

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Montgomery History Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Kagan	Palakovich Carr	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Montgomery History 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
Delegate Julie Palakovich Carr		julie.palakovichcarr@house.state.md.us
Matt Logan		301-340-2825
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Montgomery History, founded as the Montgomery County Historical Society, has been serving the county and the region through its research library, exhibits, adult programs, educational activities for students, and history-themed conferences for 79 years. Montgomery History's mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and share the history of all Montgomery County residents and communities. As the only organization addressing the entire scope of county history, we serve a distinctive role as a cultural repository and source of dependable information. Our goal is to help create a shared sense of place among residents old and new and to build a safe and welcoming community.</p>		

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

Montgomery History, to rectify an issue that has plagued the organization for at least two generations, is seeking a new home for its Sween Library and Special Collections (in most other counties the historical library is a function of local government); storage of its 10,000-piece collection of historic artifacts; flex space for public programming (including hands-on workshops, demonstrations, lectures, an artifact conservation lab, and a studio for creating digital content); and its administrative offices. Our intent is to bring all these activities under one roof as the Montgomery County History Center. We are continuing to search for a property in proximity to Rockville that will provide the necessary space to best serve the needs of the public.

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	\$2,000,000
Design	\$50,000
Construction	\$400,000
Equipment	\$250,000
Total	\$2,700,000

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

State of Maryland, 2022 LBI (awarded)	\$700,000
State of Maryland, 2023 LBI (pending)	\$500,000
Montgomery County (to be submitted)	\$300,000
Montgomery History (proceeds of sale of real property)	\$1,100,000
Montgomery History (private donations, not yet solicited)	\$100,000
Total	\$2,700,000

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
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
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	
	3,000 (pre-Covid)	7,500 in-person, 15,000+ virtual	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2022	\$700,000		
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Montgomery County Historical Society 111 W. Montgomery Ave. 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:	Matthew Logan	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	3015127027		
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
5.5 FTE	7.0 FTE	677000.00	800000.00
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
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			
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
28. Comments	
<p>Montgomery History's operations have been based on the Beall-Dawson House campus, owned by the City of Rockville, since 1965. While it was a suitable home for the organization in those early years, for decades it has hindered our ability to adequately serve Montgomery Countians. There are no spaces to accommodate exhibits, meetings, or workshops of more than 25 people; the Sween Library and Special Collections--the county's most comprehensive source for local history and genealogy resources--is housed in an old garage and is filled beyond capacity; the 10,000-piece artifact collection is stored in basements, closets, and attics with poor environmental controls; and our offices, located in an adjacent house owned by Montgomery History, are badly in need of repairs.</p> <p>The new Montgomery County History Center will provide a home for all our functions under one roof. The library and collection storage will, for the very first time, meet professional standards in terms of environmental controls, fire suppression, and pest control. It will also have an isolation room and conservation lab to ensure proper stewardship of the materials in our care. The new center will include open flex space for a video/audio recording studio, educational programs, hands-on workshops, symposia, small exhibits, and other public activities.</p> <p>As of mid-February, we have not identified a specific property for purchase. We have had two buildings under contract in the past year, but have had to cancel the contracts during the study periods in both instances. The first time was due to structural issues identified by our engineer and in the second case we discovered long-term moisture issues and the high likelihood of mold which would be terribly damaging to library materials and artifacts in our care.</p> <p>We are actively engaged with a broker from Cushman Wakefield and remain optimistic that we will be able to find a suitable property in the near future.</p>	