



**Maryland Department of Planning
Capital Budget Question Responses
February 12, 2018**

Budget Overview

Pay-as-you-go Capital Projects

1. *The Department of Legislative Services (DLS) recommends that MDP comment on how it will address the ongoing staffing need of the MHT Capital Grant Fund given that the 2018 CIP reflects \$600,000 in GO bond funding annually for the remainder of the five-year planning period.*

Response: The MHT Capital Historic Preservation Grant Program, which provides funding for bricks-and-mortar restoration, stabilization, acquisition, etc., does the real work of preservation in our communities and is core to MHT's mission. Currently, the program is staffed by a contractual position that is shared between the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Program and the Capital Historic Preservation Grant Program. This position spends 50% of her time administering MHAA capital grants and 50% of her time administering MHT Historic Preservation capital grants. It is expected that ongoing funding for the existing and filled contractual position will be provided from a combination of general and special fund sources until a permanent position can be identified.

Responses to DLS Recommendations

Pre-authorizations and De-authorizations

1. *DLS recommends that the \$3,762,000 GO bond pre-authorization for the Patterson Center Renovations be approved.*

Planning Response: Accept

PAYGO Recommended Actions

1. *Concur with Governor's allowance of \$300,000 in special funds for the Maryland Historical Trust Revolving Loan Fund.*

Planning Response: Accept

2. *Concur with Governor's allowance of \$8,905,935 in general funds and \$94,065 in special funds for the Maryland Heritage Structure Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program.*

Planning Response: Accept

GO Bond Recommended Actions

1. *Approve the \$3,887,000 general obligation bond authorization to continue planning and begin constructing and equipping renovations to the Patterson Center at the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum.*

Planning Response: Accept

2. *Approve the \$1,000,000 general obligation bond authorization for the African American Heritage Preservation Grant Program to assist in the protection of properties with cultural and historic significance to the African American Community.*

Planning Response: Accept

3. *Approve the \$600,000 general obligation bond authorization to be credited to the Maryland Historical Trust Capital Grant Fund for historical preservation and museum assistance.*

Planning Response: Accept