

## State Of Maryland 2016 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR #      Bill #		House LR #      Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr1818	sb0396			Historical Society of Harford County Building Restoration
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Norman				
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Harford County				\$100,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Historical Society of Harford County headquarters building				
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
Maryanna Skowronski			410-838-7691	DirectorHSHC@harfordhistory.org
10. Description and Purpose of 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." The Society serves the community as a research facility, museum and community resource, housing county records dating back to the early 1700s, historic artifacts, photographs, documents and artwork tracing the 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 and events and contains a unique library, genealogical Resource and exhibit area featuring ancient stone petroglyphs which trace back to</p>				

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

The Historical Society of Harford County is the second phase of a historic preservation and restoration project designed to repair and restore its headquarters building, a 1937 Work Progress Administration structure, originally built as the Bel Air Post Office. Phase II will focus on the repair and restoration of the 26 original wooden "12 over 12" and casement windows and 5 metal security windows, restoration and repair of the building facade and lobby and design and construction of new museum space. The Society's goal is to return the historic building as closely as possible to the original appearance which was modified prior to the Society's ownership of the building.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	\$0
<b>Design</b>	\$10,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$190,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

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

Bond Bill request	\$100,000
Harford County Government Tourism Grant	\$20,000
Town of Bel Air Facade improvement grant	\$5,000
Bel Air Community Foundation Grant	\$10,000
Cash Reserves	\$20,000
Private Contributions	\$15,000
Corporate donations	\$20,000
Events/Fundraisers	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
March 31, 2016	May, 2016	April, 2017	April, 2018
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>	<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>	
20000.00	Aproximately 3000	3500 plus	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
HB1404 1998	\$150,000	Construct replica kitchen addition to the Historic Hays	
Maryalnd Historical	\$50,000	Relocation and restoration of Historic Aberdeen B&O	
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HB0644 2014	\$50,000	Historical Society of Harford County Facility Restorat	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
The Historical Society of Harford County, Inc.		143 N. Main Street Bel Air, MD 21014	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	34A - Harford County		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Maryanna Skowronski	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	410-838-7691		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
143 N. Main Street Bel Air, MD 21014			

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
2	2	138381.00	139335.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property</b> (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	7,000		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	7,000		
<b>New GSF</b>	0		

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

1937 and 1962 (addition)

**28. Comments**

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

The Works Progress Administration building was given to the Society in 1994 and is now owned by the organization. The Society received the building in an extremely compromised state of repair. In the time the Society has owned the building it has replaced the flat roof, conducted extensive asbestos abatement, installed new heating and air conditioning systems, reconstructed the original standing seam metal cupola support roof, restored the cupola, restored the original copper gutters, installed new energy efficient lighting, & conducted extensive masonry repairs to the Port Deposit granite exterior walls and roof line walls.

The current project will concentrate on the restoration of the original building windows, decorative exterior wooden trim and the signature cement cartouche` of an American Eagle. Interior work calls for the return of the lobby to its original design after having been greatly changed during the 1970s when much of the locally crafted wood, glass and stone work was removed or hidden.

The Society is the home of the history of the entire county. It houses well over 15,000 photographic images. It is the caretaker of the county's court documents dating back as far as 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 regarded 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 School 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 and abroad. It is frequently visited byt out of state scholars and researchers bringing in tourism dollars and through its fine services it adds to the reputation of both Harford County and the State. All of this work is performed by only two paid staff and some sixty regular volunteers most of whom are senior citizens.

The funds requested will be used to ensure the that the Society headquarters will be repaired and made secure to protect and present its collections for decades to come.