

State of Maryland

2010 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr3479	sb1027	lr3533	hb1492	Port Discovery
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Klausmeier				Krysiak
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City			\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Children's Museum, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of Port Discovery, to include replacing windows, construction of permanent exhibits, replacing the roof, and reconfiguring the stairways and doorways to improve the flow of traffic through the museum.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Bryn Parchmand		410-864-2654	bparchman@portdiscovery.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>Port Discovery Children's Museum provides a safe, fun, and nurturing place where all children and families can learn and play together through experiences that ignite imagination, inspire learning, and nurture growth through play. The Museum plays a vital role in providing "play to learn" experiences that lay the groundwork not only for academic success but also for lifelong learning. With an annual attendance of approximately 250,000 and a total attendance of over 2.8 million visitors over the past 11 years, Port Discovery ranks in the top ten of over 300 children's museums in the country and is one of the most visited family destinations in the Baltimore area. Port Discovery is truly distinctive in Maryland because it focuses entirely on children from birth to age ten and offers age-appropriate activities designed to awaken each child's imagination, creativity, and talents. All of the Museum's exhibits and programs correlate to Maryland's curriculum standards. Museum services include structured school visits, state-subsidized admissions for school groups, after-school programs, free and low-cost community-based programs, and family memberships.</p>				

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit Length to Visible area)

Port Discovery Children's Museum's Green Renovation Project is being implemented over a 10-year period with a final goal of LEED certification in 2017. The Museum is housed in the Fish Market Building, a 102 year old building that requires additional planning and upkeep due to its historic qualities. The project is divided up into six parts. The Museum is currently designing Phase 1 projects and constructing and installing them. These include: a new HVAC system (to be completed in FY2012); the expansion and redesign of the Museum's infant-toddler exhibit (to be completed in FY2011); and the weatherization of the Museum's entrance including the replacement of lobby doors (to be completed in FY2011).

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (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	
Design	\$100,000
Construction	\$450,000
Equipment	\$50,000
Total	\$600,000

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

Source	Amount
State Bond Bill (pending)	\$250,000
City Bond Bill (pending)	\$200,000
Private Sources (pending)	\$150,000
Total	\$600,000

14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
July 2010	December 2010	March 2011	September 2012
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised		16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
20,000		250000	260000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2009	\$325,000	Green Building Project	
2007/2008	\$325,000	Green Building Project & Capital Improvements	
2005/2006	\$650,000	Capital Improvements	
1994 - 2000	\$8,450,000	Conversion/Renovation of Fish Market Building to Children's Museum	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Baltimore Childrens Museum Inc 35 Market Place Baltimore, MD 21202		Same	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			46
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:	Mark Pollak	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-528-5563		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Ballard Spahr Andrews & Ingersoll, LLP 300 East Lombard Street, 18th Floor Baltimore, MD 21202			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
90	90	\$3,250,000	\$3,350,000
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?			
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?			
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 Baltimore	49 years, expiring in 2047	Two 25-year renewal options	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	80,000		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	80,000		
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1998

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

Port Discovery Children's Museum is committed to the development of Maryland's children by providing experiences that ignite imagination, inspire learning, and nurture growth through play. This forward thinking mission requires the Museum to think in terms of the long-term health of its visitors. The green renovation project is one of several programs that support this focus. The project also increases the safety and health of its visitors through Phase 1 projects. In addition, the greening of the building will positively impact the environment, supporting broad-based initiatives to make Maryland a safer, healthier, and greener state.

The Museum's role as a learning and cultural institutions uniquely positions it to leverage the renovations to increase educational, cultural, and recreational opportunities for children. Over the course of the ten-year initiative, over 2.6 million people will visit the Museum. Signage will be created throughout the Museum explaining the renovations and how they promote sustainability. Sustainability and green development will also be featured in programs related to STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) and health. The Museum will also leverage its highly visible location on President Street to promote green building to the millions of commuters that pass by it each year.