

State of Maryland

Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate Bill #	House Bill #	2. Name of Bill
SB118	HB166	Sandi's Learning Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors		House Bill Sponsors
Senator Ralph M. Hughes		Delegate Salima Siler Marriott
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)		5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City		\$1,000,000.00
6. Purpose of Bill		
<p>The purpose of the Bill is to provide funding for the redevelopment of 1701 N. Ellamont Street into a community day care center that will service a number of at-risk children in the community. We currently provide services to fifty children and families who reside in one of Baltimore City communities most highly affected by urban blight social toxins, e.g., poor educational opportunities, high crime and violence, drug infestation, joblessness, and inherent threats to overall physical health. This Bill will enable children to receive early childhood education programs in a physical environment that is safe, clean, healthy, and child-friendly which adheres to standards for early learning; preparing school readiness by implementing the early childhood programs according to the Maryland State Department of Education and the National Association for the Education of Young Children; and enabling Baltimore City to fulfill the requirement of full-day kindergarten for all children and pre-K for children at-risk by the 2007-2008 school year as mandated in the Bridge to Excellence in Public School Act and requirements under the President's No Child Left Behind (NCLB).</p>		
7. Matching Fund Requirements		
<p>Matching fund requirement of which no part may consist of real property or in kind contributions. The matching fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.</p>		
8. Special Provisions		
None		
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization		
<p>Sandi's Learning Center, Inc., was founded in November 2003. It is an expansion of the successful business, Sandi's Learning Day Care, LLC that was founded in September 2002. In our community, we are a highly visible organization that can be described as a specialist in the field of childcare services. Our goal is to provide quality early care and education programs that will produce better outcomes for children. In order to help attain the project's goals, Sandi's Learning Center will continue its partnership with Baltimore City Child Care Resource Head Start and the The Department of Social Service Family Investment Program. In addition, by December, 2005, construction will be 100% completed; by March 2006, Sandi's Learning Center will be accredited by the Maryland State Department of Education and the National Association for the Education of Young Children; and a partnership will be formed with the Maryland State Department of Education.</p>		

10. Description and Purpose of Project

Sandi’s Learning Center, Inc. will provide a much-needed service to a community lacking in child development, family development, and community development services. The goal is to build a 15,200 feet facility that will provide a full service learning facility to address the educational and development needs of the community. Specifically, Sandi’s Learning Center, Inc. will provide the following:

- Quality Birth-to-Five Child Development Services – Our curriculum includes skills for school readiness and they address key child development areas of physical well being, social and emotional development, approaches to learning, language development, and cognition.
- Quality After-School Care Services – Children who would otherwise be “latchkey” children will receive supervision, educational services, and structured fun activities.
- Family Development Services – Workshops and resources offered to aid families.
- Community Development Services – On-going workshop, hands-on training in early childhood development, technology, professional development and resources offered to aid members in the community
- Professional Development Services for Early Childhood Educators- We will continue our partnership with Baltimore Child Care Resource Center Head Start Program and the Department of Social Services Family Investment Program. In addition, we will continue to train, motivate and, monitor our instructors continuously.

The short- term benefit to the community will be having a stable and ever present business entity addressing the specific needs of the community. The long- term benefit will be a generation of children acquiring basic skills and motivated and encouraged to pursue higher education. The center will have the capacity to serve 225 children and their families.

Moreover, in this wavering economy, jobs and business opportunities will be created. Initially, an additional 12 jobs will be created (teachers, teachers' aids, chief cook), but numerous positions will become available: janitorial staff, technical assistance and marketing staff.

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.

11. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	0
Design	66,000.00
Construction	1,641,890.00
Equipment	285,487.00
Total	1,993,886.00

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

Source	Amount
K- Bank Permanent Loan	350,000
Maryland Department of Business & Economic Development (DBED) - Loan	150,000
State Bond Bill	1,000,000
HUD Grant	300,000
The Abell Foundation Grant	80,236

The Weinberg Foundation Grant		113,650	
Total		1,993,886.00	
13. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
March 2004	November 2004	April 2005	December 2005
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
0		0	225
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Sandi's Learning Center, Incorporated		1701 N. Ellamont Street	
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Lisa M. Shelton, MBA President/CEO		(410)977-0470	sandislearningcenter@yahoo.com
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			40 th Legislative District
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:	Gary R. Maslan, Esquire	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	(410) 282-2700		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
7508 Eastern Avenue			
Baltimore, Maryland 21224			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
10	22	144,000	564,900
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?		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
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	12,800 S.F.		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	N/A		
New GSF	15,200 S.F.		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			
28. Comments:			