

State Of Maryland 2016 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr3374	sb1034	lr3675	hb1573	Delmarva Discovery Center and Museum
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Mathias			Otto	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Worcester County			\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Delmarva Discovery Center and Museum, including installation of a handicap accessible touch tank				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of real property.	
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Ph#	Email Address	
Stacey Weisner		443-880-8627	stacey@delmarvadiscoverycenter.org	
Ernie Crofoot			410-957-1333	
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>Pocomoke City owns the building and the Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum owns the contents and exhibits. We work together in partnership to increase tourism to Pocomoke City and southern Worcester County. The Discovery Center was formed to be a teaching, living museum and is a 16,000 square foot building full of hands-on and interactive educational opportunities. Education is our niche. We have signed MOU's (memorandum of understandings) with Worcester, Wicomico & Somerset County Board of Educations. They send every third grader to the Discovery Center as well as either every sixth or every seventh graders.</p>				

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

We will be installing a large handicap accessible Touch Tank which will be included in admission. It will be large enough to hold a classroom of children at once. The Discovery Center is open 7 days a week (Mon-Sat form 10 am - 4 pm, and Sun from noon - 4 pm). We want to provide more opportunities for public, private & homeschool groups by building a fabulous Touch Tank. Otherwise they have to take an expensive and time consuming bus trip across the Bay for this opportunity. This is a cost savings to school & provides better opportunities for the students, and is a truly win-win situation. Elementary & middle schools often do not have the physical space or financial means to build a science lab.

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	\$3,000
Construction	\$220,000
Equipment	\$27,000
Total	\$250,000

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

Value of property	\$200,000
State of Maryland Bond Bill	\$200,000
Private donor	\$50,000
Total	\$450,000

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
8/8/2016	10/24/2016	12/5/2016	3/24/2017
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	15,865	21,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2004	\$150,000	Exterior renovation	
2006	\$150,000	Exhibit development	
2007	\$150,000	Construction & equipping of sixty foot, two story, ste	
2015	\$175,000	Emergency floor repair, STEAM lab, capital improve	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Delmarva Discovery Center & Museum 2 Market Street Pocomoke City MD 21851			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	38A - Somerset and Worcester 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:	Stacey Weisner	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443-880-8627		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
DGS Real Estate office allowed us to use \$420,000 for the value of the property. We received BPW approval to use \$175,000 for the 2015 Bond Bill, and would like to use \$200,000 of the remaining value for the match			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
3 Full, 5 Part	4 Full, 8 Part	382000.00	714000.00
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?			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	18,083		
Space to be Renovated GSF	1,022		
New GSF	0		

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

1920 original, 2007 renovated

28. Comments

Most schools on the Eastern Shore have a hard time paying transportation expenses to travel 2-2 1/2 hours to the other side of the Bay. We have worked hard to develop partnerships and toured the National Aquarium in Baltimore extensively to find out how we can realistically build our Touch Tank.

The Discovery Center is committed to making the Tank handicap accessible, and will also make the rest of the building accessible as funds allow. Our Board and Staff feel that not only is it the right thing to do, but practically speaking it increases our market. We realize the "heads to beds" keeps visitor longer in Worcester County and senior tours, families, and vacationers will enjoy it.

Bad weather days often find people leaving Worcester County and we take seriously our role in keeping guests in the area.

We have identified 14 animals that our guests can touch, experience and learn about. Some of the animals include horseshoe crabs, flounder, whelks, skates, rays, moon snail and sea stars. The Discovery Center is open seven days a week; Monday through Saturday from 10 am until 4 pm, and Sunday from noon until 4 pm.

We provide a free After School Academy two days a week to Pocomoke Middle School and offer Mommy & Me (& Daddy too) programs.