

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
1261	SB1021	3488	HB1630	Creation of a State Debt – Capital Area Food Bank
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Currie and Ruben				Del. Griffith, et. al.
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Statewide				\$1,000,000.00
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Capital Area Food Bank, Inc. for planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a newly acquired facility for the Capital Area Food Bank, located in Washington, D.C.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. The matching fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				

9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)

The mission of the Capital Area Food Bank is to feed those who suffer from hunger in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area by acquiring food and distributing it through our network of member agencies; and to educate, empower and enlighten the community about the issues of hunger and nutrition.

The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest public nonprofit food and nutrition education resource in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area. Last year, the Capital Area Food Bank distributed 20 million pounds of food through more than 700 partner agencies in the region, reaching over 383,000 people. Approximately 70,000 different people receive food assistance each week through CAFB partner agencies.

In Montgomery and Prince George's counties, 1 in 5 school age children is at risk of hunger; in Washington, D.C., 1 in 2; and in Northern Virginia, 1 in 6. In conjunction with our partner agencies, the CAFB helps nourish children, seniors and families in need. The Capital Area Food Bank has served the National Capital Region for over 25 years.

In Maryland, more than 246,000 residents in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties are at risk of or are experiencing hunger. Of these, 40% live in Montgomery County, ranked 8th nationally for highest median household income. (U.S. Census American Community Survey, 2003 and U.S. Census, 2000)

Through our partnerships with nationally recognized education and advocacy organizations such as America's Second Harvest, we are uniquely positioned to make the best in nutrition and food skills education available to the residents of our region.

The food bank operates 9 outreach programs, including Kids Café, an after-school meal program; Produce for People, a fresh-food collection and distribution program; the Brown Bag Program, which provides supplemental food for low-income seniors and families; and From the Ground Up, a cooperative farm project between the food bank and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, where chemical-free produce is grown at Claggett Farm in Upper Marlboro, Maryland and distributed to underserved communities.

In May 2004, the Maryland Department of Education awarded our Kids Cafe program a Certificate of Excellence for "outstanding performance in the administration of the Child and Adult Care Food Program."

In 2003, the Washingtonian magazine named the food bank as one of the "Top 20 Charities in the Region." Of the remaining 19 charities, nine were our partner agencies.

10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)

The food bank’s success is currently overshadowed by the limited space in our current distribution center. Due to lack of space, the food bank had to turn away 2.2 million pounds of food last year. Despite the continued growth in the need for food assistance in our community, our food distribution has woefully plateaued at 20 million pounds a year since 1998.

Our current distribution center has simply reached the critical limits of over-capacity, and we are turning away tractor trailer loads of nutritious foods. However, last summer, the food bank acquired an ideal distribution center location and is now in the process of developing it. The new center will double the space available to meet the region’s emergency food needs, and support programs that provide children, working families, and seniors with pathways that will help to take them permanently out of hunger.

Ultimately, by more than doubling the number of meals the food bank can provide, the new distribution center will empower individuals and families to move beyond lives led by hunger and desperation to lives filled with food and hope.

We want to continue to meet the growing need of the hungry and those at risk of hunger in Montgomery, Prince George’s, and Charles counties and the rest of Metropolitan Washington, by obtaining new expanded distribution center space. Doubling our space will allow us to access greater quality and quantities of food, and to expand our important programs. If we are to continue to fulfill our mission to close the gap between those who eat and those who don't, we must secure more space.

More food in our community would mean we could open more Kids Cafe sites, where we provide hearty after school snacks and, in some instances, bags of food for the weekend, and where site coordinators run mentoring and tutoring programs for low-income children. At present, we have 20 sites waiting to join this program.

Our long range goals of doubling our distribution will be achieved through continued, intensive interaction with partner agencies. The doubling of our food distribution will be a result of growing in physical size, and will not require additional staff to realize our short-term goals. To sustain larger operations, we estimate an increase of only 8% to our total budget. Our increased revenue from increased food distribution will more than offset this increase in operating costs.

By distributing more food to our over 700 partner agencies, CAFB will help them better apply the thousands of dollars they would otherwise spend on food towards programs that will provide clients with job training, tutoring, mentoring, affordable child care, and help overcoming addictions. The people they serve will be better able to afford housing, clothing and transportation because food costs will take a smaller bite from their household budgets, and these families will be healthier and better able to work or learn at their full capacity and focus on long-term goals.

