

State Of Maryland

2021 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Kent Cultural Alliance		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Hershey	Jacobs	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Kent County	\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Kent Cultural Arts Center		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Senator Hershey		Steve.Hershey@senate.state.md.us
Delegate Jacobs		
John Schratwieser		john@kentculture.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Kent Cultural Alliance (KCA)(formerly the Kent County Arts Council) was founded in 1975 and incorporated as a 501c3 in 1989. The KCA is the County designated entity for receiving Community Arts Development funds from the Maryland State Arts Council. The KCA serves the residents of Kent County supporting and creating inclusive artistic and cultural experiences designed to connect communities through shared conversations. It is the vision of the Kent Cultural Alliance that all residents of Kent County engage in important civic and social conversation using artistic and cultural experiences as a conduit for connection. Primary among the organizations service is its partnership with Kent County Public Schools, providing professional development and community support to fine arts teachers and connecting local artists as resources.</p>		

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

The KCA is renovating at 220 year old building in the heart of Downtown Chestertown's Historic District, Main Street District, and Arts & Entertainment District. The building was derelict and had been abandoned for 10 years before KCA purchased it in 2017. The building will serve as a hub for artist and culture programming designed to connect residents and visitors alike to important civic and social issues facing Kent County. The building will also feature a new visiting artist residency program further exposing residents and visitors to new works, new media, and new artists as they engage in our public schools, senior centers and our greater community conversations. The finished building will feature a 1000 sq.ft. open flexible space, one of the largest of its kind in Kent County, for exhibits, programming, education and community gatherings.

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	\$75,000
Design	\$60,000
Construction	\$1,815,000
Equipment	\$50,000
Total	\$2,000,000

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

Maryland Heritage Area Authority/Stories of the Chesape	\$200,000
Maryland Department of Housing & Community Develop	\$250,000
Shared Earth Foundation	\$210,000
SFW Foundation	\$100,000
Robert F. Schumann Foundation	\$100,000
Matthew & Joanne Tobriner	\$65,000
MD DHCD pending application 2021	\$400,000
MHAA / Stories of the Chesapeake pending application F	\$100,000
General Assembly Bond Bill pending FY 2021	\$250,000
Multiple Individual Donors	\$325,000
Total	\$2,000,000

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
n/a	6/30/2019	9/1/2019	12/31/2021
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
700000.00	0 - under construction		5000+
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)	
Kent Cultural Alliance 101 Spring Avenue Chestertown, MD 21620			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	36 - Kent, Queen Anne's, Cecil and Caroline Counties		
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:	John Schratwieser	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-708-9751		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site				
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget	
1	3	220000.00	400000.00	
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
N/A				
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:				
Name of Leaser		Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A				
26. Building Square Footage:				
Current Space GSF		5000		
Space to be Renovated GSF		5000		
New GSF		5000		

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

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28. Comments

The Kent Cultural Alliance Project is an opportunity to support a multi-faceted impact for Kent County and Maryland's Upper Eastern Shore. This project is turning what was an empty, blighted and crumbling historic building, an anchor building for Chestertown's Main Street, Arts & Entertainment, and Historic Districts, into a lively, engaging, community centered arts and culture hub. The impact of every square foot of renovation of this building will be felt by residents and visitors alike. The entire building is focused on creating opportunities in arts and culture that would not otherwise be accessible to the people of Maryland's smallest and most rural county.

This project is underway. To date the Kent Cultural Alliance has raised, and spent approximately \$1.1 million in the purchase, interior demolition, complete foundation rebuild, and full structural rehabilitation. The exterior renovations are nearly complete. This request is to help complete the renovation and outfitting of the interior spaces so the building can re-open.

The Kent Cultural Alliance is benefitting from, and relying on strong State for this project precisely because of its location and the regional need. With little access to the funding available from large private foundations and corporations of the DC and Baltimore metro areas, not to mention the greater number of individual philanthropists, the Alliance needs the State of Maryland to help achieve its goals. For 45 years the Alliance has served the people of Kent County and the Upper Eastern Shore providing educational programming, community responsive projects, workshops and assemblies for students (Four out of five public schools are title one), seniors (with of 60% of population over 65) and residents with learning and physical disabilities, and those struggling with mental health and addiction problems. The KCA has been a key partner with organizations like the Kent County Public Schools, the Kent County Public Library, the Kent Local Management Board, Kent County Parks and Recreation, the Kent County Health Department and many more.

The finished building will drive tourism and economic activity in ways the Kent Cultural Alliance has not been able to do without a center, a permanent home. The building KCA is saving is directly tied to the Underground Railroad through a published escaped Slave narrative written in 1895. The Alliance is applying through Maryland Tourism to have the building listed on the National Park Service's Network to Freedom because of its unique history and connection to Isaac Mason's autobiography "Life of Isaac Mason as a Slave". The new lobby will be dedicated to the memory of Isaac Mason and will be home to a new portrait commissioned by KCA by local African American artist and historian Jason Patterson (KCA's first Artist in Residency in 2018.)

Finally the Kent Cultural Alliance is a key partner for projects at all five of our local municipalities: Betterton, Chestertown, Galena, Millington and Rock Hall. Through its grant making, it supports such events and activities such as the Sultana Education Foundation's Downrigging Weekend, Chestertown's Historic Tea Party Festival, Rock Hall's Fall Fest and Pirates Weekend (as well as Main Street Rock Hall's Mural Project), Betterton Beach Day, Galena's Dogwood Festival (and Dogwood Village Mural), and Millington Days.

The Kent Cultural Alliance has been a driving force and permanent fixture in the arts/culture/heritage tourism ecosystem in Kent County for 45 years. This bill will ensure