

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3393	SB1019	3392	HB1398	Maryland Youth Ballet
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Raskin			Mizeur	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery			\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Youth Ballet, Inc. for the planning, construction, and capital equipping of the Maryland Youth Ballet studio.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund of \$80,000. No Part of the matching fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions. The fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone	Email Address
Marc Lieber			301-881-1913	mliieber@patriot.net

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

Maryland Youth Ballet's mission is to provide the highest caliber of training and performance opportunities to prepare young dancers for a career in the performing arts, and to provide classes to dancers of all ages and levels in the community. Considered one of the finest dance studios in the Washington DC metropolitan area and in the nation, MYB specializes in classical ballet, and also offers instruction in jazz and modern dance, stretch, and other movement to produce well rounded professional dancers fit to join any dance company.

Since its founding in 1971, Maryland Youth Ballet has trained thousands of young people and adults. MYB has offered performance opportunities to virtually every young student. MYB training includes inculcation of lifelong values of discipline, hard work and perseverance to young students.

MYB alumni have gone on to careers with prominent ballet and dance companies nationally and internationally, with some MYB alumni acknowledged as among the premier dancers in the world. In addition, MYB is active in local community service efforts and in lecture/demonstrations in the Washington metropolitan area.

MYB trains students for life through dance. Students are expected to be on time for class, to be dressed in standard attire and ready to dance, to accept criticism with a smile, and to make up any missed classes. Students thank the teacher and piano accompanist with a bow/curtsy at the close of each class. Competitive behavior is discouraged and teamwork and humor encouraged. Students are rigorously evaluated and provided with suggestions for improvement. This teaching of virtues through dance is perhaps the most important outcome of an MYB dance education.

MYB performance opportunities include its highly acclaimed Nutcracker ballet, performed annually at Christmas, which fills an 800-seat auditorium for 10 performances per season, a Spring performance, and the summer Children's Festival at the Wolf Trap Park for the Performing Arts. MYB alumni consistently cite their participation in performances as among the highlights of their training in dance and in life. MYB classes typically use live pianists rather than recordings.

MYB's founder, Tensia Fonseca, was honored with the 2005 Education Award by the Montgomery County Arts and Humanities Council, a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Washington Performing Arts Society, and was named national Teacher of the Year in 2004 by Dance Teacher Magazine. In addition, MYB is the recipient of the "Outstanding Youth Performance" and the "Outstanding Classical Production" awards from D.C. Metro Dance.

MYB offers "Music and Motion" instruction to physically disabled dancers using specialized suspension equipment that bears 75% of the dancer's weight while allowing full range of movement. This is the first application of this specialized medical equipment in the world.

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

MYB is requesting funding to reimburse funds expended in Fall 2006 in constructing its new dance studios in the downtown Silver Spring Arts District. MYB moved into the new studios on January 1, 2007.

It was not known during the 2006 Legislative Session that MYB would move to Silver Spring in 2007. MYB danced in Bethesda for 30 years, then MYB’s studio was razed, to be replaced by a new building. After moving to a new Bethesda site in late 2005, MYB was required in Spring 2006 to leave its new location and find another studio. The Peterson Companies, a property owner in the downtown Silver Spring Arts District, agreed to construct MYB’s studio space at its expense in an existing unleased space and to amortize these construction expenses in MYB’s lease.

MYB’s new studios are spacious and beautiful. The studio floors are technologically advanced “Harlequin” flooring, considered among the best available for dance applications. The studio includes dressing rooms and a reception/waiting area. Two studios have glass doors, enabling observation during class instruction. The studio is located in the heart of the Silver Spring Arts and Entertainment District. The five studios offer plenty of room for dancers to leap and run, and the 20’ ceilings offer unrestricted height for jumps and lifts. Two studios have large windows looking out to the street, through which strolling patrons of the charming restaurants and shops may view dancers twirling and leaping. MYB has been welcomed warmly by the Silver Spring business and arts communities, and MYB was included in the annual Montgomery County Thanksgiving Parade shortly after MYB’s move to Silver Spring was announced.

MYB’s Music and Motion program for physically disabled dancers is offered in one of the new studios, with specialized medical equipment (funded through a private grant) permanently installed. The entire facility is accessible for the disabled, including an elevator in the entrance and ramps throughout the facility.

MYB raised \$300,000 to fund other capital expenses (flooring, mirrors, barres, etc.) and moving expenses. MYB is seeking \$280,000 in state and matching funds to pay down the construction expenses incurred.

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.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	
Design	
Construction	\$180,000
Equipment	\$100,000
Total	\$280,000

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

Source	Amount
State bond bill	\$200,000
Private fundraising	\$55,000
Grant: Music & Motion Equipment	\$25,000

Total			\$280,000	
14. Project Schedule				
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction	
July 2006	September 2006	September 2006	December 2006	
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2007	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete		
\$225,000	0 (prior to construction)	1,200		
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years				
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose		
	none			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)		
Maryland Youth Ballet, Inc. 926 Ellsworth Drive Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 608-2232				
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located				20
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:	Paul DiPiazza	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No	
Phone:	301-657-0172		No	
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
Lerch, Early and Brewer 3 Bethesda Metro Center, Suite 460 Bethesda, Maryland 20814				
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site				
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget	
25	28	\$1.5 million	\$1.7 million	
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)				
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?				Lease
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?				n/a
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
Peterson Companies	10 years	1 x 10 years

26. Building Square Footage:

Current Space GSF	12,300
Space to Be Renovated GSF	12,300
New GSF	

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion

n/a

28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)

Maryland Youth Ballet is thankful to be considered for this bond bill. We believe that we are an example of the type of local nonprofit arts organization that combines artistic excellence with community spirit. We have an outstanding record of achievement and contribution to the community. We will continue to strive to be worthy of the state's trust in MYB.

We would like the state to understand that in 2006, MYB teetered on the brink of extinction due to the expense of moving twice and the difficulty in finding appropriate studio space. We appreciate the support of Montgomery County officials, elected officials, and community leaders in assisting MYB to find and move into our new studios. We invite state elected officials to contact us to see the studio space first hand.