

## State Of Maryland 2018 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR #      Bill #		House LR #      Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr3509	sb0919	lr3506	hb1028	Port Discovery Children's Museum
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Ferguson				Lierman
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, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Port Discovery Children's Museum, including design, fabrication, and installation of exhibits				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:  Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of 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
Dawn Sacks			410-864-2656	dsacks@portdiscovery.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>As the premier childrens museum in the Mid-Atlantic, Port Discovery Children's Museum in Baltimore, MD educates children and inspires life-long curiosity. The Museum features three floors of hands-on and interactive exhibits that encourage children to use their imaginations, ask questions, and explore how things work as they learn through play. The Museum has a positive influence on childhood academic success by providing a safe and smart place to engage in playful learning, as well as sharing its exceptional educational programs at schools and other learning centers throughout the community. Its proximity to metro, bus, and the East Coast Greenway make it easily accessible for all. The style of playful learning that is nurtured by Port Discovery Children's Museum is essential to the healthy development of all children, regardless of socioeconomic status.</p>				

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

For 20 years, the Fish Market Building has been home to Port Discovery. With visitors commenting on shabby conditions and broken exhibits, regular maintenance of the facility and its well-loved educational exhibits is no longer sufficient. The projects in this request are Phase 1 of a two-phase project that will allow the Museum to provide new and exciting exhibits that support specific community needs and meet 21st century educational initiatives, enhance programmatic content, maintain our historic home, and improve the visitor experience. This construction project includes but is not limited to: fabrication and installation of two new exhibits (Port and Climber); improvement to public spaces (restrooms, lunch room); electrical and lighting improvements; renovation of historic exterior (facades, windows and exterior doors). Phase 1 Renovation projects are designed to ensure the integrity, safety, energy-efficiency and relevance of the 82,000 sq. ft. Museum.

*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>	
<b>Design</b>	\$990,570
<b>Construction</b>	\$3,631,751
<b>Equipment</b>	\$1,480,639
<b>Total</b>	\$6,102,960

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

City of Baltimore (approved)	\$550,000
City of Baltimore (pending)	\$200,000
Foundations (committed)	\$301,500
Corporations (committed)	\$860,000
Individual (committed)	\$1,906,200
Other Private (pending)	\$1,785,260
State of Maryland (current request)	\$500,000
<b>Total</b>	\$6,102,960

<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>
underway	July 2018	May 2018	December 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>
3925285.00	270,000		303,232
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2016	\$500,000	Exhibits; facility improvements; other capital projects	
2015	\$250,000	Exhibits; facility improvements; other capital projects	
2013	\$1,028,000	Security/telecom upgrades; exhibits; other capital proj	
2006-2012	\$1,200,000	HVAC; Exhibits; other capital projects	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Baltimore Children's Museum 35 Market Place Baltimore, MD 21202		Same	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	46 - Baltimore City		
<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>	Mark Pollak	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	410.528.5563		
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
Ballard Spahr, LLP 300 East Lombard Street, 18th Floor Baltimore, MD 21202			

<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>
90	110	4179001.00	4889431.00
<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>			Lease
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			
<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>	
City of Baltimore	29 years	Two 25-year renewals	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	82,367		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	82,367		
<b>New GSF</b>			

<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>	1906 (building) and 1998 (interior)
<b>28. Comments</b>	
<p>Urban childrens museums, such as Port Discovery, have a unique opportunity to address the systemic social problems faced by many children and families, especially the lack of and access to critical early childhood development opportunities that provide the foundational skills (academic and social) that prepare children for school and, ultimately, future successes in life. Research increasingly demonstrates that play is critical to childhood development and learning. The style of playful learning that is nurtured by the Port Discovery Childrens Museum is essential to the healthy development of all children, regardless of socioeconomic status.</p> <p>The projects included in this request represent a portion of Port Discovery's overarching plan for capital improvements to fully update the Museum. That Master Plan has been developed over the past five years, in concert with our Five-Year Strategic Plan, and lays out the scope of a two-phase program for addressing the capital needs of Port Discovery.</p> <p>Preserving our historic home - the last of the original Centre Market buildings - is critical; but even more important is ensuring that Port Discovery can continue its educational mission to the children and families of Maryland.</p> <p>Thanks to past State funding, Port Discovery has completed extensive planning, design and documentation for our project. The Museum has engaged Cambridge Seven as our architectural/ engineering firm; Lewis Construction is our project management firm; Worcester Eisenbrant is our historic architectural restoration firm; and Roto Studio is our exhibit design and fabrication firm. Detailed assessment documenting project requirements and scheduling for the renovation and historic preservation of the Fish Market building exterior is complete. Interior design and construction documentation is substantially complete.</p> <p>Our project is shovel-ready with demolition and construction prep work set to begin in April and completion of interior construction is planned for December 2018, in conjunction with the Museum's 20th Anniversary celebration. Phase 1 will successfully install a new Port-themed exhibit paying homage to the 300-year-old industry that created Baltimore (and made Maryland a commercial center for the region) and a new three-story Climber that will provide a series of physical challenges as well as engaging children in teamwork, trust and risk-taking as they traverse the structure. Improvements to rest rooms, the lunch room and other public spaces will improve the visitor experience substantially. All improvements are designed to enhance educational value, accessibility, and safety of Museum visitors.</p> <p>Not only will Port Discovery's improvements enhance the quality of life for families in our region, it will enhance appreciation of Maryland as a center of commerce, will increase visitation to the area, and will generate revenue increases for the Museum and surrounding businesses.</p>	