

State of Maryland

2012 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr3140	sb1026	lr3138	hb1378	Allegany Museum
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Edwards				Allegany County Delegation
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Allegany County				\$350,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$350,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Allegany Museum, Inc. for the design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of the Allegany Museum.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Victor Rezendes		(301) 722-2111	rezendesv@msn.com	
Joseph Weaver		(301) 777-2742	jhw339@juno.com	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The Allegany Museum is a private, non-profit (501-C-3) organization that is staffed entirely by volunteers. Purpose: to operate a museum that focuses on the history of Allegany County and the surrounding region. The museum owns a 50,570 sq. ft. building adjacent to Canal Place, and is located on the second floor of that building. Long term plans call for the transformation of the first and second floors into museum space and the addition of a new main entrance in the rear of the building. The museum's goal is create a first class museum that will:1. Add a major attraction to the Canal Place Complex.2. Preserve, study, and interpret the history of the region.3. Provide a resource and facility for the community.</p>				

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

This project has four goals:

1. Replacement of existing exterior windows and doors. Existing doors and windows are over 30 years old, are inefficient, and have deteriorated extensively. Old windows and doors are to be removed and replaced with ones that are modern and energy-efficient.
2. Installation of a camera security system. Existing security consists of locked doors only. Security cameras are to be installed at exterior doors and at strategic points throughout the museum and the building, including basement and 4th floor storage areas.
3. Installation of a humidity control system. Humidity control is essential for storage and display of historical artifacts. A humidity control system is to be installed throughout the entire building.
4. Renovation of 25% of the first floor and its transformation into museum display space. The project includes removal of drop ceiling and drywall partitions, installation of display bays, appropriate electrical systems, appropriate floor covering, lighting fixtures, and plastering. The display space is to be configured so that exhibits and exhibit spaces can be easily changed.

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	\$43,750
Construction	\$656,250
Equipment	
Total	\$700,000

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

Source	Amount
Maryland	\$350,000
Museum Cash	\$100,000
Federal Grants	\$150,000
Private Foundations	\$50,000
Local Donations	\$50,000
Total	\$700,000

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
June 1, 2012	November 1, 2012	January 2, 2013	December 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
\$68,000		10,318	15,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2008	\$50,000	2nd Floor Renovation	
2009	\$ 225,000	2nd Floor Renovation	
2010	\$150,000	1st and 2nd Floor Renovation	
2011	\$150,000	Sprinkler System & 1st Floor Renovation	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Allegany Museum 3 Pershing Street Cumberland, MD 21502		Joseph H. Weaver 827 Buckingham Road Cumberland, MD 21502	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	1C - Allegany and Washington 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:	John J. McMullen, Jr.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-777-1515		Yes
Address:	If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
2 Prospect Square Cumberland, MD 21502	February 28, 2010	\$1,800,000	
	March 5, 2009	\$1,800,000	
	Purchase Offer, Spring, 2006	\$2,000,000	

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	6	\$130,391	\$131,500
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?			Own
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?			Yes
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
Board of Ed.	6-30-2012	\$11,364/yr.	3800
Amos	Open	\$2760/yr.	250
Peskin	Open	\$1800/yr.	300
Maryland (DNR, Dept. of Ag., Administrative Hearings, Child Care)	10-3-2013	\$126,837/yr.	8819
Cafe	11-14-2012	\$4400/yr.	500
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	50,750		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	3,150		
New GSF	50,570		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1932-1933

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

HISTORY The Allegany Museum began in 1983 as a community group formed to save Cumberland's remaining railroad station and to preserve the region's history. At a crucial point in the development of Canal Place, the organization donated its RR station to Canal Place Authority, which allowed the project to go forward. In 1999, the Museum purchased the former Post Office/ Courthouse building at 3 Pershing Street with the idea of turning it into a first class museum. Between 2000 and 2009, the organization operated its building at 3 Pershing Street as a rental business. With this income, it made major repairs, kept the tenants happy, paid off the mortgage, and accumulated a cash surplus. In addition, building income paid for the operation of a museum at another location. In eight years, an initial investment of \$150,000.00 was turned into an asset worth \$1,800,000.00 that is owned outright. Throughout its existence, the museum has been a grassroots effort, staffed entirely by volunteers. The current core group includes some 90 people. There are no paid employees. Volunteers have managed the building at 3 Pershing Street and successfully operated a museum in the heart of Cumberland. A substantial collection of artifacts has been accumulated almost exclusively by donations.

PROGRESSIn late 2010, the first step in the renovation of 3 Pershing Street was completed with the refurbishing of the second floor. Occupation of the new space brought a boost to the museum. Visitation, especially by tourists, increased; community involvement increased; special exhibits and special programs were developed; there was an increase in visits by class trips. Bond Bill funds made it all possible. The master plan calls for the entire building to be renovated and the first two floors turned into museum space. The project is divided into steps that are completed as funds become available. Work is currently under way on the installation of a sprinkler system and renovation of part of the first floor. This year's project calls for the replacement of windows and exterior doors, the installation of a camera-based security system, the installation of a humidity control system, and the renovation of 25% of the first floor.

FUNDINGOperating expenses continue to be met with building income and donations. For capital projects, all possible funding sources are being tapped, including state, federal, private foundation, corporate and local sources. The overall project is expensive. State funding at this crucial juncture is vital to keep the project moving.