

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3242	SB895	0646	HB232	Creation of a State Debt – Howard County - Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Howard County Senators				Howard County Delegation
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Howard County				\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of an emergency shelter operated by the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
This bill requires a matching fund that may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, and funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act .				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				

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

Attachment A Grantee: Howard County Government (HCG)

Howard County, a growing county in Central Maryland, geographically located between Washington, DC and Baltimore is home for approximately 273,000 citizens.

As a part of its normal governmental functions, HCG is committed to providing a coordinated network of human services that identifies, anticipates, and addresses needs while enhancing the quality of life for all residents through collaborations and partnerships.

One of the County's specific goals is to ensure that homeless individuals and families have access to appropriate housing and services known as a "Continuum of Care". It is through this continuum that the county's most vulnerable populations receive shelter, case management, and other critical support services.

The proposed project is a collaborative effort between HCG and Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, Inc. aka "Grassroots". It will directly support the stated goal and related activity by increasing the shelter and service capacity of Grassroots, which is the County's only emergency shelter and is considered to be the County's "gateway" to accessing homeless services.

Delegation Support:

Delegate Shane Pendergrass supports the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center Building Renovation Project.

Reason for the project, justification and importance:

The proposed project site is located in Columbia, Maryland. The existing facility, owned by HCG and leased by Grassroots, serves a number of purposes. It is used as the administrative office for the organization, it provides 32 beds for sheltering of homeless families and men, and provides limited offices for counseling and a 24-hour crisis operation. Services provided for residents include short-term housing, meals, counseling and case management, job-readiness program and service coordination and referral.

In FY2004, approximately 1,000 people had a need annually for some type of assistance with short-term housing. There were 2,100 shelter requests made to Grassroots last year. There has been an increase from 381 to 1,000 walk-in requests for crisis intervention services from FY1998-2004. In 2004 48 people spent 59 nights in the Grassroots lobby. In FY2005, the mobile crisis team is projected to respond to almost twice the 179 cases served in FY2004.

These numbers serve in part as justification for the need to increase the shelter's capacity.

The facility is no longer adequate to serve the needs of this growing population, as over 200 people per month are turned away.

The high volume of usage has caused the facility to be in an ongoing state of disrepair, and inadequate space in the kitchen area is not sufficient food storage, food preparation, serving and eating; and the length of stay of shelter residents, now averaging over nine months, has significantly diminished the number of persons who can be served annually.

Enhance rehabilitation programs and services to alleviate additional increases for program ser

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

Attachment B Alternative Funding Sources:

Howard County’s contribution:

The project’s budget for construction only, is \$4,800,000. HCG commitment of Capital funds is over 30%. Grassroots currently has pledge letters bringing that total to well over 38%, and has just begun their fund-raising campaign.

Additional Private Funds:

All design costs are paid by private funding received and managed by Grassroots.

HCG is committed to this project, and has contributed both hard and soft matches recapped in the following to meet the goals described in the narrative.

Hard Match: Included in our 2006/2007 Capital Improvement Program is \$1,500,000 in construction funding

Soft Match: County owned Land of 1.11 acres the value is in the process of being evaluated and, a building lease in which an assessment will be completed in the next 60 days of the current market value.

Here’s how we would allocate the \$500,000 grant of funds from the State:

Current construction plans include increasing square footage of the building from 8,920, to an increased size of 22,000 square feet. This will include parking for 30 vehicles.

The plans increase the number of beds from 32 to 55.

In addition to simply increasing size to accommodate more overnight stay, there are also plans to increase and better manage space dedicated to rehabilitation services and outreach. Add a service kitchen.

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	0
Design	Private funding
Construction	4,800,000
Equipment	
Total	4,800,000

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

Source	Amount
2006 State Bond Bill Request	\$500,000
2006 Howard County Capital	100,000
2007 Howard County Capital	1,400,000
2006 & 2007 State Shelter Grants (DHCD)	1,000,000
Private & Foundation donations	1,800,000
Howard County-Land 1.11 acres	In Kind
Howard County Lease Contribution-\$75,000 Annual Grant to Lessee at cost	In Kind

Total			4,800,000	
13. Project Schedule				
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction	
FY2006	FY2007	FY2007	FY2008	
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
345,000		1,000		2,100
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)		
Howard County Government				
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
James Irvin		410.313.4401	jirvin@co.ho.md.us	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located				
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)				
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:		
Name:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No	
Phone:			will be completed 12/2005	
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 <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
Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center	2004-one year renewable 2005-at will	\$75,000 Grant from Ho. County	8,920
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		8,920	
Space to Be Renovated GSF		8,920	
New GSF		22,000	
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		FY2007	
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			
Attachment C			