

State Of Maryland

2019 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Three Notch Theater		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Bailey	Crosby	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
St. Mary's County	\$100,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Three Notch Theater facility, including improvements to the parking lot		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements: Unequal \$50,000	Type: The matching fund may consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.	
8. Special Provisions		
[] Historical Easement	[X] Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Robin Finnacom	240-298-1133	grants.chair@newtowneplayers.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Three Notch Theater located in Lexington Park, Maryland, is home to The Newtowne Players, Inc. The Newtowne Players' mission is to promote all aspects of the performing arts in Southern Maryland. Whether their interests are performing, directing, writing, make-up, costume design or technical support, The Newtowne Players provide opportunities for all through education and hands-on experience of working as a volunteer in any facets of theater. In the process, The Newtowne Players promote and increase the public's knowledge and appreciation of arts and cultural activities in Southern Maryland.</p>		

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

State bond funding will be used for the following infrastructure improvements to enhance public access and deliver a better experience to the theater-going public: 1. Modernize inadequate restroom facilities, replace lobby flooring and reconstruct the theater's entrance to enhance accessibility and ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. 2. Upgrade the air conditioning system to cool theater waiting areas. 3. Upgrade the electrical system and add security lighting to the exterior of the building. 4. Enclose the unused vestibule to provide additional security and storage. 5. Redesign and improve the theater's support areas. 6. Repair the parking lot immediately adjacent to the theater to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety and increase handicapped spaces.

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	
Construction	\$100,000
Equipment	
Total	\$100,000

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

Maryland General Assembly	\$100,000
Total	\$100,000

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
1-7-2019	TBD	TBD	TBD
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	
50000.00	250 members; 7,000 tickets sold	300 members; 8,000 tickets sold	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Newtowne Players, Inc. P.O. Box 1491 Lexington Park, MD 20653		Three Notch Theater 21744 S. Coral Drive Lexington Park, MD 20653	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	29B - St. Mary's 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:	Robin Finnacom	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	240-298-1133		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Newtowne Players P. O. Box 1491 Lexington Park, MD 20653			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
N/A	N/A	129810.00	129810.00
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?			Lease
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
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	
Commissioners of St. Mary's County	6 Years	Yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	8,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	1,500		
New GSF			

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

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28. Comments

The Three Notch Theater is the home of The Newtowne Players (TNP). TNP is a volunteer, non-profit organization whose mission is to promote all aspects of the performing arts in Southern Maryland. TNP provides live community theater including musicals, comedies and dramas to the general public at the Three Notch Theater. TNP also forged a partnership with Historic St. Mary's City to produce a Shakespeare play on the grounds of Maryland's original state house each summer.

If approved, bond funding will be used for infrastructure improvements to the theater to enhance public accessibility and deliver a better experience to the theater-going public. The project entails modernizing restrooms, replacing flooring in the lobby, and reconstructing the theater's entrance to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The air conditioning system in the theater waiting areas will be upgraded. Electrical systems will be updated and security lighting added on the perimeter of the building. An unused vestibule will be gated and partially enclosed to increase security and storage for the theater, and support areas improved. The parking lot will be resurfaced to improve pedestrian and vehicular safety and increase the number of handicapped spaces.

BACKGROUND: TNP executed its first lease with the Commissioners of St. Mary's County for use of surplus property - the former Lexington Park Library - in 2004. The term of the lease is six years and there are options to renew.

TNP accepted the building in "as is" condition. All renovations and structural changes to the building are TNP's responsibility as are all operating costs for the theater. TNP transformed the former library building into a theater including an auditorium with theater-style seating to accommodate 120 patrons, a stage, a lighting and sound booth, a shop, and properties room. The library's storage areas were converted into a green room and dressing room for the actors, while the offices were reconstructed to accommodate the theater's lobby and ticket sales and production offices. 2005 was TNP's inaugural season at the Three Notch Theater.

Since the inaugural season, TNP has upgraded the flooring in the auditorium, renovated a freestanding restroom for handicapped accessibility, constructed a handicapped ramp to the back of the stage to enhance access for individuals with limited mobility, and improved air conditioning in the theater's auditorium. TNP offers listening-assisted devices for those with hearing impairment, sign language interpretation during the annual Shakespeare play, and now holds a private show for special needs audiences every year at the Three Notch Theater. As the company's commitment to accommodate special needs patrons continues to grow, bond funding will allow TNP to complete much needed improvements to improve access and enhance the Three Notch Theater for the general public.