

State of Maryland

2023 Prior Authorization Fact Sheet

(1) Senate Sponsor	(2) House Sponsor	(3) Project Name
Sen. Jennings		Aviation Career Trade School
(4) Jurisdiction		(5) Contact Information
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(6) Legislator Request		
This language amends a prior authorization to alter the location of the project.		
(7a) Original Senate Bond Bill		(8a) Original House Bond Bill
(7b) Senate Chapter		(8b) House Chapter
Ch. 63 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2021 Section 1(3) Item ZA03(AI)		
(7c) Senate Prior Authorization		(8c) House Prior Authorization
(9a) Misc Chapter		(9b) Misc Prior Authorization
(10) In your own words, please describe in detail the project’s background and your need for a prior authorization.		
<p>The Museum has long desired to expand its presence in Middle River with a stand-alone facility with easy access to public roads, creating a valued, engaging go-to site for tourists while enriching the community with a quality of life anchor and economic engine resource. It is committed to be an inspirational force of the Middle River community, preserving and promoting its Glenn L. Martin aviation legacy and the history of Maryland’s contribution to aerospace. This 33 year old education and cultural institution is the living connection to the rich heritage of this area - a place that brought aeronautics to the world; the first transoceanic flying boat, The China Clipper; the men and women (workers and neighbors) who by their efforts saved the nation; and a company that helped launch men and women into space. It is the mission of the Glenn L Martin Maryland Aviation Museum to educate, inspire and preserve, assuring that the world will remember the importance of this location, its people, its aviation pioneers and their stories.</p> <p>With the closing of Lockheed Martin’s Middle River complex, the Museum received a welcomed opportunity with the availability of an expansion venue, one that would serve as a community anchor, contributing to enrich the quality of life experience of Middle River and its surrounding region, enhance educational opportunities in regional school systems, and would set Middle River and eastern Baltimore County as a “must visit” tourist attraction destination. Funds for repurposing the 117,966 s.f 1986 building into a world class center of learning, preservation and achievement would be designated for planning, design, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping.</p>		

(11) If you are requesting an extension of the date upon which evidence of a matching fund must be presented to the Board of Public Works, please explain the need for the extension. When do you expect to raise the requisite amount of matching funds, if at all?

n/a

(12) If you are requesting a modification of the type of matching funds (e.g., real property, in-kind contributions, or prior funds expended) that can be used to meet your match, or are requesting the matching fund requirement be changed from an equal match to unequal match or removed altogether, please explain why the change is necessary.

n/a

(13) If you are requesting an extension of the date upon which the bond funds must be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works, please explain the need for an extension. When do you expect to expend or encumber the funds?

n/a

(14) If you are requesting to use the funds for another purpose or to expand the scope of the project, please explain the reason and need for the change.

The Museum requests repurposing of its previously approved Bond Bill Project that was to fund an Aviation Career Trade School (ACTS), to one that will provide funding to regenerate 2323 Eastern Blvd from its use as the former Middle River Lockheed Martin Administration Building into a thriving cultural, educational and innovative STEM center for promoting Maryland’s aviation heritage, to educate visitors, and to ignite the fire of motivation in youth to seek aerospace opportunities. Glenn L. Martin’s name and legacy have been an integral developer of the Eastern Baltimore County area since Mr. Martin’s arrival in 1929 with the goal to build an aircraft manufacturing facility. His facility impacted the surrounding area of his assembly plant by providing thousands of jobs, contributing to community development with housing and business expansions, and with his offerings of activities for his employees during non-working hours, he enriched their quality of life during a challenging time in history. As the Museum carries on his legacy, it will look to the past to regenerate its community with an historically connected to the space flight era Lockheed Martin Building “E”, providing an innovative center of activity for all ages, an interactive experience to engage visitors, and a dream factory to capture the imagination of young visitors and propel them on to aerospace possibilities. Encouraged for doing well in their studies as these younger generations are introduced to the excitement of flight, these young minds will be inspired to reach for the stars and follow in the footsteps of the great innovators, inventors, aviators, astronauts and “we can do it!” movers and shakers with a Maryland connection who all contributed to the advancement of aviation and space technology and achievement.

(15) If you are requesting to modify the name of the grantee organization, add another grantee organization, or remove a grantee organization, please explain the reason and need for the change. If applicable, do those organizations being added or removed as grantee consent to the change?

n/a

(16) If this is an emergency bill, please explain the need for such action.

n/a