

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
		3017	HB1141	Union Bethel Community Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
				Proctor
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Prince George's				\$250,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Union Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Inc. for the planning, design, and construction of the Union Bethel Community Center, located in Brandywine.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the fund may consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act. The fund may consist of real property.				
8. Special Provisions				
Prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious purposes.				
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone	Email Address
Rev. Dr. Harry L. Seawright			301-372-1492	HLSREV@aol.com
Tony Chapman			301-372-6036	TChapman@ubame.org
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
The Union Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church building now stands on the property of the original church that was organized in the period immediately after the Civil War. In 1868, two acres of land in Brandywine, Maryland were deeded to the Trustees of the Union Bethel AME Church. The Brandywine location has been the site of three separate phases of the church's history since the early 1870s. Through the years, the church has grown to include 55 acres of land, 2 worship sites and 3 nonprofit organizations: (1) Bethel House, Inc. - community outreach programs providing emergency rental mortgage and utilities assistance, food distribution , counseling and health education programs, life skills and job readiness training; (2) For Our Children's Unity School, Inc. (FOCUS) - day care and before and after care for children with a focus on christian-based education to build character, provide spititual growth and build youth leadership skills; and (3) Unity Economic Development Corporation - with programs to educate and empower people in financial literacy, home buying, workforce and career development.				

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

There are no public recreation facilities to service the residents of southern Prince George's (Brandywine, Accokeek, Clinton, Cheltenham and Aquasco) and Waldorf in northern Charles County. This once rural area is in the midst of a housing boom. Within a 5 mile radius of the church's property there are more than 2,000 single family homes in the process of being build or under development. The Union Bethel Community Center is needed to accommodate some of the recreational needs of this fast growing community. The church community is committed to providing positive recreational choices for the youth and families in this underserved area so that youth will not become involved in crime and other negative behavior that is destructive to families and communities. The Union Bethel Community Center will be the only public recreational facility that will service the southern Prince George's and northern Charles county communities. A recreational facility is desperately needed. Other programs will be designed to focus on health and wellness activities for youth, senior citizens quality of life programs and families in general. The facility will have a swimming pool, gymnasium with stage, racquetball courts, weight room, cycling room, activity and community meeting rooms, bookstore, café with commercial kitchen and credit union.

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.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	
Design	750,000
Construction	9,000,000
Equipment	2,250,000
Total	12,000,000

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

Source	Amount
Maryland State Bond Bill 2000,2001,2003,2005	1,000,000
Maryland State Bond Bill 2007	250,000
Union Bethel AME Capital Campaign	1,500,000
Maryland State Community Legacy Program	900,000
Maryland National Capital Park & Planning	3,000,000
Union Bethel AME Debt financing	3,350,000
Total	10,000,000

14. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
June 2001	June 2007	June 2008	June 2009

15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2007	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
350,000	1,500	7,500+

18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years

Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2000, 2001	500,000	Architect & Engineer Design	
2003, 2005	500,000	Site development planning and design	
2007	250,000	Design and build pumping station	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Board of Trustees of Union Bethel AME Church 6810 Floral Park Road Brandywine, MD 20613		Same	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		Maryland 27th	
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Rev. Dr Harry L. Seawright Pastor	Has An Appraisal	Yes/No
Phone:	301-372-6036	Been Done?	Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
6810 Floral Park Road Brandywine, MD 20613		June 22, 2006	3,378,500
		June 30, 2006	700,000
		June 30, 2006	300,000
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
0	35	0	1,500,000
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
To Be Determined			
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		
Space to Be Renovated GSF		
New GSF		80,783 sq ft
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)		