

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3121	SB906	3120	HB1479	Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County - Our House Youth Home
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Kramer				Del. Heller, et. al.
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Montgomery County				\$1.5 million
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of Our House Youth Home, Inc. for the renovation and capital equipping of Mellwood Farm				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The bill requires a standard match.				
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)				
<p>Our House is a nationally acclaimed program that teaches carpentry/building trades during the day and academics/life skills in the evenings. Our immediate goal is to get the student "off the streets" into a structured and supervised home situation that is nurturing and drug/alcohol/violence free. Long term, they earn a Maryland High School Diploma, secure a skilled and meaningful job in the building trades field, and become tax-paying members of their communities.</p>				
10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>Our House currently serves 16 at-risk adolescent males ages 16 - 20. The Department of Juvenile Services and the county Departments of Social Services are constantly making referrals for placements in this program for its older teenage boys which need a program for its older teenage boys who need both a trade and a high school diploma. More than 80% of our former students are currently working. Because of what Our House offers and its success with older teenage boys, there is a continuous demand for placements. Since our current capacity is limited to 16 boys, we are often unable to place boys from Maryland who need the opportunity which Our House program provides. Our House purchased with this initial bond bill 140 acres in Brookeville, MD (on the property was a 16 bed dormitory, office space, a cottage (totaling 10,000 sq.ft.), a shed and a crib barn {totaling 4,000 sq.ft.) as a permanent home for the program. After discussion with the Department of Human Resources and the Department of Juvenile Services, it is our goal to complete the expansion of the program to accommodate 24 youth by constructing and equipping a state of the art dormitory for the program which will include single rooms for each student, a community room, kitchen and dining areas as well as counseling rooms and classrooms.</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				n/a
Design				\$65,000
Construction				\$1,250,000

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
25	35	\$857,000	\$119,980
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?			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	14,000 sq.ft.		
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	11,000 sq.ft.		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			2007
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			