

State of Maryland

2011 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr2625	sb0831	lr2622	hb0725	Arthur & Mary E. Ridgley, Sr. Museum Phase I
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Currie			Griffith	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County			\$150,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Mildred Ridgley Gray Charitable Trust, Inc. for the planning, design, repair, and renovation of the Arthur & Mary E. Ridgley, Sr. Museum.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of real property.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Mildred Ridgley-Gray		301-925-7599	RSHammond@aol.com	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The Mildred Ridgley Gray Charitable Trust, Inc. was established on September 24, 2001, to bring public awareness to the historical background of a community in Prince George's County, Maryland, formerly known as Ridgeley, Ridgely or Ridgley.</p> <p>The mission of the Trust is to research family histories and institutions, to maintain the Arthur and Mary E. Ridgley house, to support the preservation of the Historic Ridgley Methodist Episcopal Church, the Historic Ridgley Methodist Episcopal Church Cemetery, and the Historic Ridgeley (Rosenwald) School, to participate in events that promote local history, to research the area and the religious, social, economic and cultural way-of-life in the 18th and 19th centuries, and to provide scholarships to Prince George's County students for the research, study, preservation of the heritage of Prince George's County, especially the Berry plantation.</p>				

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit Length to Visible area)

The purpose of the project is for the following renovations and repairs to preserve the Arthur & Mary E. Ridgley House, and convert into a museum.

A. Kitchen - remove and replace exterior door, paint and trim walls and ceiling

B. Main Bathroom ADA Conversion - remove existing tub, replace vinyl tiles, replace commode with ADA approved commode and install safety bars

C. Garage Conversion to Museum Office Space and Conference Room - install glass block entrance, frame, insulate, and sheetrock all interior space, install electrical outlets, switches, and lighting to code, install wall-mounted ductless heating and cooling unit

D. Various Interior Work - Convert office door into solid metal door with dead bolt lock for new file storage room

E. Exterior Repairs - reinstall storm windows, re-caulk all wood to wood and wood to brick, repair and rebuild brick stoop, construct handicap ramps

F. Walkways and Driveway Improvements - widen driveway and install 180 feet - 4' wide sidewalks, construct parking space for 12 cars

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (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	\$361,000
Design	
Construction	\$497,764
Equipment	
Total	\$858,764

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

Source	Amount
Mildred Ridgley Gray Charitable Trust, Inc. (already in hand)	\$125,000
Acquisition (already acquired) Land & Building Donation - Mildred Ridgley Gray Charitable Trust, Inc.	\$361,000
Other Private and Foundation Contributions	\$97,764
Mildred Ridgley-Gray (Already in hand)	\$125,000
State of Maryland Bond Bill	\$150,000
Total	\$858,764

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
04/2011	05/2011	10/2011	03/2012
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised		16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
\$250,000		N/A	500-1000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Mildred Ridgley Gray Charitable Trust, Inc Mildred Ridgley-Gray 10450 Lottsford Road #4109 Mitchellville, Maryland 20721		Arthur & Mary E. Ridgley House 8118 Central Avenue Landover, Maryland 20785	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	25 - Central Prince George's County		
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:	Michael Herman, Esq.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	240-508-5510		NO
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
4716 Oliver Street Riverdale Park, MD 20737			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
1 - part time	4	\$33,032	\$165,000
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?			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
N/A			
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	1874		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	1874		
New GSF	0		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1955

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

RuralScape: Retaining rural treasures in a rapidly urbanizing environment

Historic rural landscapes tend to disappear as the city edges out into the fields and pastures. Sometimes it doesn't matter. Sometimes a few buildings are saved from the bulldozer. Sometimes the fabric of the rural can be integrated into the urban and a new unique historically meaningful community can be the result. Kentland's in Montgomery County and Brunswick Crossing in Frederick County with its historic buildings and champion trees are outstanding examples. The potential for Prince George's County to have an award winning example of rural conservation blended with urban uses lies in the retention of the footprints of sites remaining from the rural community that started over 100 years ago.

That community, known as Ridgley, was the social, spiritual, and educational center for hundreds of colored people from miles around for over 100 years. Reminders of Ridgley can be found along a mile stretch of Central Avenue. In 1871, a Methodist congregation built themselves a church. Today that church is on the National Register of Historic Places. Further up the Pike in 1926, the school that started many years before in that church was moving out of the benevolent hall into the new Rosenwald School next door. The church and the school were named Ridgley.

The genesis of the Ridgley community can be traced back to ex slave Lewis Ridgley. He bought land from the man who had owned him and grew tobacco, raised his family, and along with other leaders of that time brought stability and prosperity in a time of great change.

Much of the farm was lost to urbanization in 2001 for the extension of a subway system. Lewis Ridgley's great granddaughter fought to retain five acres of the family farm so that the land could be used to exemplify and promote the rural history of black people. The future of those five acres is our concern and the reason that we have come to you.

Our vision includes replicating the farm including the farmhouse, barn, pond and accessory buildings. The building would be used for contemporary needs such as:

- Park land - organic community farm, green house
- Library - with WIFI/Technology
- Office Buildings - Afro American Genealogical Society, Council for Exceptional Children, The Mildred Ridgley Gray Charitable Trust, Inc.
- Community service offices
- Public institutions - schools, day-care, teens, volunteers
- The last stop of a historic driving/walking tour/trail (map, overlay)