

State Of Maryland

2019 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Mercy High School Athletics Complex		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Washington	Anderson	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$300,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of an athletics complex at Mercy High School, including the installation of an artificial turf field		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements: Equal	Type: The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund	
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Mary Lennon	410-433-8880 x235	mlennon@mercyhighschool.com
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Founded by the Sisters of Mercy in 1960, Mercy High School is a Catholic, college preparatory school for 350 girls in grades 9-12. An anchor for Northeast Baltimore, Mercy draws students from Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties. Mercy enrolls students diverse in religion (41% non-Catholic), race (47% students of color), and socioeconomic circumstance (87% receive financial aid). Partnerships with Mercy Medical Center, MedStar Good Samaritan, Anne Arundel Community College, Notre Dame of Maryland University, and others strengthen Mercy and the local community. Virtually 100% of Mercy students attend college (including such distinguished institutions as Univ. of Maryland College Park, Towson, Morgan State, Loyola MD, Yale), prepared for success in college and career and committed to serve others.</p>		

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

Mercy High School seeks funding for Phase Two of a new Athletics Complex: an AstroTurf soccer/field hockey/lacrosse field with nighttime LED lights and accessible grandstands and restrooms. The new field will feature virgin rubber infill and a shock pad maximally rated for player safety, replacing a grass field that is damaged by weather conditions (unplayable in the fall 2018 season due to inclement weather) and does not meet regulation dimensions for competition. Currently, Mercy is one of the few area private or public schools without an artificial turf playing surface, which best prepares athletes for collegiate athletics, including scholarships that help make college affordable for our families of modest means. Mercy will host numerous community activities, including sports clinics for local elementary/middle school students, on the new field. All Mercy students will use the field for physical education classes and schoolwide activities.

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	\$0
Design	\$258,000
Construction	\$3,905,000
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$4,163,000

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

Fundraising (\$2,971,586 has already been raised)	\$3,113,000
Howard Bank Loan	\$750,000
Bond Bill	\$300,000
Total	\$4,163,000

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
6/12/2018	12/21/2018	2/14/2019	8/1/2019
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
2971586.00		400	2,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Mercy High School, Inc. 1300 East Northern Parkway Baltimore, MD 21239		Same	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	43 - 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:	Mary E. Lennon	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-433-8880, x. 235		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
70	80	4961611.00	5395757.00
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	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

Located on a 26-acre campus just inside Baltimore City, Mercy High School is an important anchor institution for the community. Mercy serves as the evacuation area for neighboring Leith Walk Elementary/Middle School and hosts monthly meetings of the Idlewood Community Association and its board, as well as a variety of other civic meetings. Our auditorium is utilized by community groups for dance recitals and theater productions, and the campus hosts an annual social justice symposium for 500+ participants. This project has a broad impact. For our Mercy athletes, it will level the playing field, putting our athletes on an artificial turf field equal to private schools with much higher tuition price points. (Our families pay on average 70% of our published tuition of \$15,180 and some pay as little as \$5,000; other area private schools charge \$20,000- \$32,000.) Our girls will play on the same quality field that their brothers and friends play on at the local boys and coed schools. Pipeline Soccer, a nonprofit youth soccer organization, will use the field in off-hours, and they will bring youth soccer players from around the state to play in tournaments they host.

Within our local community, the median household income is \$47,058--39% less than the median household income of \$77,394 for the metro Baltimore area. Local K-8 children will participate in sports clinics, led by our coaches and player, on our new field. The beautiful field will enhance a major thoroughfare, Northern Parkway, lined with modest brick rowhouses. The Idlewood Association fully supports the new field, noting that the attractive signage and landscaping will help renew the community. Lighting and weekend field usage will enhance neighborhood security.

Founded in 1960, Mercy has graduated nearly 8,000 alumnae--90% of whom live and work in Maryland. A rigorous college preparatory curriculum, four high-quality STEM programs, a robust performing arts program, and career internships ensure that Mercy Girls are well prepared for college. Last year, our 84 seniors won \$10 million in college merit scholarships--critical for our low- and middle-income families and for our girls who are the first in their families to attend college.

Through our 2015-16 strategic planning process, the school's Board of Trustees identified \$13 million in programmatic and capital priorities that would position Mercy for a strong and sustainable future. Having raised nearly \$7 million, Mercy has air conditioned and renovated the school's 1960s-era classrooms, created a new College Counseling Center, replaced the boiler room, IT infrastructure, and 9 restrooms. We are now implementing the International Baccalaureate and building a new Athletics Complex with an artificial turf field as the centerpiece. As a proud Mercy graduate, I have personally committed \$25,000 to this transformational project, and with our dedicated Board of Trustees, have raised nearly \$3 million in less than 12 months. The new complex will honor the work of the Sisters of Mercy who sponsor Mercy High School, Mercy Medical Center, and Stella Maris, serving those in need of healthcare, assisted living and hospice, and education throughout Maryland.

Sincere thanks for your kind consideration!

Mary Beth Lennon '85, President, Mercy High School