

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
1194	SB321	1046	HB295	Creation of a State Debt – Anne Arundel County - Opportunity Builders
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Chairman, Anne Arundel County Senators				Del. Sophocleus, et al.
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Anne Arundel County				\$750,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$750,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Opportunity Builders, Inc. for the acquisition, design, construction, and capital equipping of a new vocational training facility.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
This bill requires a matching fund that may consist of real property and funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act. No part of the fund may consist of in-kind contributions.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				

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

Opportunity Builders Inc. provides a progression of vocational training and employment services to individuals with developmental disabilities in order to increase self-worth promote independence and prepare them to work as valued employees in the community.

Opportunity Builders Inc. (OBI) is a private, non-profit 501 © 3 organization incorporated in 1962. For 44 years, OBI has provided vocational training and employment placement services to Anne Arundel County citizens with developmental disabilities. The population served by OBI is adults 18 years of age or older with a developmental disability such as mental retardation, cerebral palsy, spina bifida or epilepsy. At OBI, maximum levels of productivity are encouraged for all program participants and emphasis is placed on providing them with a meaningful work experience. They have the freedom to combine day or vocational services with other community activities such as education or recreation. Individuals in the warehouse training facility are taught acceptable work behaviors, basic safety skills, work related hygiene and improved social skills. The training program provides income, self-esteem and personal value for individuals while looking for community employment. It also provides individuals employed in the community the opportunity to work on their days off or if they are between jobs.

Working in competitive community employment is the goal for all individuals who participate in our program. Our supported employment staff assists individuals by helping them identify the type of work they prefer, polishing interview skills and techniques, how to use public transportation, and guidance in acceptable job behaviors. Once employment is obtained and the initial job training is complete, our training specialists provide ongoing support in the community. Supported employment services are provided according to the individuals' work schedules.

OBI's adult development center (day habilitation) provides a more intense level of training due to the complex nature of the participants' disabilities. Individuals in this program are constantly challenged to increase their level of independence. This hands-on training provides these individuals a meaningful work experience and the opportunity to earn a paycheck.

The recreation and leisure program helps individuals develop their social and recreational skills be participating in various activities held at or sponsored by OBI and through attending community events.

Services are provided primarily in Anne Arundel County. OBI's administrative office and training facility is located in Hanover, MD close to BWI Airport. We maintain a fleet of 26 vehicles, 20 are equipped with wheelchair lifts. OBI transports approximately 225 program participants daily.

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

Opportunity Builders is proposing construction of a new building 46,000 square feet that will allow us to design a facility that fully meets the physical and emotional needs of our 250 clients and 60 staff members.

The proposed project of a new facility is to address several problems that exist in our current rented facility. Space is the first issue. It is extremely limited and affects our ability to adequately provide current services. It also prohibits us from expanding to meet future needs. Our current is not ideally laid out. It is long and narrow and requires individuals to travel long distances from one area to another. Numerous accessibility issues, like narrow doorways and halls, and small bathrooms exist. Another issue is our location in northern Anne Arundel County. Travel time to and from the program results in unacceptable commute times for our individuals who live in the southern part of the county.

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	900,000
Design	350,000
Construction	5,850,000
Equipment	100,000
Total	7,200,000

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

Source	Amount
Legislative Bond Bill	750,000
Capital Campaign	1,500,000
Mortgage (IRB)	1,850,000
Local / County Government (ACDS)	500,000
DHMH Administration Sponsored Capital Grant	1,600,000
Opportunity Builders Reserves	1,000,000
Total	7,200,000

13. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
January 2006	July 2006	September 2006	September 2007

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
85,000	250	300

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)	
Opportunity Builders Inc.			
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Vicki L. Callahan Executive Director		410-787-0700	vcallahan@oppbuildinc.org
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		33A	
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:	Sager Williams	Has An Appraisal	Yes/No
Phone:	(410) 573-2900 ex. 228	Been Done?	Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
170 Jennifer Road Annapolis, Md. 21401			\$780,000 September 14, 2005
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
57	65	3.3 Million	3.6 Million
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee <u>own</u> or <u>lease</u> (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
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		30,000
Space to Be Renovated GSF		46000
New GSF		46000
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		2006 - 2007
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)		