

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2004	SB653	2024	HB542	Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City - Institute of Notre Dame
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Senator Verna Jones, Senator Nathaniel McFadden				Delegate Keith Haynes, Delegate Ruth Kirk, Delegate Jeffrey Paige
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City				\$1,000,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Institute of Notre Dame, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the auditorium and classrooms for a fine arts program expansion.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
This bill requires a matching fund that may consist of real property. No part of the fund may consist of in-kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
No part of the proceeds of the bonds or the matching funds may be used for sectarian religious purposes.				

9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)

The Institute of Notre Dame was established in 1847 by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Its mission is the education of culturally diverse students from the greater metropolitan area. Rooted in a strong foundation of Catholic Christian values, 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.

IND is religiously, racially, ethnically, culturally, economically, geographically, and academically diverse. Our diverse population includes African Americans, Caucasians, Asian Islanders, Native Americans, Asians, Hispanics, and bi-racial students. Currently, 403 students are enrolled at IND. Approximately 30% of our students are non Catholic. Among our student population are Protestant, Jewish, and Muslim students. We accept students at varying academic levels. If a student has low test scores but has a strong moral ground and shows the desire and motivation to achieve, we will accept her and put her into our access program. Students in access classes as freshman are usually brought up to the college prep level by their sophomore year.

Our students come from five surrounding counties and one comes from Pennsylvania. Approximately 37% of our students are from Baltimore City. Our school is located in district 44 and 38% of our Baltimore City students are from districts 44 and 45, two of the poorest districts in Baltimore City.

The Institute of Notre Dame has been located at 901 Aisquith Street since 1847. We are committed to remaining in our East Baltimore City home and to contributing to our community. The Ashland Park Mews II Association uses our building for their meetings. We host a summer program which is free to middle school aged girls from the neighborhood and offers educational enrichment classes in science, technology, drama, and art. IND students serve as big sisters to students from St. Katharine School in a program called Project KIND. Johns Hopkins Medical Center East uses our auditorium periodically for lectures.

We also feel that our location is an important part of the education offered at IND. Our Baltimore City location makes us accessible to children of modest means and enables us to expose young women from surrounding counties to the realities of a low income neighborhood. Additionally, all of our students benefit from the access they have to local companies through internships.

In order to remain in our historic East Baltimore City building, providing a quality education to a diverse population, we need to make various improvements to the building, including the addition of a sprinkler system.

10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)

As building code and fire safety regulations evolve, IND is often grandfathered because of its age. The Institute of Notre Dame Board of Directors is committed to providing the safest, healthiest environment possible for IND students and staff. To this end, the Board had a fire and life safety base study conducted by EBL Fire Engineering. The decision was made to implement the first level of recommendations immediately. Self-closing and latching doors on stair enclosures were installed. Corridors were compartmentalized. An additional exit from the second floor was added and emergency signage and lights were installed. Now the Board sets its sights on a larger fire safety project, which is to install a sprinkler system throughout the entire building.

We recently received a grant to have a master plan feasibility study conducted. We hired Rubeling & Associates to conduct a study and to provide a master plan for our building based on our safety and curriculum needs. This study showed us that it would cost approximately \$1,662,000 to provide a sprinkler system for 146,000 square feet in the building. This would increase the safety of our students, faculty, and staff dramatically by preventing the spread of a fire should one occur. The safety of our students is our first concern, however, a sprinkler system could also benefit our school by preventing hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage should a fire occur.

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	\$157,000
Construction	\$1,505,000
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$1,662,000

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

Source	Amount
State Bond Bill	\$1,000,000
Foundations	\$662,000
Total	\$1,662,000

13. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
July 2006	October 2006	June 2007	August 2009

14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2006	15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
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\$4.6 million in gifts and pledges has been raised for our current capital campaign to date. While some of these gifts are allocated to the initial fire safety improvements, they are not allocated to the sprinklers.	Approximately 2,000 including students, staff, alumnae, parents, guests, neighborhood groups.	We do not anticipate a large increase.	
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
NA			
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Institute of Notre Dame, Inc. 901 Aisquith Street Baltimore, MD 21202			
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	
Sister Mary Fitzgerald, SSND		(410) 522-7800, ext. 230	
Jessica Wescott, Capital Campaign Director		(410) 522-7800, ext. 245	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		District 44	
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Mary G. Loker	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	(410) 628-1300		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
3421 Sweet Air Road, Suite 2 Phoenix, MD 21131			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
66	70	\$4,070,933	\$6,445,713
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee <u>own</u> or <u>lease</u> (pick one) 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	
NA			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF		146,000	
Space to Be Renovated GSF		146,000	
New GSF		146,000	
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		1852-1885	
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			