

State Of Maryland 2016 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project	
lr3818	sb1141	lr3550	hb1526	International Black Fire Fighters Museum	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors	
McFadden				Branch	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City				\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bill					
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the International Black Fire Fighters Museum					
7. Matching Fund					
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.		
8. Special Provisions					
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address	
George Collins			410-258-7546	AAFFHS54@gmail.com	
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)					
<p>The African American Fire Fighters Historical Society's mission is To Collect, Preserve And Disseminate Historical Data, Memorabilia And Information Relating To The Contributions Made By Fire Fighters Of Color To The Fire Service. As Well As Others Who Have Made A Contribution To Such History. As The Repository and Archivist of This Information, We Will Facilitate the Utilization of These Materials for Education, Fire Safety/Prevention, and the Mentoring Of Youth, As Well As Professional Growth and Development of Fire Service Members,</p>					

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)

Project is to transform a 110 year old vacant firehouse into a Fire Museum. The International Black Fire Fighters Museum and Education Center will fill a void in fire service history and provide a unique museum experience to all visitors. We will provide education in fire safety/prevention and emergency services career strategies. We will add to the attraction of Maryland's Heritage Tourism by being the only like museum on the east coast; second only to The African American Firefighters Museum in Las Angles, Ca. Renovations of this Historic Landmark,will return a current eyesore to its original grandeur. While reclaiming its position as an Oliver Community anchor, and add value to the Harford Avenue Corridor. It is our goal to complement activities of The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum. Their expansion has proven a thirst for Heritage Tourism.

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	\$50,000
Design	\$110,000
Construction	\$800,000
Equipment	\$230,000
Total	\$1,190,000

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

State Bond Bill	\$250,000
Matching Funds	\$250,000
Pledged Funds	\$300,000
Local Government	\$400,000
Total	\$1,200,000

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
Underway	TBD	December 2016	December 2017
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
300000.00	N/A		
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A	\$0	None	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
African American Fire Fighters Historical Society, Inc. 2901 Druid Park Drive #402 Baltimore, Maryland 21215		1220 East Oliver Street Baltimore, Maryland 21201	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	45 - Baltimore City		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[]	[]	[X]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	George Collins	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410.258.7546		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
3915 Maine Ave. Baltimore, Maryland 21207		3/15	125000.00

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	3	0.00	300000.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond 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 any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
None	N/A	N/A	N/A
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	7,800		
Space to be Renovated GSF	7,800		
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion

28. Comments

The International Black Fire Fighters Museum and Safety Center presents to the State of Maryland, a great opportunity to create an institution to fill a void in history in fire service, education in fire safety, add to Maryland's tourism industry as well as transforming, The Oliver Community's Commercial area. Since 2009 The African American Fire Fighters Historical Society (AAFFHS) has recognized individuals and institutions for their accomplishments. In addition to highlighting dates and events in the area of fire fighter history, we have discovered a niche constituency whose excitement is contagious for the unique experience this museum project can provide. The idea of a museum that covers history, career strategies, safety and emergency medical services is exceptional and we are driven to share this concept with The World. Our membership in organizations such as, The Associations of African American Museums and The Fire Museum Network, has afforded to us insight into the need for this museum and its safety and education component in Our Country. Being an active Baltimore City Fire Fighter, a member of Professional Fire Fighters of Maryland and a Historian for The International Association of Black Professional Fire Fighters, I am in a position to personally access project support from the fire service industry. June 2016 we will host our 6th Annual Salute Dinner. Each year we leave our honorees, their guest, our sponsors and our many supporters unfulfilled when they ask, Where we can go to get more of this experience? This is the same question asked when we do community outreach and education. The question is always Where is Your Museum Located? Since 2009 we have found the enthusiasm for this lost history overwhelming and we see it as a rich untapped market that needs to be explored. According to Baltimore National Heritage Area, the city welcomes more than two million visitors a year. These visitors generate more than \$300 million in economic benefits to the city, region and state. This target audience in addition to fire service being one of the most respected professions is an exceptional attraction for diverse cultures, ages and social status. The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum, located a short distance away is the perfect illustration of how a vision made real can become a National Treasure. Their current expansion is an example of how important Heritage Tourism is to Our Nation. There is no doubt that The International Black Fire Fighters Museum and Safety Center will achieve National Treasure status for Maryland as well. The African American Fire Fighters Historical Society presented the winning proposal in Mayor Stephanie Rawlings- Blake's, Vacants to Value initiative for city owned abandon property. After 15 years of deterioration, renovation of this blighted, Two Story, Historic Designated Firehouse will make a tremendous difference Harford Avenue a major thoroughfare, in the Oliver's Business District. It is our expectation that this museum project will generate additional rehabilitation projects on this gateway corridor. We have partnered with Morgan State University School of Architecture & Engineering, to assist us in our preplanning. We were awarded a grant from Preservation Maryland to produce a Historic Structure Report on this 110 year old firehouse. We started pulling a team together in fundraising, property development, as well as programing and marketing to make this museum project a success. Reflecting on the events in Baltimore City last April, strategic investment is warranted and I believe this museum and education center would be a key asset to such investment. It is for the above mentioned reasons; that we request a favorable report in support of The International Black Fire Fighter Museum Bond Bill 1526 in the House and 1141 in the Senate.