

# State Of Maryland

## 2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Western Maryland Scenic Railroad		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
McKay		
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Allegany County	\$1,500,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Senator Mike McKay		senator.m.mckay@senate.state.md.us
Wes Heinz		731-518-6238
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Western Maryland Scenic Railroad is a scenic railroad initially created to serve as a tourism attraction to draw visitors to the Allegany County cities of Cumberland and Frostburg. After over 35 years of service to these communities, the railroad has emerged as a significant economic engine for the entire region. The WMSR serves as a historical touchstone to the area's railroading past. The WMSR's impact surpasses \$17,000,000 in economic impact and provides an experience to an audience of over 60,000 persons. The WMSR was forged from the approximately 17 miles of railroad right-of-way left from the Western Maryland Railway. The new mission at WMSR is to remain as essential as our predecessor through continued improvements and enhancements, generating stability for future generations.</p>		

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

Last session, the Maryland General Assembly approved a legislative pre-authorization (for FY24) in the amount of \$1.5 million. This grant will be used for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of infrastructure improvements to the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad. This pre-authorization was removed from the list of requests in the FY24 Capital Budget.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	
<b>Design</b>	
<b>Construction</b>	
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	\$0

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

N/A	
<b>Total</b>	\$0

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>		<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>
0.00	60,000		75,000+
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
N/A			
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Western Maryland Scenic Railroad Development Corp.		13 Canal Street 2nd Floor Cumberland, MD 21052	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	1B - Allegany County		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Wes Heinz	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	731-518-6238		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
13 Canal Street 2nd Floor Cumberland, MD 21502			

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
25	n/a		
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	20,000 sq ft of railroad equipment floor		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	4,466 sq ft of railroad equipment floor		
<b>New GSF</b>	0		

<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>	
<b>28. Comments</b>	
<p>Railroad rights-of-way. Railroad equipment various ages. 1920's to 1960's construction.</p> <p>The request for capital funds will stabilize track structures, maintain railroad equipment and enhance the capabilities of the railroad's employees. The funds will be used to overhaul or repair historic railroad equipment. The railroad's economic impact on the region has grown over 100% in 20 months. The WMSR must maintain and improve its physical plant incrementally if the community wants sustainable visitor growth.</p>	