

State of Maryland

2014 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project
lr2085	sb0770	lr3077	hb0989	Firemen's Heritage Museum
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Dyson			Wood	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
St. Mary's 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 Board of Directors of the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Firemen's Heritage 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	
Thomas Mattingly		301-481-7702	tammsfa@bellatlantic.net	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department is the oldest organized fire department in St. Mary's County. The existing VFD, chartered as a non-profit on March 19, 1928, has records of service dating back into the 1890's. There purpose is to provide fire prevention and fire protection to St. Mary's County and in particular to the Leonardtown fire district. We also respond to request for service to other jurisdictions throughout Maryland. The organization is managed and operated by all volunteer personnel and consist of approximately 65 members. Primary funding is provided by a fire tax appropriation from the county government and additional funding from fundraising events, hall rental and donations. This project is required due to the need for additional space to meet the needs of the increased demands and to preserve and share the history of the development of the volunteer fire service in Southern Maryland. This project will be a one of a kind for Maryland and will assist the region in promoting tourism and the regions history.</p>				

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

The funds will be used for the construction of a museum building that will allow for the permanent preservation of the historic 1930s vintage Allen Herschell Carousel, a 1937 restored Seagrave fire engine and tell the story of the role they have played in the development of today's modern fire service throughout Southern Maryland. The project plan is to construct a 4200 sq. ft. building on property owned by the Leonardtown Vol. Fire Dept. The project is located in downtown Leonardtown and the carousel has operated on this site for 60 years after 12 years of traveling to various locations in Southern Maryland and Prince Georges Co. The carousel was purchased by the fire department in 1941 and operated on the village green for 12 years along with its traveling show. The restored fire engine was purchased in 1937 and completely restored in 2003. The proceeds from the travel carnival provided fundraising for most of the organized fire departments of that time as well as local county fairs which started in 1947. The addition of this museum will have a positive impact on the efforts of the Leonardtown government to expand its Arts and Entertainment district, promote tourism and support opportunities for local small business growth.

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	\$50,000
Construction	\$670,000
Equipment	
Total	\$720,000

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

Source	Amount
State Bond Bill	\$200,000
County Appropriation	\$200,000
MHAA Grant	\$41,000
Community Parks & Playground via Leonardtown Govt.	\$100,000
cash and in kind	\$179,000
Total	\$720,000

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
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
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
		No facility at this time	5000+
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
None			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. 22733 Lawrence Avenue P.O. Box 50 Leonardtown, Md. 20650		across from legal address, no street address assigned by State Assessment office or county/town	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	29A - Charles and St. Mary's Counties		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Gary S. Bell, President	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-475-8996		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
P.O.Box 50 Leonardtown, Md. 20650			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
65 volunteers	65 volunteers	574363.00	600000.00
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?			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			
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	4690 Sq. Ft.		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		2015/2016 New construction	

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

Project preliminary plans have been developed. The project is directed at the revitalization efforts in Leonardtown, preserving the historic carousel and generating both economic and increased tourism for Leonardtown and St. Marys County. According to information from the National Carousel Association, there are only six complete carousels in Maryland and only five on active display and operational. We currently own the property on which the construction will take place. We own the carousel and it is complete and operational. We have not bid the project but have obtained one estimate of the cost per square foot. We do not expect any direct jobs to be created since the operation will be done by volunteers but it is expected that the attraction of the carousel will benefit the general business community within Leonardtown as they develop their arts district and Target Investment Zone designation. Contacts and presentation of the project proposal have been made to the National Carousel Association, County Government, Leonardtown Mayor, Delegate John Wood and several business leaders within the community.

The project will have a useful life of over fifteen years and the estimate cost of the project is \$720,000.00. There are currently many special events that will benefit from the museum as well as the opportunity to expand the tourism business which will create more economic growth for Leonardtown Business Association.

The project is only for the construction of the museum part of the building and not the fire department related area of the total project. Those funds would come from our fire tax appropriation or other loans.

We intend to pursue a number of funding sources including other grants and a local community fundraising campaign.

This project is located in the municipal limits of Leonardtown, St. Marys County, Maryland. The project clearly meets the category of unique projects. As mentioned, there are only six such carousels in Maryland with only five being displayed. Two of them are in Ocean City, one in Glen Echo, one in Watkins Park, one in Wheaton and one in storage in Baltimore. This particular machine has traveled extensively throughout Southern Maryland and Prince Georges counties during its twelve years on the road in the 1940s and 50s and enjoyed by tens of thousands during its sixty-five plus years of operation.

There are no firm commitments from local or county governments as of this time. Additional sources will be determined as they move through their budget process which is not complete until July 1. These requests are applied for in this year's budget. Other requests for funding are also being processed through various sources.

As mentioned, the Leonardtown Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. currently owns the property on which the project is going to be constructed.

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