

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2651	SB629	3368	HB1271	Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County-Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Forehand				Del. Gordon, Barve, and Simmons
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Montgomery County				\$947,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt, the proceeds to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts, Inc. for the construction and capital equipping of a new visual arts center to house the Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts.				
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>Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts (VisArts) develops passion for the visual arts, fosters creative activity, and expands artistic knowledge through exemplary education, exhibition, and community outreach programs serving children and adults. The new 28,000 square feet of space will allow the organization to fulfill its mission by offering 1) arts education classes and workshops, 2) gallery exhibitions in three gallery spaces: professional, community and children's hands-on discovery gallery, 3) studio space for resident artists and 4.) outreach programs targeted to specific populations in the region on and off site.</p> <p>With the creation of a center for the visual arts in Town Center, VisArts will become the premier visual arts destination in the Mid-Atlantic region. The new art center will serve far more children, adults, and artists and enrich the lives of one of the most culturally and economically diverse populations in the nation. The new visual arts center will provide students, residents and visiting artists, and art patrons a state of the art creative venue enabling them to nurture their creativity and realize their artistic potential. In addition a new visual arts center will contribute enormously to the economic growth of the county. The enthusiastic support from private citizens of Montgomery County has helped the center raise over \$954,000 in ten months.</p>				
10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>VisArts facility needs have become critical. The 10,000 square foot space in downtown Rockville was appropriated by the City of Rockville 2004 and torn down to make way for the development of the new Town Center. This, and the fact that the organization had already outgrown its existing space, made the launching of a capital campaign for a new facility imperative. The opportunity to build out and equip 28,000 square feet in the City's new Cultural Arts Building addresses the facility needs and offers the organization exciting possibilities for growth. VisArts new visual art center is projected to serve over 100,000 local residents and even more from around the region. Vis Arts currently employes over 50 part time and 5 full time persons. It is expected that this number will increase substantially with the new space and hiring of new staff to prepare for the new building is already underway.</p>				

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	(City of Rockville-Building) 3,500,000
Design	250,000
Construction	2,100,000
Equipment	1,500,000
Total	\$7,350,000

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

Source	Amount
2006 Maryland State Bond Bill	947,000
Private Donations (as of 12/1/2005)	954,000
2005 MD State Bond Bill	200,000
Montgomery County -request for 2007	1,349,000
Corporate Sector- Pending Requests	200,000
Private Sector Prospects- Pending Requests	200,000
City of Rockville funding external construction	3,500,000
Total	\$7,350,000

13. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
February 2005	December 2005	February 2006	March 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
1,000,000	20,000 at temporary location	. 150,000

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

Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose
1996 Regular Session	150,000	renovation and equipping of Rockville Arts Place for additional classroom and studio space
2005 Regular Session	200,000	construction of new building in Montgomery County

18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee **Project Address (If Different)**

Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts	Rockville Town Center
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19. Contact Name and Title **Contact Phone** **Email Address**

Debra Moser, Executive Director	301-869-8623	execdirector@rockvilleartsplace.org
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20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		17	
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	David De Jong, Esq.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-838-3204		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
25 West Middle Lane Rockville, Maryland 20850			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
55	85	650,000	1,000,000
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?			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?			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 Rockville	20 years	5-5year options	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	10,400		
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	28,000		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)	
The \$1,500,000 requested from Montgomery Country through the Cultural Improvements Grant is a considerable stretch since the present climate is not conducive to significant additional arts funding making State support all the more imperative.	