

# State of Maryland

## 2012 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR #      Bill #		House LR #      Bill #		2. Name of Project
lr2377	sb0305	lr3112	hb0672	Port Discovery
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Ferguson			McHale	
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, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of the Port Discovery Children's 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 Parchman, President and CEO		410-864-2654	bparchman@portdiscovery.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>Port Discovery provides a safe, fun, and nurturing place where children and families can learn and play together. Through its mission to connect purposeful play and learning, the Museum is an educational resource for families and educators throughout the State. The Museum plays a vital role in providing play-to-learn experiences that lay the groundwork for academic success and for life-long learning. With annual attendance of over 260,000 and total attendance of over 3 million since opening, 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 because it focuses entirely on children from birth to age 10 and offers age-appropriate activities designed to awaken each child's imagination, creativity, and talents. All of the Museum's curriculum-based exhibits and programs correlate to Maryland's educational reform standards. Museum services include structured school visits, state-subsidized admissions for school groups, after-school programs, free and low-cost community-based programs, family memberships, corporate memberships, overnights, catered events, and general admission.</p>				

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

Port Discovery Children's Museum's Renovation Project is being implemented over a 10-year period, with a final goal of LEED certification in 2017. The project is divided into six parts: 1) LEED Assessment and Strategy Development (2008); 2) Design of Phase 1 Projects (2008-10); 3) Construction/Installation of Phase 1 Projects (2009-12); 4) Design of Phase 2 Projects (2012-14); 5) Construction/Installation of Phase 2 Projects (2013-16); and 6) Final LEED Assessment (2017).

We are currently finalizing construction/installation of Phase 1 Projects, including but not limited to: replacement of the roof; installation of a new generator; improved visitor amenities; improved exterior door and vestibule; more efficient and effective interior lighting; creation of an outdoor activity/exhibit space; and the installation of new exhibit spaces. Phase 2 projects will be developed by the Museum based on the recommendations of its architect and building advisory committee. Each of these capital projects will be designed to move the museum toward its long-term goal of LEED certification.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	
<b>Design</b>	\$125,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$225,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$150,000
<b>Total</b>	\$500,000

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

Source	Amount
Requested 2012 State Funding	\$250,000
Baltimore City Bond Bill	\$65,000
The Wright Family Foundation	\$20,000
Maryland Grain Producers Utilization Board	\$30,000
Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation	\$10,000
Maryland Egg Council	\$10,000
Private funding (pending)	\$115,000
<b>Total</b>	\$500,000

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
Underway	June 2012	July 2012	September 2013
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>		<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>	<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>
\$60,000		262,000	270,000
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2010	\$100,000	Capital improvements; construction of new exhibits	
2009	\$325,000	Capital improvements	
2008	\$200,000	Capital improvements	
1996-2007	\$6,225,000	Original conversion/renovation of Fish Market Building to children's museum; additional capital improvements	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Baltimore Children's Museum, Inc. 35 Market Place Baltimore, MD 21202		Same	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	46 - Eastern Baltimore City		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Mark Pollak	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	410.528.5563		
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
Ballard Spahr LLP 300 East Lombard Street, 18th Floor Baltimore, MD 21202			

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
75	75	\$3,396,418	\$3,467,000
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Lease
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
City of Baltimore	48 years, expiring in 2047	Two 25-year renewal options	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	80,000		
<b>Space to Be Renovated GSF</b>	80,000		
<b>New GSF</b>			
<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>			1998

**28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)**

Port Discovery is located in the old Fish Market, a 104 year-old building in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. The age and historic nature of the building requires significant planning and maintenance to ensure the protection and upkeep of the building, as well as the health and safety of our 262,000 annual visitors. Additionally, each of the capital projects included in this project will be designed, constructed, and operated in a mode that moves the Museum toward its long-term goal of LEED certification. This project will also support the Museum's goals by increasing "play-to-learn" exhibits and opportunities for young children in their formative years, ages birth to ten.

The effects and benefits of coming to Port Discovery are as diverse as the experience. Parents who visit Port Discovery experience the joy of learning through play with their children and learn new ways to use educational play with their children beyond the visit. Children who visit Port Discovery better understand themselves, have improved interactions with and understanding of others, and increase their knowledge of and connection to the world around them. Children who come to Port Discovery are exposed to a range of concepts, ideas, and subjects that support their learning in more structured environments. Visitors to port Discovery plan with diverse groups from different economic, social, religious, and cultural backgrounds. In addition, children are exposed to the arts and physical activity, two areas that are often the first to be cut from the public school system. Here at port Discovery, children of all socioeconomic levels, races and abilities participate together in a variety of developmentally appropriate experiences designed to promote the physical, social, and intellectual growth and well-being of our youngest citizens.

Finally, Port Discovery plays a significant role in establishing positive quality of life for families in Maryland, as well promoting the State economy as a prime destination for visitors.