

State of Maryland

Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate Bill #	House Bill #	2. Name of Bill
SB737	HB647	The Highlands School Building
3. Senate Bill Sponsors		House Bill Sponsors
Harford County Senators		Harford County Delegation
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)		5. Requested Amount
Harford		\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill		
The purpose of the bill is to provide a grant to the Board of Directors of The Highlands School for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of a school for children with learning disabilities to be located in Bel Air, Maryland		
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		
None		
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization		
<p>The Highlands School is a private, non-profit school that serves children grades 2-8 with language processing deficits, Dyslexia, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) and other learning differences. It is the only school of its kind in Harford County and the only school in the Baltimore region with a stated mission of student remediation with the ultimate goal of a timely return to a traditional school. The Highlands School exists to identify and serve children who have the potential for average or above average achievement, ages seven(7) and older (Grades 2 through 8) who are struggling to learn by conventional methods and who manifest difficulties in one or more areas of skill development. These areas include:</p> <p>Language - receptive (auditory processing) and expressive (communications) Reading and Spelling Perceptual - motor integration (writing / copying tasks) Organization -study and social skills</p> <p>The program is designed to provide an environment conducive to fostering optimum growth in the child's overall educational competence, remediating skill deficits and permitting the student to transition to a traditional school in a timely manner.</p> <p>The capital project will support this mission at the new facility which will serve up to 125 students in the full academic year program and up to 75 students in the five week - intensive summer school program.</p>		

10. Description and Purpose of Project

Scope of the Project:

The Highlands School capital building project for which funding of \$500,000 through a State of Maryland Bond Bill is being sought includes:

- The acquisition of 18.5 acres of land located at 2409 Creswell Road, Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland
- Construction of a 25,000 square foot, one-level facility. This facility will accommodate:
 1. 125 students
 2. 12 classrooms
 3. Media Center
 4. Art Center
 5. Music Center
 6. Full Court Gymnasium
 7. Environmental Classroom
 8. Evaluation/Therapy Center
 9. Multi-Purpose Room
 10. Computer Lab
 11. Science Lab

The cost of the project is \$5 million. The Committee is approaching foundations, individuals and corporations for funding in addition to requesting the Bond Bill.

Ground breaking is planned for the fall of 2005. We expect to accommodate 75 students during the first year of operation at our new facility. The second year student enrollment will increase to 100 and by the third year of operation a full complement of 125 students will be enrolled. Full time employment equivalency projection is 78.

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	500,000
Design	300,000
Construction	3,700,000
Equipment	500,000
Total	5,000,000

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

Source	Amount
State Bond Bill	500,000
Individuals (already raised \$355,00)	1,000,000
Mortgage	2,000,000
Corporations (\$8,500 already raised)	400,000
Events (\$50,000 already raised)	100,000
Foundations (\$407,000 in cash and pledges already raised)	1,000,000
In-kind donations (\$42,000 of professional services received)	
Total	5,000,000

13. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
January 2005	July 2005	August 2005	August 2006
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
\$863,225		0 Students **	195 Students
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Highlands School, Inc. 708 Highland Road PO Box 98 Street, MD 21154		2409 Creswell Road Bel Air, MD 21015	
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Kathy Casey, Executive Director, The Highlands School Foundation		443-512-8200	kathycasey@comcast.net
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			35B
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:	Lawrence Kreis, Esq.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-838-5522		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
c/o Stark and Keenan 30 Office Street Bel Air, MD 21014		January 2005	\$552,270
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*	78	0*	\$2.5 million
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
N/A			

E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:

Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew
N/A		

26. Building Square Footage:

Current Space GSF	0*
Space to Be Renovated GSF	-
New GSF	25,000

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	-
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28. Comments:

* Project site is currently vacant land. The school currently operates in rented space at the Highlands Community Center in Street, MD and will move to the new location when the building is complete. The current numbers at the Street location for the following Questions:
 #15 : 80 students are currently served. Forty in the full year academic program and another 40 in the five week summer program.
 #24 a: The Highlands School currently employs 34 people (will employ 78 at new location)
 #24b: The Highlands School currently has an operating budget of \$750,000 (\$2.5 Million at the new location)
 #26 : Current Square Feet at the Street, MD location is 5,143 square feet (new building will be 25,000 square feet)