us more flexibility. The expansion will add up to 120,000 square feet to the museum facility for programs and expanded visitor parking. The Walters will develop the campus on land and a building already owned by the Museum.				
The new campus will address our need for expanded space. The campus expansion will be designed to include enlarged exhibition space, both for our growing permanent collections and for major special exhibitions we cannot now adequately handle. Special exhibitions bring masterpieces from around the world to our community. Such shows also bring visitors who, in turn, spend millions of dollars on food, lodging and other related tourist activities. Additional space will be designed to house state-of-the-art laboratories for conservation and technical research, community and education programs, and other museum operations, such as art handling and storage.				
<i>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.</i>				

28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)

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