

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Lelia Hynson Pavilion		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Hershey	Jacobs	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Kent County	\$322,186	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Lelia Hynson Pavilion		
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 Steve Hershey		Steve.Hershey@senate.state.md.us
Valerie Stewart		410-810-7460
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Washington College was founded in 1782 to educate students who could help lead a free society and do the hard work of democracy. Our mission is to challenge and inspire emerging citizen leaders to discover lives of purpose and passion. We prepare our students for rich and fulfilling lives, for myriad and unpredictable opportunities, and for a lifetime of learning, leadership, and productive endeavor. Embracing the same values as our founding patron George Washington -- integrity, determination, curiosity, civility, leadership, and moral courage -- Washington College offers academic rigor and self-discovery in a supportive, residential community of well-qualified, diverse, and motivated individuals, with a goal to develop in students the habits of analytic thought and clear communication, aesthetic insight, ethical sensitivity, and civic responsibility.</p>		

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

Sited between Chestertown's Wilmer Park and Washington College's Waterfront Campus, the Lelia Hynson Pavilion is the fulcrum for a long-planned waterfront attraction for Chestertown. A formal MOU exists between Chestertown, the College, and Eastern Shore Land Conservancy for the development of a riverwalk, accessible by the public, stretching from the foot of High Street to Wilmer Park and continuing to the junction of Radcliffe Creek with the Chester River. The Pavilion provides a sheltered respite midway along this planned riverwalk. Last rebuilt 20 years ago following an act of arson, the Pavilion is in desperate need of renovation. The cedar shake roof is failing and the wooden railings that protect guests from falling from the elevated platform have deteriorated. The ARPA funds received from the town of Chestertown were used to replace the warped planking with marine grade decking.

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	\$362,000
Equipment	
Total	\$362,000

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

Maryland Legislative Bond Initiative (proposed)	\$322,000
American Rescue Plan Act -- Chestertown (received)	\$40,000
Total	\$362,000

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
Complete	Complete	07/01/2024	12/31/2024
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	
40000.00	15,000 +/-	15,000 +/-	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2022	\$300,000	Construction of a new Foreman's Branch Bird Observ	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Washington College 300 Washington Avenue Chestertown, MD 21620		399 South Cross Street 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:	Michael J. Sosulski	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-778-7201		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Office of the President Washington College 300 Washington Avenue Chestertown, MD 21620			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
405	405		
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	3150		
Space to be Renovated GSF	3150		
New GSF	3150		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	1985
28. Comments	
<p>Question 11: The Lelia Hynson Pavilion was originally constructed with grant funds provided by The Hodson Trust. The Trust terminated in 2022 and is no longer a source for potential funds for capital projects. Washington College's current and near-term capital needs on the main campus far outstrip the College's ability to fund them all. As such, the College is not in a position to dedicate capital funds to the renovation of this public facility.</p> <p>Instead, the College will need to rely on public and private funds to undertake necessary renovations to the pavilion structure, surrounding decking, ramps, and railings. Absent sufficient funds to undertake the needed renovation, there is an increasing possibility, out of a concern for user safety and potential liability for the College and Town, that it might be necessary to close the Pavilion to public access.</p> <p>Question 15: Washington College was awarded \$40,000 from the Town of Chestertown (an allocation from the Town's American Rescue Plan Act funds) to complete the Pavilion decking.</p> <p>Question 18: The grant listed in response to the question above is the only grant Washington College has received through a Legislative Bond Initiative. Washington College also participates in the State Capital Improvement Program that provides grants for the construction of new facilities, renovation of existing facilities, improvements to infrastructure, property acquisition, and maintenance and renewal funding for facilities for public and private colleges and universities through the annual State budget process. Washington College benefits from the allocation made available to private colleges and receives a grant every third or fourth year. Washington College's most recent grant through this program was \$4 million awarded in FY2020 to support the construction of Semans-Griswold Environmental Hall. Washington College is included in the Governor's FY24 budget for a \$2 million allocation to support renovation of four academic buildings on the main campus.</p> <p>Question 24: Washington College does not treat the Lelia Hynson Pavilion as a separate cost center. Expenses for utilities, housekeeping, grounds maintenance, and insurance are covered in other budgets. It is anticipated that the renovation of the Pavilion will not appreciably increase the costs of operations.</p> <p>Question 25: Washington College owns, insures, and operates the Lelia Hynson Pavilion structure, but the Pavilion is located on property owned by the Town of Chestertown.</p>	