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	\$10,350,000
Design	611,000
Construction	11,908,000
Equipment	480,000

Total		\$23,349,000	
12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)			
Source		Amount	
District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development		\$7,705,000	
Federal US Appropriations		1,597,600	
Cafritz Foundation, Morris & Gwendolyn		500,000	
Capital One Financial Corporation		500,000	
Graham Fund, Philip L.		500,000	
Marriott Foundation, J.W. and A.S.		500,000	
Giant Food, Inc.		325,000	
Other Private, Corporate and Foundation Pledges		3,010,729	
Maryland Bond Request		1,000,000	
Other Funds to be Raised, as of 02/24/2006		4,361,671	
Sale of current warehouse at Taylor Street, NE DC (\$3.1M) plus CAFB reserves		3,349,000	
Total		\$23,349,000	
13. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
January 2006	December 2006	January 2007	April 2008
14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2006	15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
\$5,050,729	CAFB distributes over 20 million pounds of food to more than 383,000 people annually.	CAFB will distribute twice as much food to the same--or likely, a greater number--of people. Twice as much food will reach those in need: CAFB will distribute over 40 million pounds of food to more than 383,000 people annually, if not more.	
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)	
Capital Area Food Bank 645 Taylor Street NE Washington, DC 20017-2063		4900 Sixth Street NE Washington, DC 20017	
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Lynn Brantley, President and CEO, Capital Area Food Bank		202.536.5344	brantleyl@cfoodbank.org

Barry Scher, Vice Chairman of Capital Area Food Bank Board, Vice President, Public Affairs, Giant Food Inc.		301.341.4710	bscher@GiantOfMaryland.com	
Jennifer Vanmeter, Campaign and Major Gifts Director, Capital Area Food Bank		202.526.5344	vanmeterj@cfoodbank.org	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			This project serves those at risk of hunger in Montgomery, Prince George's and Charles counties, in the following legislative districts: 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 39 and 47.	
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)				
Local Govt.		For Profit		Non Profit
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:		
Name:	Eric Eisenberg, DLA Piper Rudnick	Has An Appraisal Been Done?		Yes/No
Phone:	202.861.6431			YES
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
1200 Nineteenth Street NW Washington, DC 20036		June 15, 2005	\$3.1M for current facility at 645 Taylor Street, NE, Washington, DC	
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	70 for first three years in new facility.	\$7,500,000	\$7,700,000 in first year in new facility for increased insurance and maintenance costs	
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance 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 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	132,855 GSF at 4900 Sixth Street NE, DC		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	86,571		
New GSF	60,000		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		1961	
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			

Shockingly, 1 in 5 children and over 246,000 residents in Montgomery, Prince George's and Charles counties are at risk of or are experiencing hunger. For the last 25 years, the Capital Area Food Bank has been answering the call of thousands of area residents who suffer from or are at risk of hunger by distributing over 62,300 pounds of food per day and over 1.6 million meals per month through more than 700 partner agencies.

However, the Capital Area Food Bank is stretched to its limits in its current distribution facility. Last year, the food bank turned away over 2.2 million pounds of food for lack of space and for the last six years, the food bank has plateaued its food distribution at 20 million pounds per year. By developing a larger distribution facility, the food bank will more than double the pounds of food that reach those in need.

By distributing more food to our over 700 partner agencies, CAFB will help them better apply the thousands of dollars they would otherwise spend on food towards programs that will provide clients with job training, tutoring, mentoring, affordable child care, and help overcoming addictions. The people they serve will be better able to afford housing, clothing and transportation because food costs will take a smaller bite from their household budgets, and these families will be healthier and better able to work or learn at their full capacity and focus on long-term goals.

With more space in a new distribution center, the food bank will be able to:

- accept more donations of bulk food items that we currently must turn away due to lack of space and inability to repackage.
- increase our capacity and decrease the waiting list for new sites for our Kids Café program: 20 sites are on our waiting list today. Kids Café is one of our most successful programs, with 49 active sites that serve 2000 children.
- double the number of meals provided through Kids Café and Food for Kids to over 690,000 meals per year, which means over 4,000 children whose cognitive and physical health and well-being will be improved.
- increase our Brown Bag Program for Seniors by 100%.
- more than double food distribution to over 40 million pounds per year, providing 3.2 million meals per month to people suffering from hunger in the Washington Metropolitan area.

Food makes a house a home, yet many Maryland families have to choose between buying food or paying rent. By achieving our mission, the Capital Area Food Bank helps families ensure a stable and nourishing environment which, in turn, positively impacts the entire community and eventually the entire region.

Support of \$1 million from the state of Maryland will be an investment in the thousands of people who suffer from or are at risk of hunger in Montgomery, Prince George's and Charles counties.