

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2552	SB826	2550	HB1086	Stone House
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Cecil County Senators				Cecil County Delegation
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Cecil				\$250,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Historic Elk Landing Foundation, Inc. for the repair, renovation, stabilization, and capital equipping of the historic Stone House, located in Elkton.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
None				
8. Special Provisions				
Requiring the grantee to grant and convey a certain easement to the Maryland Historical Trust.				
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone	Email Address
Judge Wilcox			410-392-4444	wilcoxka@dmv.com

10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)

The Historic Elk Landing Foundation's mission and purpose is to preserve the important heritage of Elk Landing by creating a living history museum focused on the Colonial and Federal periods. The mission is to create and perpetuate a world class Foundation guided by sound operating policies, and managed by competent, caring, and cooperative individuals to:

- * Restore, preserve, and recreate the important 18th and 19th Century heritage of the 42 acres at Historic Elk Landing.
- * Engage, inform, and inspire visitors about the events that occurred there, and how these events were instrumental in shaping our nation.

Since its inception just 7 years ago, the Foundation has worked diligently to raise money for restoration of the site. It has gained over 200 members, and has raised over one million dollars. In 2002, the Maryland Legislature invested \$200,000 from a bond bill to complete a phase of restoration on the Hollingsworth House (white house). The entire first floor has been restored to its 1850s grandeur. In addition to a new paint completion that matches period colors, a new electrical system was installed, and the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system was replaced. It's now time for the Foundation to turn its focus towards the Stone House, which is in immediate need of help. Armed with a \$60,000 grant from the Town of Elkton made in 2006, the Foundation is able to match an earlier grant (\$50,000) awarded by the Maryland Historical Trust and has begun an engineering study as well as a scope of work in preparation for stabilizing the Stone House, the first step in the house's restoration for the enjoyment and education of generations to come.

The Foundation currently hosts a variety of public events and educational activities, such as Defender's Day, British Invasion Day, First Saturday of the Month House and Grounds tours, a quarterly lecture series, colonial music, historic re-enactments, Vintage Base Ball, and private tours for the Cecil Community College history students.

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

The Historic Elk Landing Foundation is requesting financial assistance to begin the stabilization process on the long road toward restoration of the stone building that was once the site of a trading post, tavern, and home. In 2000 a temporary stabilization was completed, and now its critical that additional work is accomplished to save the building and its heritage.

Rebuilding this historical structure is part of the Elk Landing Foundation's "10 Year Plan". Through interpretive programs relating the history of Elkton, and the contributions of Cecil County to the birth of our nation, the Foundation will be able to convey important heritage to generations of interested locals and visitors.

Diary entries of a young man, later known as Judge Sample, tell us about his time as a youth living in the Stone House when the British invaded in 1813. Though the redcoats burned Frenchtown and Principio, the quick thinking citizens of Head of Elk took action just off the shores of Elk Landing, in view of the house, by stretching a barrier across the water to keep them from getting to Head of Elk.

The Foundation wants to tell the many stories such as the one above, and demonstrate to people locally and regionally why the events and ancestors who lived and worked at Elk Landing are important. But there is more work to be done than telling the stories, and showing people what life was like...what cooking was like...what militia drills were like. There are tourism dollars to be generated for Elkton, Cecil County, and the State of Maryland. We want to bring people to the area to visit Elk Landing, eat in our restaurants, shop in our retail shops, and sleep in our hotels. In short, we want to partner with the legislature to make our vision a reality, and for your bond bill dollars to be an investment on a return. A bond bill of \$250,000 would enable the Foundation to accomplish critically important work on this historic Stone House, to enrich our visitors, and enhance our economy.

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.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	n/a
Design	\$87,500
Construction	\$162,500
Equipment	n/a
Total	\$250,000

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

Source	Amount
Bond Bill Request	\$250,000

Total		\$250,000	
14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
07/07	09/07	11/07	11/08
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2007	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
\$1,240,000	1600	3000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2002	\$200,000	A stage of restoration for the Hollingsworth House (white house)	
2002	\$50,000	Maryland Historic Trust	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Historic Elk Landing Foundation		Post Office Box #277/Elkton, Maryland 21922	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		36th	
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:	Leonard Wilson	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-398-5111		n/a
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
149 East Main Street Elkton, Maryland 21921			
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	1 part time starting in 2007	\$15,000	
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?			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	
Town of Elkton	99 years		
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	2,000 plus basement		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	2,000		
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		2007/2008	
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			