

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2368	SB507	3575	HB1652	Creation of a State Debt – Prince George's County - Grace Center for Community and Economic Development
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				\$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 Place of Grace Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of the Grace Center for Community and Economic Development.Heights				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund of \$250,000. The matching fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
N/A				

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

The Place of Grace Foundation, Inc. (TPOGF) is a non-profit service organization with a mission is to empower the underprivileged by serving those in need and educating people, thereby helping to transition entire communities into economic stability and social success. The long-term goals for TPOGF are to inspire a spirit of self-determination and personal responsibility in underprivileged communities and to cultivate economic and social growth by ensuring that young people and adults are properly educated. We have established an operational structure that consists of two “lines of service” – Outreach and Education. To date, the organization has two programs under the Outreach service sector, which are listed below:

- Grace in Need is a program that assists underprivileged men, women and children in providing for their daily needs. We provide hot meals, clothing and informational services on job placement, housing, healthcare, and treatment for substance abuse and mental illness; and
- Grace Outreach to Youth and Young Adults (GOYA) (formerly Grace Outreach for Teens is a program designed to provide assistance to inner-city youth (ages 7 to 19) who are at risk of poverty, crime, drugs, and other unfortunate circumstances of underprivileged communities. We sponsor two projects under GOYA: The Job Coop Program and The Hillside Dance and Cheerleading Squad

TPOGF currently has four programs under our Education service sector, which are:

- The John T. Sykes Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in March 2003. Educational scholarships are awarded annually to deserving students in the Washington, DC metro area;
- The Heights Youth Council, a group of youth, 8 to 18 years old, who serve (with their parents) as an advisory arm to the revitalization initiatives in Capitol Heights, District Heights, Seat Pleasant and Fairmount Heights. Members serve as youth ambassadors for our community and partner with local government officials, schools, churches and businesses to lead and involve other youth and their families in community revitalization activities. The fundamental goal for THYC is to equip youth, their parents, and other citizens with life skills that will produce good moral character; enable them to make sound decisions; and become successful leaders.
- Academic Tutoring Program (ATP) is a program that provides children and adults with remedial educational assistance, tutoring, and social enrichment. We have tutoring in the major Romance languages and every other academic subject; and
- The Academy for Forensics and Debate educates and encourages students to participate in the study and practice of forensics, public debate, and civil argument for the purpose of uplifting themselves and their communities. The class for youth introduces young people to the concepts of academic and social forensics, public speaking, acting, critical/analytical thinking, research and debate.

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

The Grace Center for Community and Economic Development (Grace Center) will largely contribute to improving many of the social and economic ills that the community is currently experiencing. The purpose of the Grace Center is to provide adults and young adults with the tools to be able to compete in the global business and technology market; and to provide a safe, affordable, nurturing environment for school-age children to receive remedial educational assistance, tutoring, and social enrichment. For children, the Grace Center will promote academic excellence and will have a curriculum that focuses on sharpening reading, math, and computer skills. It will also introduce French, Spanish and other languages and offer tutoring in every academic subject, including computer and technology training. Youth will also participate in group discussions/presentations on conflict resolution, emergency procedures, and multi-cultural awareness. The Center will offer field trips to museums, parks, and cultural events year-round, in addition to academic enrichment.

Adults and young adults will be able to receive literacy, computer, and job skills training. The Center will offer daily courses designed to assist low-income and underprivileged adults and young adults raise their knowledge and skill level in order to acquire better jobs. We will also offer several courses, including: Effective Parenting and Fatherhood; Conflict Resolution; Cooking; Sewing; Financial Literacy; Entrepreneurship and Home-Buying Seminars.

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	\$235,000
Design	\$165,000
Construction	\$350,000
Equipment	\$300,000
Total	\$1,050,000

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

Source	Amount
State of Maryland	\$500,000
Raymond Arroyo Construction Company/In-Kind Services	\$200,000
Neighborhood Design Center/In-Kind Services	\$165,000
Abell Foundation	\$25,000
Citigroup Corporation	\$25,000
Town of Capitol Heights	\$25,000
Prince George's County	\$25,000
M&T Bank	\$85,000
Total	\$1,050,000

13. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
February 27, 2006	March 31, 2006	May 15, 2006	August 25, 2006

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	
\$140,000		N/A		500	
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)		
The Place of Grace Foundation, Inc.			1016 Drum Avenue Capitol Heights, MD 20743		
19. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone		Email Address
Natalie N. Sykes			301-516-3959		nataliesykes@yahoo.com; n_sykes@tpogf.org
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located				District 24	
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)					
Local Govt.		For Profit		Non Profit	
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
22. Grantee Legal Representative			23. If Match Includes Real Property:		
Name: Eileen Brown, Esq.		Has An Appraisal Been Done?		Yes/No	
Phone: 301-322-8907					
Address:			If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
1246 Kettering Place					
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772					
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site					
Current # of Employees		Projected # of Employees		Projected Operating Budget	
0		7		\$300,000	
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			624 SF
Space to Be Renovated GSF			600 SF
New GSF			1224 SF
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			2006
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			
The Property Land Area of the location os 10,000 SF. This property will also accommodate the construction of an on-site parking area.			