

State of Maryland

2014 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project	
		lr1813	hb0644	Historical Society of Harford County Facility Restoration	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors	
				James	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount		
Harford 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 Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Historical Society of Harford County Facility.</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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone		Email Address	
Maryanna Skowronski		4108387691		directorhshc@verizon.net	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)					
<p>The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. collects, preserves, promotes and interprets the rich and diverse history of the Harford County area in its regional context from its prehistoric origins to the present for the education and enjoyment of current and future generations. Its motto is Preserving Our Past for Your Future.</p>					

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

The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. is in the midst of a historic preservation project designed to repair and restore the Society's headquarters building, a 1937 Work Progress Administration structure, originally built as the Bel Air Post Office. The building now serves the community as a research facility, museum and community resource, housing county records dating back to early 1700s, historic artifacts, photographs and art work tracing the growth and development of the county and its residents from their colonial roots to current day events. The building is also used as a meeting place for numerous community programs/events and contains a unique library, genealogical resource and exhibit area featuring hieroglyphic stones from traced to the earliest Native American inhabitants.

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	\$20,000
Construction	\$478,000
Equipment	0
Total	\$498,000

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

Source	Amount
Bond Bill request	\$200,000
Community Development Block Grant	\$75,000
Dresher Foundation Grant	\$25,000
Town of Bel Air Grant	\$10,000
Harford County	\$15,000
Private Contributions	\$75,000
Event /fundraisers	\$25,000
Cash Reserves	\$18,000
In Kind contributions	\$30,000
Bel Air Community Foundation Grant	\$25,000
Total	\$498,000

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
4/17/2013	8/27/2013	3/3/2014	6/30/2015
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
		3000	3000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
HB1404 1998	\$150,000	Construct replica historic kitchen addition to the Historic Hays House Museum.	
Maryland Hist. Trust	\$50,000	Relocation and Restoration Historic Aberdeen B&O Train Station	
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19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. 143 N. Main Street Bel Air, MD 21014		Same	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	34A - Southern Harford County		
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:	Richard G. Herbig	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-638-4723		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
143 N. Main Street Bel air, MD 21014			

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	1	\$120,440	\$121,000
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?			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	7,000		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	7,000		
New GSF	0		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		1937 and 1962 (addition)	

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc. is the oldest local historical society in the State of Maryland. Active almost continuously since its founding in 1885, the Society lead a vagabond existence moving from site to site until finding its present permanent headquarters in what was once the Town of Bel Air's United States Post Office.

The Works Project Administration building was given to the Society and is now owned by the organization. However, 75 years have taken a toll on the building and major repairs are necessary in order to protect the integrity of the Society's collections and to provide a healthy environment for both its volunteer workers and the general public.

Despite its location in the county seat, the Society is the home of the history of the entire county. It houses well over 15,000 photographic images. With the blessing of the State Archives it is the caretaker of the county's court documents dating back to the late 1700s. The collection also consists of an extensive library of resource materials and innumerable original handwritten and unpublished one of a kind documents.

The Society provides programming on a wide variety of topics and publishes the highly lauded, Harford Historical Bulletin. Through its resources the Society has been able to provide information to private individuals, businesses and other institutions. Over the years the Society has worked in partnership with Harford Community College, the Harford County Public Schools system and the Harford County Public Library system, providing materials and information for major public exhibitions as well as academic internship opportunities for both high school and university students.

Through its living history museum, the Hays House, the Society has been able to work with both elementary and secondary school students, presenting a hands on look at life in the Colonial and post-Colonial eras.

Through its website, which includes an extensive on-line catalog, and more recently through social media the Society is able to assist researchers throughout the country. It is also frequently visited on site by out of state scholars and researchers bringing in tourism dollars and through its fine service it adds to the reputation of both Harford County and the state.

The funds requested will be used to ensure that the Society's headquarters will be repaired and made secure in order to protect, preserve and to present the history of Harford County and its adjacent neighbors for many years to come.