

State Of Maryland 2017 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr2038	sb0300			Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum Land Acquisition
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Middleton				
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Charles County				\$200,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of real property, 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	
Lawrence Abell		302-848-8400	label@laa.cc	
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
Document and educate the next generation and public as to the sacrifices that Maryland Veterans and all Veterans have made through all wars from 1776 to the present ISIS threat while protecting and defending AMERICA. Provide an educational resource at the elementary, middle, high school and college level through exhibits, re-enactments, interactive programs and lectures that provide a living history of those that have served. Show the patriotic contributions of those that many times did not wear a uniform, such as African-American, women, children and Native-Americans. To promote state-wide and interstate tourism by creating a national destination at the southern gateway into Maryland to promote statewide economic development by networking with Museums throughout the state and connecting to nationwide Historic Trails to promote the National Prestige.				

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
1/1/2017	8/1/2017	8/15/2017	7/31/2018
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
		12,500	20,000 to 30,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
FY2004	\$50,000	Engineering and Design	
FY2006	\$100,000	Visitors Reception Center	
FY2016	\$245,000	Land Acquisition	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum, Inc. @ Charles County, Inc. 11000 Crain Highway Newburg, MD 20664			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		28 - Charles County	
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:	Lawrence Abell, President	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-848-8400		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Lawrence Abell, President Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum P.O. Box 2123 La Plata, MD 20646		January 2017	1900000.00

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
40 volunteers	50 - 70 volunteers	18500.00	28000.00
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
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	16,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	4,000		
New GSF	20,000		

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

2018

28. Comments

The Charles County Commissioners created a committee in 2002 to honor veterans. The committee initially focused on Charles County veterans. The committee soon recognized that the local history was part of something much larger, state and national history. At the suggestion of George Owings, Sec. of Veterans Affairs, under Governor Hughes, the committee incorporated as MVMM and has since recognized and served all Maryland veterans. The veterans found an old school building that was to be demolished and prevailed upon the Commissioners to lease it to the Museum. The State of Maryland seed money sparked an effort by this veteran committee to take a building worth \$0 and turn it into a \$3M asset. The value of the building includes the state funds and similar county funds but the remainder veterans in kind labor, veterans organizations, donations from local building suppliers, contractors and the community, and veterans who have willed to the Museum. This building renovations effort is approximately 66% complete. We anticipate that the remaining building renovation can be accomplished through this volunteer community approach. The Museum provides its own operating and maintenance funds.

The building and land that the Museum is located on was a long-term lease from Charles County. On January 31, 2017, the Charles County Commissioners voted to transfer the property to the Maryland Veterans Memorial Museum. In addition, the Museum has leased approximately 14 adjacent acres to accommodate its activities. The 14 acres leased and to be purchased is (1) adjacent to the former site of Glava High School (1st public high school in Charles County, built in 1926) is now demolished, and (2) location of the MVMM which is housed in a former elementary & middle school built in 1961. The land to be purchased was previously used as playing fields for both former school facilities. The property owners were public spirited and did not charge for the use of these grounds when the Board of Education used it. The purchase of the property is beyond the ability of the MVMM to purchase and without the property, the Museum could not have the events it currently has to celebrate the lives of our Patriots. The new land will be called Patriot Park as we expand our efforts to honor minorities such as African-Americans, women, children, Native-Americans that never wore a uniform but served our country just as patriotically as those that did. The Museum has exhibits that span from 1776 to the current ISIS conflicts. The exhibits in the Museum have been created from donations of memorabilia from Marylander's families as well as individuals from other states. The Museum has exhibits on loan from other Museums. An example is the Vietnam Remembrance Wall from the Veterans Administration. We believe that the exhibits value \$.5 M again from donations.

The MVMM is on several National Historic Trails, John Wilkes Booth Trail, Washington-Rochambeau National Historic Trail, the Blue Star Memorial Trail, and is in the midst of the Star Spangled Trail. The MVMM is networking not only with museums throughout Maryland but now has ties at the national level as we commemorate the 100th Anniversary of WWI, The 50th Anniversary of Vietnam, and the 240th Anniversary of the Revolutionary War. Our Board members participate on many National Boards to tie the Museum to these National Historic Trails through Maryland.

The MVMM has reached out to counties across the State of Maryland and our goal is to have a representative on our Board from every County. Our Honorary Board includes an extraordinary array of individuals to provide a national and state perspective, an education perspective at secondary and college levels, Flag Military and political leaders.

The MVMM is proud of the efforts and accomplishments to-date. The work is not yet done. We ask that you once again provide us with a spark, the land purchase, that allows us to complete our efforts to honor those that have Patriotically Served our Nation.