

State of Maryland

Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate Bill #	House Bill #	2. Name of Bill
	HB1462	Creation of a State Debt - Prince George's County - Bethel Recreation Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors		House Bill Sponsors
		Delegates Proctor and Vallario
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)		5. Requested Amount
Prince George's County		\$250,000
6. Purpose of Bill		
Authorizing the creation of a State debt, the Board of Trustees of Union Bethel A.M.E. Church for the planning, design, construction, and capital equiping of the Bethel Recreation Center for use as a gymnasium, cafe and bookstore, and community meeting area, located in Brandywine.		
7. Matching Fund Requirements		
Prior to the payment of any funds, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.		
8. Special Provisions		
No portion of the proceeds of the loan or any of the matching funds may be used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction, or in connection with the design, acquisition, or construction of any building used or to be used as a place of sectarian religious worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or department of divinity for any religious denomination.		
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization		
The Union Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church building now stands on the property of the original church that was organized in the period immediately after the Civil War. In 1868, two acres of land in Brandywine, Maryland were deeded to the Trustees of the Union Bethel AME Church. The Brandywine location has been the site of three separate phases of the church's history since the early 1870s. Through the years the church as grown to include 36.8 acres of land, 2 worship sites, and 3 nonprofit organizations which are: (1) Bethel House, Inc.--community outreach programs in the form of emergency rental, mortgage, and utilities assistance, food distribution, counseling programs, health education, life skills and job readiness training, (2) For Our Children's Unity School, Inc--day care and before and after care for children with focus on christian-based education to build character, provide spiritual growth, and promote leadership, and (3) Unity Economic Development Corporation--with programs to educate and empower people in financial literacy, home buying, workforce and career development.		

10. Description and Purpose of Project			
<p>There are no public recreation facilities to serve the residents of southern Prince George's (Brandywine, Temple Hills, Accekeek, Clinton, Cheltenham, and Aquasco) and Walford in northern Charles County. This once rural area is in the midst of a housing boom. Within a 5-mile radius of the church's property there are over 2,000 single family homes in the process of being build, or under development. The Union Bethel Community Center will accommodate some of the recreational needs of this fast growing community. The church community is committed to providing positive recreational choices for the young people in the area so that they will not get involved in crime and other negative behavior. The Bethel Community Center will be the only public recreational facility that will service the nearby seven zipcode communities. A recreational facility is desperately needed, other programs will be designed to focus health and wellness activities for youth, senior citizens quality of life programs and families in general. The facility will have a swimming pool, gymnasium, activity and community meeting rooms, bookstore, and credit union.</p>			
<p><i>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.</i></p>			
11. Estimated Capital Costs			
Acquisition			
Design		750,000	
Construction		7,000,000	
Equipment		2,250,000	
		Total	10,000,000
12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)			
Source		Amount	
Maryland State Bond Bill 2000, 2001,2003		750,000	
Maryland State Bond Bill 2005		250,000	
Union Bethel AME Capital Campaign		1,500,000	
Maryland State Community Legacy Program		900,000	
Maryland National Capital Park & Planning		3,000,000	
Union Bethel AME Debt financiing		3,600,000	
		Total	10,000,000
13. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
June 2001	June 2005	June 2006	June 2007
14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2005		15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
100,000		-0-	7,500+
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2000	250,000	Preliminary architect design	
2001	250,000	Architect and Engineering Design	
2003	250,000	Site development planning and design	
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	

Board of Trustees of Union Bethel AME Church 6810 Floral Park Road Brandywine, MD 20613		Same	
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Rev. Dr. Harry L. Seawright, Pastor		301-372-6036	HLSREV@aol.com
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			27
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:	Midgett Parker, Esq.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-268-0881		NO
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Annapolis, MD			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
-0-	35	-0-	1,500,000
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease 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?			YES
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
To Be Determined			
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			
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	80,783 sf		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			
28. Comments:			