

## Discovery Museum to receive \$450,000

WINCHESTER — State lawmakers have set aside \$450,000 for the Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum's new facility in Jim Barnett Park.

The appropriation is one of 24 grants for capital projects awarded to arts organizations across the state totaling more than \$20.5 million approved during the 2005 session of the General Assembly.

"It's very gratifying for our staff and for the people in our community who have worked so intently on developing our museum to receive this unprecedented level of support and encouragement," said Peggy McKee, the museum's executive director.

"It is a clear sign to our city leaders that the trust and support they are providing to the Discovery Museum is well-placed, and is producing great returns for our community."

Museum officials hope to relocate to a larger facility in the city's major park in the not-too-distant future. The new facility would provide more space for exhibits and make it easier to get the tens of thousands of visitors to the facility each year.