

State Of Maryland 2018 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr2017		lr3314	hb0577	New City of Hope Community Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Robinson				Conaway
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City				\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the New City of Hope Community Center				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Unequal \$100,000			Type: 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 Ph#	Email Address
Dr. Denise L. Folks			410-945-7300	urbanpreacher5@aol.com
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>Positive Youth Expressions, Inc. a non-profit organization was founded by Dr. Denise L. Folks in 1993 in the state of Maryland. The purpose of Positive Youth Expressions, Inc. is to encourage and empower children , youth and families to seek excellence in body, soul and spirit by providing formal and informal educational experiences, outreach services, and resources through collaboration with community organizations, businesses, and local, state, and federal government agencies. 1. Positive Youth Expressions, Inc. plans and implements educational programs for early childhood education, pre- school and elementary to middle school. 2. P.Y.E., Inc. plans and implements workshop, conferences, and seminars for youth and families in the areas of substance abuse prevention, human trafficking and Boyz to Men support groups.</p>				

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
7/20/2017	9/20/2017	5/1/2018	9/10/2018
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
15000.00		0	200
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2015 Bond Bill	\$100,000	To begin New City of Hope Community Center	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Positive Youth Expressions, Inc.		1004 Ashburton Street Baltimore, Maryland 21216	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	40 - Baltimore City		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[]	[]	[X]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Dr. Denise L. Folks	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-945-7300		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
200 N. Bentalou Street Baltimore, Maryland 21223			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
4	12	57600.00	235000.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond 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 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	1,750 sq.ft		
Space to be Renovated GSF	1,750sq.ft		
New GSF	1,720sq.ft		

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

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28. Comments

The New City of Hope Community Center is an on going project. that is shovel ready. We are thankful to be communicating with and have the support of ARCO (Ashburton and Rosemont Community Organization) on this project.

We begin the project in 2015 with \$100,000.00 from a bond bill. The funds were used to raze 1000-1002 Ashburton Street houses because the properties were so deplorable that the work needed exceeded the amount granted.

1004 Ashburton Street is in better condition to be renovated into a community center.

We created a green space and an outdoor literacy park for spoken word and other literacy activities for children, youth and families in the community An old tree trunk on the land has been molded into a podium for these activities . And, we worked with muralist, Ernest Shaw, a Baltimore City school teacher to create a mural on the wall of 1004 Ashburton Street . The mural has lights around it to bring life to our New City of Hope Community Center and to also provide extra lighting to the community for security.

Positive Youth Expressions, Inc. began the New City of Hope Project in 2007 when we began purchasing and renovating dilapidated houses for the purpose of providing affordable housing to women and children due to the alarming rate of crime and violence in the community. We had a vision and a burden to turn this block around.

As of today, crime and violence is at it's lowest in the 1000 block of Ashburton Street.

We are also in the process of purchasing four houses on Dukeland Street to raze and build a new child care center for ages 0-5 years old.

In closing, we believe that, with the help of community and other government agencies, we can encourage others to take one block at a time and turn it into a 'New City of Hope.'