

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3265	SB908	3493	HB1662	Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore City - Forest Park Senior Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Gladden				Del. Carter, Oaks, and Rosenberg
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City				\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Forest Park Senior Center, Inc. for the repair, renovation, and capital equipping of the Forest Park Senior Center, located in Baltimore City.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
This bill requires a matching fund of \$300,000 that may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act. No part of the fund may consist of real property or in-kind contributions.				
8. Special Provisions				
None				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>The Forest Park Senior Center is a project in part funded by the Baltimore City's Commission on Aging and Retirement Education (CARE). It was founded in 1979 as a voluntary non-profit agency serving elderly citizens in Northwest Baltimore. Its catchment area is bounded by Patterson Ave. on the west, Lewin and Belvedere Ave. and Northern Parkway to the north, Jones Falls, Druid Park Dr., and Reisterstown Rd. on the east and North Ave. to the south. The senior population in this area approximates 10,000 and is increasing. The center is now in its 27th year of providing services and programs to the elderly in this sector of the city. Programs include recreation, health and physical fitness and nutrition. Many of the activities revolve around promoting the social, mental and physical wellbeing of the members. There are more than 30 varying activities and services provided each month.</p>				
10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>Forest Park Senior Center is located in a former Baltimore City School that was constructed as an addition to an earlier structure (now part of the adjacent Oaks at Liberty Senior Apartments) in 1957. The senior center has occupied the building since 1988. Although the building has ample space for a variety of uses, the basement and second floor are not fully utilized due to the lack of an elevator. The basement is in disrepair and much of the second floor requires upgrade. It is currently used by the Community Arts Project (Encore), Inc., a non-profit theater group. The center acquired the property from the city in August 2005 and plans to renovate and repair the facility to include upgrading and modernizing systems e.g. plumbing fixtures, doors, room configurations, heating and air conditioning, ADA requirements, windows, insulation, roofing and some capital equipment. Planned new configurations include a health suite, meeting rooms, computer lab, fitness and music rooms, recreational space, etc. The total square footage of this project approximates 21,000 sf. When completed, this center will serve upwards of 1500 persons annually and employ as many as 10 people (current employed = 3).</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				\$13,500
Design				\$190,000
Construction				\$3,120,000
Equipment				\$20,500
Total				\$3,344,000
12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)				
Source		Amount		
Maryland State Bond Financing		\$500,000		
Applicants Contribution (Bldg. Cost)		13,500		
Baltimore City Funds (Grant)		500,000		
Federal Grant Funds		750,000		
Foundation Grant		1,000,000		
Institutional Loan (Bank Financing)		430,500		
Board of Directors (Fundraising)		150,000		
Total				\$3,344,000
13. Project Schedule				
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction	
November 2005	June 2006	October 2006	July 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
\$513,500		700		1500+/-
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)		
Forest Park Senior Center, Inc.		4801 Liberty Heights Ave., Baltimore, MD 21207		
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Ben Mason, Pres., Board of Directors		443-858-0257	bmason@plexus-group.net	
Earl H. Saunders, Executive Director		410-466-2124	earl718@bww.com	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located				41st
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:	Natahniel Jones	Has An Appraisal	Yes/No	
Phone:	410-385-3200	Been Done?	yes	

Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
1115 S. Calvert St., Suite 2700 Baltimore, Maryland 21202		February 2005	\$1,200,000
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
3	10	\$205,000	\$300,000
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?			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
Community Arts Project, Inc.	Annual	-	1,200
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	15,500 +/-		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	21,000 +/-		
New GSF	5,500 +/-		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1958
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			