



Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom Renovation

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SubCategory	Other General Government	Administering Agency	General Services
Planning Area	Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Vicinity	Status	Preliminary Design Stage

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Cost Elements	Total	Thru FY25	Est FY26	Total 6 Years	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	Beyond 6 Years
Other	6,250	-	-	6,250	6,250	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,250	-	-	6,250	6,250	-	-	-	-	-	-

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000s)

Funding Source	Total	Thru FY25	Est FY26	Total 6 Years	FY 27	FY 28	FY 29	FY 30	FY 31	FY 32	Beyond 6 Years
Current Revenue: General	3,250	-	-	3,250	3,250	-	-	-	-	-	-
State Aid	3,000	-	-	3,000	3,000	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUNDING SOURCES	6,250	-	-	6,250	6,250	-	-	-	-	-	-

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA (\$000s)

Appropriation FY 27 Approp. Request	6,250	Year First Appropriation	
Appropriation FY 28 Approp. Request	-	Last FY's Cost Estimate	-
Cumulative Appropriation	-		
Expenditure / Encumbrances	-		
Unencumbered Balance	-		

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project provides for the rehabilitation of Glen Echo Park's Spanish Ballroom and essential capital upgrades, including the installation of a new HVAC system. The project will enhance the existing heavily used cultural asset, enabling year-round programming through climate control and restoration work.

LOCATION

7300 MacArthur Boulevard in Glen Echo Park, Montgomery County, MD

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

The National Park Service's (NPS) 2023 Historic Structure Report identifies the installation of heating and cooling systems as vital to preserving the Spanish Ballroom and enabling year-round use. Deferred Maintenance is to be paid for by NPS. Per the longstanding Cooperative Agreement, the National Park Service addresses deferred maintenance, while the County funds facility improvements; this

project includes components of both. The shared funding model reflects the successful early 2000s rehabilitation of the park, which represented the last major County investment in Glen Echo Park.

The park offers regular social dance events and classes in waltz, swing, contra, salsa, and more. Dances take place in the historic Spanish Ballroom, the Bumper Car Pavilion, and the recently renovated, climate-controlled Ballroom Annex. It remains a premier dance venue in the Washington, D.C., area.

FISCAL NOTE

The Spanish Ballroom renovation was previously included under the MCG Cost Sharing CIP (PDF #720601). In FY25, the County Council approved \$3.25 million in Current Revenue. In FY26, the Governor's State bond bill approved an additional \$1.50 million in State Aid. In FY27, these funds are transferred from the MCG Cost Sharing CIP to the new Glen Echo Spanish Ballroom Renovation project to be expended in FY27. The Governor's FY27 State bond bill approved an addition \$1.5 million. The National Park Service is pursuing further contributions from the State and private philanthropy to support additional improvements.

DISCLOSURES

The County Executive asserts that this project conforms to the requirement of relevant local plans, as required by the Maryland Economic Growth, Resource Protection and Planning Act.

COORDINATION

Department of General Services, Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture (GEPPAC), Montgomery County, National Park Service (NPS)