

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Heritage Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Hershey	Caroline County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Caroline County	\$300,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Heritage 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
Senator Steve Hershey		steve.hershey@senate.state.md.us
Kathy Mackel		804-337-3379
		jeff.ghrist@house.state.md.us
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Caroline County Historical Society is a national leader in building preservation, e.g., 46 buildings county-wide saved from demolition or collapse. Our research is of national significance, particularly on the UGRR, that attracts filmmakers, newscasters and writers from around the U.S. and world. We have no paid staff; receive no county or town government funds; have no debt; own as well as maintain 15 buildings; operate a museum, a research repository, and a archaeology field lab; preserve unique artifacts; prepare interpretive signage/brochures; conduct Student Discovery days for 400+ school children; and make our own heritage films. Again, an all-volunteer orgination. Our purpose is discovery and education for the present generation, plus preservation for future generations.</p>		

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

NO building acquisition needed! The Society is creating a diverse array of Heritage-tourism infrastructure. Heritage Center is the all-important single coordinating element. Completed, the Center will attract tourists by developing intercounty partnerships & encourage them to visit the diverse heritage sites& support businesses. Bill will fulfill Restoration of 1927 Firehouse which was doubled in 1954.Society has a multi-phased approach, previously completing a hazmat study, architectural design & structural engineering plan w/restoration of the front faade completed. This funding request will address hazmat-related problems & structural issues.First a new roof & trusses need to be completed, w/demolition & renovation of 1st floor area (2,900sf). Install new plumbing & pipes under slab, HVAC, electrical & tele/data systems. Frame new partitions, install drywall & paint, new floor & acoustic ceiling finishes, new doors, hardware & trim, and install an elevator

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	\$0
Design	\$0
Construction	\$300,000
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$300,000

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

Legislative Bond Initiative	\$300,000
Caroline County Historical Society IN KIND work	\$50,000
Total	\$350,000

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
August 2019	April 2023	Summer 2024	Fall 2026
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	
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18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
USDA	\$37,500	Building assessment reports such as architectural/engi	
MHAA Phase I part 1	\$50,000	2016. Feasibility study, updates to architectural plans,	
MHAA Phase I part 3	\$82,700	2023 Just completed. Removal of all original old bric	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Caroline County Historical Society, Inc P.O. Box 514 Denton, MD 21629		13 N Third Street Denton, MD 21629	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	37B - Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, and Wicomico 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:	Robert Jarrell	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-479-1000		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Mr. Robert Jarrell P.O. Box 600 Denton, MD 21629			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
0	0	0.00	10800.00
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?			
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	
Town of Denton	99 years	yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	5,800		
Space to be Renovated GSF	2,900		
New GSF	2,900		

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

1927 built by Town volunteers

28. Comments

As with all Society projects, the first step of the overall project commenced by the retention of a professional land historians review of the history of the structure. Interestingly, it turned out to have not been a government project of 1927, but rather a community project involving hundreds and hundreds of small private donations over the years until 1927 when the first part of the structure was erected by the Denton Volunteer Fire Company. Unfortunately, no licensed architect was involved, which saved money, but resulted in the several structural defects that this current project is addressing.

Basically, the engineering firm traced structural defects in both the roof and brick of the front faade. They found that poorly executed bottom chords of the roof trusses installed in 1927 were the source of all the structural problems. This makes our project URGENT so that we can move forward.

Phase II is where we are now, we will address and remedy all hazmat-related problems as well as any structural problems, such as the roof trusses, identified previously in Phase I. The completion of Phase II will mean that the structure has a new roof with structural concerns addressed.

When all future phases are completed, visitors will learn how the unique landscape and people of the area have helped shape history and continue to change with different agricultural practices, business opportunities, new immigrant communities, women, LBGTQ, Native Americans & the local Algonquin Indian history, first colonists, various religious communities, and shipbuilders, who have all helped shape this county; plus how the land and waters of the Bay & Choptank River have played a major part in all the changes. This will address diverse or inclusive historical narratives that will highlight under-told narratives about Carolines past.

Finally, Sustaining regional identity thru Economic Development. When completed, this Heritage Center will provide an excellent starting point for group tours and individuals by promoting and interpreting other areas, businesses and places for entertainment in the county. Increased tourism in Caroline will benefit other counties when visitors are encouraged to explore further along the Harriet Tubman UGRR Byway, Civil War Trail & the expanded Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway of the Eastern Shore.