

State of Maryland

2012 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project
lr1996	sb0275	lr2037	hb0302	Ocean City Center for the Arts
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Mathias				Conway
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Worcester County			\$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 Art League of Ocean City Inc. for the renovation and reconstruction of the Ocean City Center for the Arts.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of in kind contributions.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Rina Thaler		(410) 524-9433	rfox386@aol.com	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The purpose of the Art League of Ocean City is to promote the visual arts in the Ocean City area through art education and instruction, art exhibitions, scholarship programs, and community art events.</p> <p>The organization is a 501c3 non profit, serving all ages of the community including children, teens, adults, and senior citizens. The organization is supported by the membership dues of it's approximately 400 individual and business sponsors. All activities are open to the public, and many are provided free of charge.</p> <p>The organization partners with other non profits, and assists the Town of Ocean City in special events such as Arts Alive and Springfest.</p> <p>The vision of the organization is to provide a regional center for all forms of art that promotes, stimulates, inspires, encourages and provides for the creation, sharing, appreciation and enjoyment of arts for all members of the community, offered in a spacious and functional upgraded facility.</p>				

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

The project is to construct a 7,500 sq ft multi level facility which will encompass dedicated classroom space for art instruction, two art gallery spaces that can accommodate a variety of exhibits, a pottery studio with potter wheels and kiln, and a community room where people can gather for meetings, lectures, dance classes, films, and other purposes.

Also included in the building are four artists studio spaces where working artists can have a place to produce and display their artwork.

In addition an artist in residence studio will be on premise, where artists can use the space to produce a body of work which engages the community on a short term basis. There will also be computer workstations for the instruction of digital art and graphic design. An art library for children and adults will be featured, as well as office space, a warming kitchen, and much needed storage space.

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	0
Design	\$64,000
Construction	\$800,000
Equipment	\$450,000
Total	\$1,314,000

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

Source	Amount
Art League contribution (from past fundraisers)	\$200,000
Town of Ocean City contribution	\$600,000
State bond bill	\$250,000
Capital Campaign (already raised)	\$34,000
Capital Campaign (future donations)	\$230,000
Total	\$1,314,000

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
10/1/2011	12/15/2011	3/15/2012	12/1/2012
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
234,000		20,000	80,000
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)	
Art League of Ocean City P.O. Box 3503 Ocean City, MD 21843		502 94th Street Ocean City, MD 21842	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	38B - Wicomico and Worcester Counties		
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:	James Almand Esq	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	(410)723-1400		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
6200 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD 21842			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
1	5	82,000	135,000
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	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	1,200sqft		
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	7,481sqft		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

Property is owned by the Town of Ocean City. New structure to be leased and managed by the non profit Art League of Ocean City. Building to be named Ocean City Center for the Arts.

This is the only art related structure in the entire Ocean City area, and will be the center of cultural activities for the community, and provide many economic benefits for the town. There is no duplication of services in the area, in fact, there is a lack of other cultural opportunities in the Ocean City area.

Art inspires, educates and empowers people to think creatively and be their most productive selves. Children who have been exposed to the arts perform better in school, and have higher self esteem.

This facility will be the cornerstone of culture in the Town of Ocean City, and will expose the public to a diverse range of art activities that they cannot find anywhere else in Worcester County, thereby enhancing the quality of life for the residents.

The new structure will be ADA compliant, and will be multi functional in purpose. In addition, programming will be offered to every age group and costs are kept at a minimum so that all economic segments can be reached.

Educational opportunities for youth include: art instruction, school field trips, youth art exhibits, scholarships for high school students wishing to pursue a degree in the arts, and a summer art camp.

Educational and recreational opportunities will be provided to the growing retirement population including: art workshops, exhibitions, lecture and film series, as well as opportunities to volunteer in a meaningful way.

In conclusion, the new Ocean City Center for the Arts is vital to the economic growth and sustainability of our community. The benefits that will be realized from the project far outway the costs, and the project will enhance the brand of the resort, and the quality of life for the year round population.