

State Of Maryland

2020 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
VisArts		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Kagan	Palakovich Carr	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$150,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the VisArts facility		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements: Equal	Type: The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund	
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Alice Nappy	301-315-8200 x102	anappy@visartscenter.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>VisArts is a non profit organization with a mission to transform individuals and communities through the visual arts. Since our founding in 1987, nearly 700,000 individuals of all ages and abilities have enjoyed innovative arts experiences that cultivate creativity, problem solving, and an appreciation for the visual arts. In addition to our arts education classes, VisArts showcases vibrant contemporary exhibitions in our four galleries, and provides artists with a collaborative environment to create new work in our artist studios. Through a host of outreach initiatives, VisArts reaches communities previously under-served by arts organizations including wounded vets, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and low income families and children. Supports include scholarships, artist stipends, and free and discounted classes.</p>		

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

VisArts requests funding to support three capital upgrades necessary for the continuation and enhancement of our programs and services to the community: 1) replacement of the analog audio visual and control system in the organization's Buchanan Events rental room which is utilized by individuals, corporate clients, non-profit organizations, and VisArts gallery program (analog technology is being phased out by July 2020 rendering our system obsolete); 2) replacement of the aging and energy inefficient lighting system in the Kaplan Gallery which supports innovative gallery exhibitions and programming; and 3) replacement of aging HVAC equipment in our classrooms, event rental space, and galleries.

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	\$190,626
Equipment	\$158,105
Total	\$348,731

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

State of Maryland Bond Initiative	\$150,000
Montgomery County Council Grant	\$150,000
VisArts - capital campaign FY21-25	\$48,731
Total	\$348,731

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
7/1/2020	10/1/2020	10/1/2020	12/30/2022
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
		32,000	32,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2005	\$205,000	Construction and capital equipment for new facility	
2012	\$25,000	Capital improvements	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts 155 Gibbs Street, Suite 300 Rockville, MD 20850			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		17 - Montgomery 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:	Jack Devine	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301 947-7400		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Artist Circle Fine Art 13501 Travillah Road Potomac, MD 20878			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
15	15	2060957.00	2150879.00
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	
The Mayor and Council of Rockville,	20 years	four additional 5 yr terms	
A municipal corporation of the State of			
Maryland			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	25,400		
Space to be Renovated GSF	3,000		
New GSF	25,400		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
28. Comments	
<p>The Metropolitan Center for the Visual Arts (VisArts) is a non-profit organization with a mission to transform individuals and communities through the visual arts. Since our founding in 1987, VisArts has served early 700,000 individuals through its arts education program, artist studios, and gallery exhibitions. Each year, in an effort to serve populations under-represented by arts organizations, VisArts extends more than \$40,000 in free services to those wounded vets, seniors, individuals with disabilities and low income families and children through scholarships, artist stipends, and tuition discounts.</p> <p>VisArts is focused on building a more connected community, working to understand the social issues affecting our world, actively promoting awareness of other perspectives, and fostering understanding through the visual arts. Our strength rests in our ability to bring together through shared creative experiences, fostering exposure to new perspectives and mutual respect. The VisArts community is comprised of people of all ages, identities, backgrounds, experiences, and abilities. We work to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to nurture his or her creative spark by creating and engaging with art.</p> <p>Since its inception, VisArts has enjoyed support from the City of Rockville ranging from rent-free space provided when the organization first started to the current rent abatement in its home in the Arts and Innovation Center in downtown Rockville. The facility was built in 2007 when the City of Rockville, in partnership with private developers, Montgomery County, and the State of Maryland joined in collaboration on a large scale development project in Rockville Town Square. Today, VisArts is an anchor in Rockville Town Square and serves as an economic driver bringing visitors from Montgomery County, D.C., Baltimore, and Northern Virginia to the area for art initiatives, festivals, and creative place-making activities and to enjoy the areas restaurants and stores.</p> <p>While VisArts receives rent assistance from the City of Rockville, it is responsible for all capital improvements, enhancements, and repairs of equipment including, the extensive HVAC system with 26 separate air handlers which control heat and air conditioning, carpet/flooring, lighting, plumbing, electricity, and a sound and audio visual system. As a non-profit organization, with marginal reserves, these capital expenditures can be extremely burdensome.</p> <p>The outlined capital improvements will enable VisArts to continue working towards our vision of a vibrant, diverse community enriched and connected by the visual arts.</p>	