

## State Of Maryland 2018 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR #      Bill #		House LR #      Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr2018	sb0419			St. Francis Neighborhood Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Robinson				
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 St. Francis Neighborhood Center				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:  Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions.	
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address
Christi Green			410-870-9670	CGreen@stfranciscenter.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) community based organization in the Reservoir Hill, West Side of Baltimore City; founded in 1963, independent of any church affiliation. Our mission is committed to ending generational poverty through education, inspiring self-esteem, self-improvement, and strengthening connections to the community. We offer year round youth development programs for children living below poverty and their families. We also offer an Adult Literacy Program, Computer Lab, personal finance &amp; job readiness workshops, a greening/community improvement program, Yoga, an annual Health/Resource Fair, and space for Narcotics Anonymous meetings, other community organizations and more. All of our current programs, services, and events are of no cost to the public. We partner with over 30 neighborhood coalitions and countless community organizations.</p>				

**11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)**

Due to neighborhood/community demand, the Center is in dire need to renovate and expand. The Center is a small, but has made significant impact for over 55 years. Half of the current space is unusable or not functional. The space being used is in dire need of repairs (leaking on kids heads in the youth development program). The full basement is unusable due to water damage; the front porch need completely replaced; small rooms need to be expanded; restrooms repaired, electric and plumbing need replaced; a better lit facility inside and out for safety and efficiency. With the renovation and expansion, we intend to provide: Safe and functional space for community educational programming and gatherings with programming; triple the number of participants an opportunity to utilize the Center, programs, resources, and services (we have a wait list); fulfill the mission of the organization. Time to put the shovel in the ground.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	\$4,250
<b>Design</b>	\$217,600
<b>Construction</b>	\$3,525,400
<b>Equipment</b>	\$200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,947,250</b>

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

Private Foundations	\$1,703,150
Matching/In Kind	\$264,100
Proposed State Bond Bill 2018	\$500,000
Individual Contributions	\$850,000
CDBG 2016	\$300,000
Under Armour	\$100,000
Royal Farms	\$75,000
Bond Bill 2016/17	\$155,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,947,250</b>

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
4/3/2017	8/31/2017	5/1/2018	5/1/2019
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>		<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>
1868000.00	5,200 unique people		15,780 unique people
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2016	\$100,000	Pre-Development Design--COMPLETE	
2017	\$55,000	Pre-Development Design--COMPLETE	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
2405 Linden Avenue Baltimore, MD 21217			
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	40 - Baltimore City		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Christi Green	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	410-870-9670		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
1002 S. Potomac Street Baltimore, MD 21224			

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
5 full time, 4	7 full time, 8 part	535000.00	785000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	2,900		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	2,900+9,700 expansion		
<b>New GSF</b>	12,600		

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

2018

**28. Comments**

St. Francis Neighborhood Center is NOT a "pop-up," but a non profit that has been committed for 55 years to the neighborhood, proving success. We are a model. We are the oldest Center of its kind in Baltimore City, and this renovation and expansion is a historical and monumental feat, driven by the community. The visioning process of this project was completed with stakeholders that include community members, program participants, funders, volunteers, partners, staff, Board of Directors, and more.

When recently asking Baltimore City Police what more we can do to keep our children safe from aggressive recruiting by drug dealers, gangs, and criminal activity-- they publicly stated to "Keep doing what we are doing, it is working." This is our LAST Bond Bill request. This is the key to completing the project. 100% of children served live below the poverty line. There are no high school programs in our neighborhood, and as our youth age out of the 5-14 year old program, youth beg for continued support and a safe place to be. Families are provided resources, support, and continuing education. Center partners provide food, computer classes, yoga, NA classes and more. With the merger of Penn North's Elementary School (Westside) and Reservoir Hill (JEH), to Dorothy I. Height, we urge the State support this effort so we can also serve these children and families, that is 2 blocks from the Center. In addition, we partner with 17 Baltimore City Title 1 schools as a community based program.

Reservoir Hill (RH) continues to struggle but is a beautiful neighborhood with great people. Unfortunately, it was just blocks from the unrest in April 2015. The 2014 (released in 2016) Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance (BNIA), statistics show poor economic, educational, and health data for RH residents: 47.2% of children live below the poverty line and 40% of households earn less than \$25,000 annually. At the Center, more than 74% of mothers with children in the program are heads of households, approximately 30% higher than all other households in Baltimore City. Nearly 40% of residents in RH live below poverty, compared to 25% of all residents living in poverty in Baltimore City. Center services have allowed many parents and guardians who are un- and underemployed to pursue gainful employment or further their education while their children are enrolled in the youth programs. To address these distressing statistics and the community's pressing needs, we also surveyed the neighborhood and it was clear youth programs were essential. The Center then established the innovative after school and summer youth development programs. Our youth programs always have a wait list of 30 more children. We are currently filled to capacity. Our youth programs have received City, State, and National recognition; we are a 21st Century Community Learning Center.

We are growing at a record rate driven by our community. We encourage you to share in our grassroots efforts of community driven educational programming and become the present and future of our great history to come. We need your support to complete the project we are ready to continue the transformation of this infamous street corner once only known for its gang and drug activity.