

State of Maryland

2010 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr1980	sb0389	lr1981	hb0428	Oakland B&O Museum
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Edwards				Beitzel
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Garrett County			\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Oakland for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Oakland B&O Museum.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Asa M. McCain		301-334-2569	mr_mcmayor@cebridge.net	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>Our organization exists in the form of a committee put together by representatives of the Mayor and Town Council of Oakland. The committee consists of representatives from key community businesses and organizations. The committee has been charged with raising \$1.5 million, \$500,000 of which will be used to adapt our 1884 railroad station to be able to receive exhibits from the B&O museum as well as the Smithsonian Institution. This endeavor is the final step in revitalizing our community's Main Street by attracting a consistent flow of students and visitors to our downtown area. Even with the current economic downturn, we have been able to save our 175 business association members by having individual events, such as our Winterfest and Wonderful Wednesdays program. Being a Main Street community has made these types of events possible, thus saving our business base. To grow more jobs, we need to develop activities that occur throughout the week. Developing our museum complex, which already has four venues, will draw events such as tour busses, elder hostiles, and school destinations. Showcasing our rich history will bring our community new life thus creating additional jobs.</p>				

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

The project consists of developing a railroad museum out of our historic 1884 railroad station. The square footage of the train station is 2,500. We will be adding air conditioning, humidity controls, ultra-violet light filters and upgrading the heating and security systems, which will allow us to take advantage of the latest developments in green technology. Once this is completed, we will be ready to develop permanent exhibits as well as ones that will circulate from the B&O Museum and the Smithsonian. We plan to hire a curator and two assistants. The staff will develop lessons about our history, among them Garrett County Playground of the Presidents, Gateway to the West, the last one being the railroad's part in the Civil War. The project will open up a venue for week long elder hostel programs, charter bus tours, special passenger trains and school field trips. It is expected that 10,000 will visit the station in its first year of operation. The economic impact of 10,000 to Oakland station is \$1.5 million. Through its affiliation with the B&O museum, Oakland's offering will go out to 15,000 additional households. The increase traffic brought about by the museum, will require additional employees and inventory leading to new businesses.

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	\$45,000
Construction	\$290,000
Equipment	\$165,000
Total	\$500,000

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

Source	Amount
Bond Bill	\$200,000
Federal Earmark Funds	\$200,000
Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP)	\$100,000
Total	\$500,000

14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
July 2010	January 2011	March 2011	October 2011
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
		closed at present time	20,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Mayor and Town Council of Oakland 15 South Third Street Oakland, MD 21550			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			1A
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Robert E. Watson	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-334-2344		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
300 E. Alder Street Oakland, MD 21550			

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	3	\$20,000	\$87,000
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?			Owns
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
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	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	3,250		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	2,500		
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1884

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)