

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3030	SB755	3507	HB1586	Creation of a State Debt – Prince George's County - Homeless Center
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				\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of Community Ministry of Prince George's County, Inc. for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, and capital equipping of a homeless center.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the matching fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act. The fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions.				
8. Special Provisions				
No part of the proceeds of the bond or the matching funds may be used for sectarian religious purposes.				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
Community Ministry is to be an interfaith, nonprofit organization, which activates the religious community to address pressing human, needs of people in Prince George’s County through programs that improve the quality of life for low income persons, encourage greater dignity, and increase economic independence. The Step Up program primarily is housed or based in Community Ministry’s office at 311 68th Place, Seat Pleasant. However, families who are homeless will also come from emergency shelters, church family shelters, and the transitional housing programs throughout the county. Families with adolescent males and female and are referred to the Step Up program primarily from the local county emergency shelters – Shepherd’s Cove, the Family Crisis Center, Department of Social Services, department of Mental Health Services and the Family Emergency Shelter. Strong working relationships have been established with these agencies. These agencies refer homeless families and their children who have completed the agency’s services and would especially benefit from an additional year of case management and other supportive services in the community as they move into a greater level of self-sufficiency. The levels of exposure to violence on the family are traumatizing. In many families, neighborhood, and communities, especially homeless and poor, violence is a regular occurrence in the lives of children. Homeless residents have no drop in center for showers or support for self-sufficiency in the County.				

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

Pre-and post-testing of families in the Warm Nights program indicated that the program was not successfully in relocating vulnerable and high risk families and participants into permanent housing and stabilization.

- 91% of the families never moved into permanent housing
- 70% of the families with a history of domestic violence did not enter a living violence-free
- 80% Parents were depressed and felt isolated from family
- Clients who where not employed fulltime remained unemployed- Fifty-nine percent
- 65% of the young families we serve are routinely exposed to violence-both as victims of and witness to violent acts.
- The impact of these exposures on children’s development various from child to child, depending on the child’s temperament, level of risk and protective factors in the child’s environment, and the quality and availability of community resources.
- 23% of homeless population are veteran
- 33% of the male homeless population are veteran
- 47% served during the Vietnam Era

Community Ministry of Prince George’s County focus is to coordinate effort that provides secure housing nutritional hot meals; emergency shelter; essential physical health care, substance abuse after care and mental health counseling; and personal development and empowerment; assistance to prevent homelessness and assistance to those in need of help to prevent eviction, and turn off of utilities.

Community Ministry strongly believe that all programs to assist homeless must focus on helping individuals and families reach a point where they can achieve their highest level of independence. Our most effective programs for homeless and at-risk populations are community-based, nonprofit, coordinated health and human services with faith groups and provide transitional shelters; and provide information referrals to over 1400 caller each month. The specific program objectives for the first 12 months of operation that will determine the success of the program are as follows:

- Services and referrals for (100-1000) (low income) families and/or individuals
- Substance –free environment with individualized case management support, and
- Employment training and placement in a central location, metro accessible.
- 125 clients will secure employment with a salary of at least \$8.00 per hour.
- 50 individuals enroll in training programs (GED and trade union) to increase work skills.
- 35 individuals receive a promotion and increased salary in first 12 months of work
- Establish 25 training scholarships
- Establish a partnership with 10 additional rental property companies for customers
- Provide rental subsidies for 15 families involved in Step Up.
- Recruit and establish supportive housing services with five additional volunteer teams from

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	13,000
Design	65,000
Construction	317,000
Equipment	58,650
Total	853,650

12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)			
Source		Amount	
Prince George's Department of Social Services		90,808	
United Way National Capital Region		13,547	
Phillip Graham Foundation		10,000	
Fannie Mae Foundation		15,000	
Prince George's County Livable Communities		43,000	
Community Foundation		25,000	
Congregations		85,945	
Corporations		35,700	
Individuals		25,650	
Prince George's County Council		9,000	
General Assembly		500,000	
Total		853,650	
13. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
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	
225,000	25,000	50,000	
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)	
Community Ministry of Prince George's		311 68 th Place	
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Reverend Terence D. Collins, Executive Director		301-919-6044	tdcollins@cmpgc.org
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			24th
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
23	23	325,000	825,000
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
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	2000sf		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	25,000s.f.		
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			2006
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			

Proposal Summary

Community Ministry of Prince George's County seeks start-up funds for its economic empowerment program for the homeless the Homeless Connection Center to be located in Prince George's County. The vision is to prioritize fragmented service delivery components for the homeless population through an interconnected collaboration of renewal-generated partnerships, which utilize to form a unique faith-base resources to serve over 350 single homeless individuals currently living abandoned cars, under bridges and vacant apartments across Prince George's County. The program includes four levels of training and employment to ease the transition from homelessness to independent employment. Foundation and private funds will be used to fund Empowerment Program Coordinator for nine months after the Warm Nights Program ends to secure job placement opportunities in the local community, identify and select homeless individuals for construction efforts, raise funds for operating support, and begin implementing the full scale program and activities at the activity center. Community Ministry of Prince George's County was founded over 30 years ago, to develop a viable response to the problem of homelessness. Over the last 30 years, Community Ministry has successfully forged a coalition of businesses, county representatives, homeless and non-homeless citizens, and congregation-each committed to providing economic opportunities for Prince George's homeless population. Our vision and mission is to successfully build a collaborative of supporters with a committed and inspired to help the community of homeless at the center. Because on average each year the rotating shelter program have over 900 participants each season and over 70 percent of the participants remain homeless, 85 percent of the participants of the program failed to show gain higher than minimum wages, and 75 percent drop out of the service continuum and remain homeless after Warm- Nights.

The Homeless Connection Center will provide the comprehensive support services designed to assist homeless individuals and/or families living in Prince George's County. After Warm Nights activities are limited and with a comprehensive center homeless citizen can receive Environ-services to provide a means for renewal and self-sufficiency for the disadvantaged people, in partnership with the entire community. The Center will provide the progressive path to:

- a. To provide permanent housing to homeless
- b. To help clients increase their work skills and/or income through skill development and counseling services: and
- c. To encourage customer to establish long term goals for maintaining permanent housing by providing life skill workshops and community referrals
- d. 25,000 square foot building will be the comprehensive Service Center. Proposed site located in the Seat Pleasant Maryland.