

State of Maryland

2014 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project	
		lr2324	hb0648	Havre de Grace Opera House Renovation	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors	
				James	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount		
Harford 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 Mayor and City Council of the City of Havre de Grace for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Havre de Grace Opera House.</p>					
7. Matching Fund					
Requirements:		Type:			
Equal		The matching fund may consist of 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	
Carolyn Sweet		4109391800		carolyns@havredegracemd.com	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)					
<p>The City of Havre de Grace is a municipal government, and as such, seeks to provide adequate infrastructure and quality of life for its citizens. The historic Opera House, a City owned building is underutilized due to lack of ADA accessibility and safety issues. As a public facility, the funding of this project will allow the City to preserve a historic asset and bring the building into full use. The City of Havre de Grace has the following State Designations: Historic District, Arts and Entertainment District, Main Street District, Sustainable Community, and Maryland Heritage Area. As part of the statewide Smart Growth effort, the City sees the Opera House renovation as an opportunity to reinvest in our existing infrastructure to bolster the local economy.</p>					

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

The Opera House Renovation Project consists of the renovation of the first and second floor of the historic City owned Opera House building, and the building of an addition for the purposes of housing an elevator. The entire building will be made ADA compliant and bring all safety standards up to code (over 9,000 square feet of new and renovated space).

In its current state the Opera House building is only used by one performing arts group because it prohibits those with special needs or disabilities to participate in the arts or otherwise using the building.

The end result of the renovations will be a completely refurbished second floor theater which is ADA accessible and allow far greater usage of space and increased guest capacity. The first floor space will be mixed use theater support space and include a box office, dressing rooms, additional performance a multipurpose space that will support a number of day and night-time uses for the arts and business community. The new facility will serve dozens of organizations, including the youth and those with special needs in Harford, Cecil and Baltimore Counties.

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	\$193,000
Construction	\$2,824,000
Equipment	
Total	\$3,017,000

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

Source	Amount
City of Havre de Grace 2012 Budget(100% Complete)	\$193,000
Harford County 2013 Budget (100% Committed)	\$250,000
City of Havre de Grace 2013 (100% Committed)	\$250,000
State Bond Bill 2013 (100% Committed)	\$250,000
2014 Maryland State Bond Bill (Proposed)	\$250,000
Harford County 2014 Budget (Proposed)	\$250,000
City of Havre de Grace 2014 & 2015 Budget (Proposed)	\$500,000
CDBG Federal Funding (100% Committed)	\$120,000
Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway 2014 & 2015	\$200,000
DHCD Community Legacy (Requested)	\$250,000
Fundraising/Capital Campaign Opera House Foundation	\$504,000
Total	\$3,017,000

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
7/1/2012	12/1/2013	4/1/2015	4/1/2016
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
\$15,000		4300	20,000+
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2013 HB 571	\$250,000	Opera House Renovation	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
City of Havre de Grace		121 North Union Avenue Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078	
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:	Mr. Paul Ishak	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-879-2222		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Stark and Keenan Associates 30 Office Street Bel Air, Maryland 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
0	1	\$28,000	\$59,000
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	7052		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	7052		
New GSF	2156		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1870

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

Highlighted benefits of the renovated facility include:

Provide the only public theater and fine arts space in Havre de Grace for the use of a multitude of community groups and organizations

Increase opportunities for the youth to participate in theater and other live arts programs

Increase the seating capacity from 130 seats to nearly 200 seats

Provide ADA accessibility to the theater, and first floor uses, as well as the banquet facility on the second floor of the Susquehanna Hose Company building

Increased attendance to performances resulting in increased foot traffic in the Main Street District and increase of visitors

Maryland Historic Trust has approved construction plans on January 22, 2013. The letter from MHT states, "This is an excellent project that will create an asset to the community and maintain the usefulness and integrity of an important historic resource".