

State of Maryland

Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate Bill #	House Bill #	2. Name of Bill	
SB42	HB1466	Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Institute of Notre Dame	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors		House Bill Sponsors	
Senator Verna Jones		Delegate Keith E. Haynes	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)		5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City		\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bill			
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State debt, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Institute of Notre Dame for the construction and capital equipping of a school building, to include renovations to the school auditorium, renovations to the fine arts classroom, upgrade of the building plumbing, safety and security improvements, and other campus expansion projects located in Baltimore City.</p>			
7. Matching Fund Requirements			
<p>Prior to the payment of any funds, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.</p>			
8. Special Provisions			
<p>This bill requires the grantee to convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of its interest in the property. See the comments section at the end of this document.</p>			
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization			
<p>Our mission is the education of culturally diverse students from the greater Baltimore metropolitan area. Rooted in a strong foundation of Catholic Christian values, the Institute of Notre Dame (IND) is a community of lifelong learners, committed to the education of the whole person, enabling its students to become women of discernment and active leaders in a rapidly changing world.</p> <p>We offer our quality education to people of all ethnic, religious, and socioeconomic backgrounds. Our goals are to attract and retain a faculty marked by excellence by providing an adequate and just salary and by providing professional development opportunities. Our goals are to build a scholarship and financial aid endowment to make an IND education a reality for more students. In addition, IND will increase enrollment over the next few years and heighten the visibility of the school in the Baltimore community. We will provide our students with access to internships with local companies and community service opportunities. Finally, we will prepare our building for the future by making the building renovations necessary to provide a safe, comfortable educational environment and to use our building in the most effective way. The renovations outlined in this request will help us reach these goals by enabling us to keep pace with necessary maintenance so that we may continue to offer a quality education in our historic home in East Baltimore. Additionally, the improvements will enable IND to provide a higher quality education thereby attracting more students and developing women leaders, active in their communities.</p>			

10. Description and Purpose of Project

To prepare our building for the educational needs in our future, we will make building safety improvements, upgrade our plumbing, and renovate our auditorium.

IND initiated a study on the building and has found that there are a number of fire safety improvements that should be completed to provide a safer environment for our students and faculty. They include compartmentalizing corridors, adding and/or replacing doors near staircases, and eliminating dead-end corridors, to name a few. These modifications will prevent a fire from spreading quickly through the building and will therefore make a safer environment for our students, faculty, and guests.

IND is also in need of funds to modernize its antiquated plumbing system, some of which dates back to the original construction. There are numerous ongoing problems causing some bathrooms to go out of service temporarily and mandating expensive emergency repairs. This has an adverse effect on how students and faculty use the facility. Additionally, in many parts of the building older plumbing systems are not adequately sized to handle today's volume. Inadequate volume and system modifications now cause backups in several bathrooms throughout the building. The vent system is insufficiently designed and water pipes are significantly corroded. Additionally, many of the main water valves have failed and IND maintenance staff must constantly check to be sure the system is working correctly. The Building and Grounds Committee, a committee of the Board, has studied the plumbing issue and consulted with several mechanical contractors and engineers resulting in the recommendation to replace all waste, water, and vent systems throughout the 197,100 square foot building.

The auditorium sits in the section of IND that was built in 1885 and was converted from a chapel to an auditorium after the existing chapel was built in 1892. The seats are small, hard, and uncomfortable. The curtains have shrunk over the years. The auditorium, which sits on the third floor, often gets very hot for our spring performances and ceremonies. Our spring musical, spring concert, and cultural awareness assembly are just a few of the many performances that take place in the auditorium. Approximately 2,000 people each year benefit from our auditorium including students, parents, faculty, staff, alumnae, community groups and other guests. Because the auditorium houses so many performances that are vital to our mission, it is important that we eliminate distracting factors such as heat, humidity, and uncomfortable seating and bring the auditorium up-to-date with items like a cyclorama and curtains.

In order to remain in Baltimore City, providing a quality education in our historic home, we must perform proper maintenance on our building and keep our facilities up to date. Funds from a state bond can make these improvements possible.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 11 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 12 (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.

11. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	\$0
Design	\$0
Construction	\$740,000
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$740,000

12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)

401 Washington Avenue Suite 204 Towson, MD 21204			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
67	82 by 2012	\$3,772,000	\$6,024,031 by 2012
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease the property to be improved?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			No
D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
NA			
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	Approximately 197,100 square feet		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	Plumbing for 197,100 square feet		
New GSF	Same		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1852-1885
28. Comments:			
The Institute of Notre Dame currently has a historical easement on the exterior of the building. We cannot add an easement to the interior. An amendment to the bill has been initiated to remove the language regarding easements. The amendment will also remove the language about fine arts renovations and campus expansion.			

