

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
	SB1082	3574	HB1653	Creation of a State Debt – Prince George's County - Ridgely Rosenwald School
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Exum				Del. Howard, Benson, and Vaughn
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Prince George's County				\$750,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt, the proceeds to serve as a grant to the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the County Executive and County Council of Prince George's County for the acquisition, relocation, restoration, repair, and renovation of the Ridgely Rosenwald School.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
None.				
8. Special Provisions				
Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall grant and convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement.				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter is a non-profit organization dedicated to community service, academic excellence, human justice, social welfare, and cultural enrichment. The Prince George's County Delta Alumnae Foundation (PGCDFAF) is a 501-C-3 tax exempt organization which in Fiscal Year 2005 managed approximately \$195,000 (receipts and disbursements). In 2005 the Sorority's Scholarship Program awarded over \$30,000 in scholarships to County high school and college students; sponsored a Reading is Fundamental Program; established tutoring and mentoring programs; provided financial support for disaster relief to Haiti and the Hurricane Katrina victims; participated in the Walk against Domestic Violence with the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County; sponsored a public forum on Social Security and Private Accounts; made a number of donations and contributions and participated in many other activities listed in its annual report of 7/1/04-6/30/05.				

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

The Prince George’s County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is proposing to be the lead organization in moving, restoring and adaptively reusing the Ridgeley Rosenwald School. The Deltas are working alongside a multi-agency workgroup to restore this important landmark in the African American education movement in Prince George’s County, Maryland. Funds will be used to purchase land, plan for, move, and restore the school.

The school, surrounded by bus parking, currently cannot be seen from Central Avenue. The property to the north, fronting Central Avenue, is currently vacant and the development pressures are extreme. The Deltas have written to the owners of the parcel to initiate discussions about acquiring it. The school would then be moved forward, about 100 yards, onto this parcel where it will have visibility and easy access. The Central Avenue Corridor Sector Plan, currently being developed by the Prince George’s County Planning Department, will acknowledge the significance of the school restoration project.

Ultimately, the goal of the Prince George’s County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated is to use two rooms of the school building as a place for community and Delta Sorority meetings, and to turn one of the two original classrooms into a museum displaying furniture, artifacts, and memorabilia that recreate the room according to a unique extant historic photo of the Ridgeley classroom of the 1920’s period.

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	\$400,000
Design	Move School - \$50,000
Construction	Restoration/Adaptive Use - \$300,000
Equipment	Programming and Interpretative Displays \$75,000
Total	\$825,000

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

Source	Amount
Board of Education (from Siena Corporation)	\$10,000
Prince George's County Historical Society	\$1,000
Prince George's Historical and Cultural Trust	\$2,000
Preservation Maryland	Requested (1/06) \$5000
TO BE APPLIED FOR:	
National Trust for Historic Preservation Rosenwald Initiative	\$5,000
Maryland Historical Trust (07)	\$50,000
Other foundations being identified	
Bond Bill	\$750,000
Total	In hand: \$13,000; anticipated total: ~\$825,000

13. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
Fall 2006	Fall 2006	Winter 2006-7	Summer 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	
\$13,000	NA	potentially members of local communities for community center; all County school children to visit Rosenwald School Classroom	
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
NA			
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter and Prince George's County Delta Alumnae Foundation (PGCDAF) P.O. Box 3604 Capitol Heights, MD 20791-3604			
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Sinthea Myrick Kelly, President		301-283-4200	Sinthea_Kelly@HUD.gov
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			25th
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:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			NO
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
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?			Lease
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			

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	
County Government or M-NCPPC			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	~3000 gsf		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	~3000 gsf		
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1927
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			

Ridgeley Rosenwald School in Prince George's County was built in 1927 for African American children. Funds for the school construction were raised by the local community and matched by the Julius Rosenwald Fund. Ridgeley is a prototypical Rosenwald elementary school and one of only two still owned by the Prince George's County Public School System. The best example of the nine surviving Rosenwald School structures in Prince George's County, it is considered eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

Before the school was constructed, classes for elementary students were held in the "colored hall," or "society hall," which stood on the adjoining lot. In 1927, the Board of Education purchased two acres of land from Mary Eliza and Arthur Ridgely (sic), on the south side of Central Avenue a short distance west of Ridgely Church, in the small African-American community that had developed there. Construction began on a two-room schoolhouse similar to those schools (also supported by the Rosenwald fund) designed for Bowie, Lakeland and Laurel.

Although the building has been altered to meet the needs of its current use, it still exhibits many of the prototypical features of Rosenwald schoolhouses of the 1920s. It is also an important landmark in the African-American education movement in Prince George's County, being a prototypical example of the two-room frame schoolhouses built under the Rosenwald program. It exemplifies the cultural, social, educational and historical heritage of the County and its suburban communities.

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Since 1967 the school has been used as offices for the Prince George's County Schools bus system. The school, surrounded by bus parking, currently cannot be seen from Central Avenue. The property to the north, fronting Central Avenue, is currently vacant and the development pressures are extreme. The Deltas have initiated discussions about acquiring it. The school would be moved forward, about 100 yards, onto this parcel where it will have visibility and easy access. The Central Avenue Corridor Sector Plan, currently being developed by the Prince George's County Planning Department, will acknowledge the significance of this property.

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