

State of Maryland

2011 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr2458	sb0378	lr1867	hb0464	National Aquarium Capital Infrastructure
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Ferguson			Clippinger	
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 National Aquarium in Baltimore, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of capital infrastructure projects at the National Aquarium.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of 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	
Mark Yost		410-986-2387	MYost@aqua.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The National Aquarium in Baltimore (NAIB) has been operating as a public attraction since 1981. Its facilities span Piers 3 and 4 in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. NAIB is the anchor tenant of the Inner Harbor and a major tourist attraction for the Baltimore metropolitan area, bringing in over 1.4 million visitors to the downtown area.</p>				

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

30 years of salt water, humidity in a concrete environment has caused considerable deterioration to occur. In order to maintain the viability of the National Aquarium as a key tourist destination in Maryland, various infrastructure components of the facility must be updated, renovated and/or replaced. These projects will also bring the aging facility into compliance with current State codes. The National Aquarium has proposed as multi-phase/year effort to accomplish this goal. During FY2012, the National Aquarium proposes various infrastructure projects, the main one being the renovation/replacement of the central exhibit: The Ray Tray. This exhibit is central to the Aquarium's original building and is the exhibit that the public first encounters upon entering the Aquarium. Deterioration of the Ray Tray has caused failures in the concrete structure requiring redesign and replacement.

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	\$800,000
Construction	\$4,300,000
Equipment	\$1,500,000
Total	\$6,600,000

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

Source	Amount
State of Maryland Capital Grant	\$250,000
National Aquarium Operating Revenue	\$3,500,000
Private Donors	\$2,850,000
Total	\$6,600,000

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
7/1/2011	9/1/2012	9/1/2012	5/1/2013
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
\$3,500,000		1.45 Million	1.6 Million
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
1996	\$750,000	infrastructure improvements	
2006	\$1,500,000	Center for Aquatic Life and Conservation (CALC)	
2009	\$1,500,000	Infrastructure Improvements (moved CALC money to this project)	
2010	\$3,500,000	Infrastructure Improvements	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
National Aquarium in Baltimore, Inc.		501 East Pratt Street Baltimore, MD 21202	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	46 - Eastern Baltimore City		
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:	Bruce Hoffberger	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-576-3823		N/A
Address:	If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
501 East Pratt Street 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
700	700	\$35 Million	\$35 Million
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?			N/A
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	
City of Baltimore	Until 2049	5 automatic ten year renewals	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	375,694		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	15,000		
New GSF	0		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1981

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)