

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3375	SB943	3455	HB1595	Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County - Historic Higgins Cemetery
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Forehand and Grosfeld				Del. Gordon, Barve, and Simmons
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Montgomery				\$25,000.00
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd. and the Board of Directors of Higgins Cemetery Historic Preservation Association, Inc. for the restoration of the Historic Higgins Cemetery property.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the matching fund may consist of real property or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act. The fund may consist of in kind contributions.				
8. Special Provisions				
Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement.				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
Peerless Rockville: nonprofit dedicated to historic preservation and history education. Higgins Cemetery: nonprofit dedicated to restoring and interpreting Higgins Cemetery.				
10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)				
This project will document the site through research and archaeology, preserve and rehabilitate, repair gravestones and reconstruct fence, and interpret the property for future generations. A Master Plan has been developed to provide guidance. When complete, Higgins Cemetery will become an outdoor museum and a pleasant urban park that communicates the 200-year-long story of the property to the public, school children, and scholars. Although the agricultural landscape no longer exists, through rehabilitation and interpretive strategies it can be understood, protected, and enjoyed by the citizens of Maryland.				
<i>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.</i>				
11. Estimated Capital Costs				
Acquisition				
Design				5,000
Construction				40,000
Equipment				5,000
Total				50,000
12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)				
Source				Amount
Voluntary contributions (cash)				15,000
Voluntary contributions and services (in-kind)				10,000

Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
Higgins Cem: None Peerless Rvl: 4	Higgins Cem: None Peerless Rvl: 4	Higgins Cem: 4,300 Peerless Rvl: 192,400	Higgins Cem: 3,500 Peerless Rvl: 187,000
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
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	N/A		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	N/A		
New GSF	N/A		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			N/A
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			
Higgins Cemetery, an oasis in an urban area, is a unique historic resource with strong local associations and public education potential. Burials date from 1816 to 1891. Project is a partnership of Peerless Rockville, Higgins Cemetery Association, and nonprofit, corporate, and volunteer partners in the community.			