

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2918	SB849	3230	HB1341	SMARTCO's Computer Technology Learning Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Dyson			Bohanan	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
St. Mary's			\$50,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Southern Maryland Applied Research and Technology Consortium, Inc. for the planning, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of the SMARTCO's Computer Technology Learning Center.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the fund may consist of real property. The fund may consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone	Email Address
Leonard Kohl			301-247-2000	lkohl@mrisc.com

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

SMARTCO is a local community-based all volunteer 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation. The organization is registered and certified in the State of Maryland. SMARTCO’s principle goal is to refurbish used Automated Data Processing (ADP) equipment, mostly personal computers, computer peripherals and other electronic devices, and to provide them free of charge to public, private and parochial schools, and other eligible non-profit community service organizations. We accept equipment donations from government, corporate, and personal entities. The Technology Transfer Act of 1995 governs the distribution of government donations of ADP equipment.

SMARTCO has been engaged in computer refurbishment activities since 1995. Since our inception, we have issued over 10,000 personal computers and peripherals to eligible clients throughout the State of Maryland and to areas of need within the United States, such as the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina. Recently the Microsoft/TechSoup consortia named SMARTCO as a Microsoft Authorized Refurbisher (MAR). The MAR certification allows SMARTCO to install current versions of the Microsoft operating systems, and provide the certificates of authenticity and end-user license agreements to our clients.

In addition to the computer-refurbishing program, SMARTCO continues to expand our Computer Technology Learning Center (CTLC) to train unemployed, under-employed, and under-served individuals, senior citizens, primary and secondary school teachers and students in basic computer literacy and computer refurbishment skills. SMARTCO has been offering basic computer literacy training since 2001. Over 120 students have completed the curriculum and have gone on to achieve some remarkable results. In February 2006, SMARTCO began a computer refurbishment program in partnership with the St. Mary’s County Office on Aging. As of June 2006, 50 individuals have completed the program.

The success of our computer refurbishment program has led to the creation of a computer-recycling (e-cycling) program. We recycle 100% of non-operational or dated equipment that does not efficiently run the operating systems found in today's marketplace. Since beginning the program in June 2004, SMARTCO has recycled over 100 tons of computer equipment.

The growing local and regional need for the services provided by SMARTCO have made it necessary to expand our refurbishment activities, the CTLC, and to focus our efforts in the expansion of our recycling program. The growth of these programs requires SMARTCO to continue our search for additional sources of funding.

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

This grant will be used to:

- Design, construct, and equip an Internet Café for use by the general public.
- Develop the process and procedures, and begin to equip a 100% Electronic Recycling (E-cycling) Program Model that can be expanded State-wide.

The financial support will enable SMARTCO to continue returning to the community much needed educational and computer equipment needed to assist the underprivileged, under employed, senior citizens, and others in “Bridging the Digital Divide” in this technology driven environment.

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		\$5,000	
Construction		\$10,000	
Equipment		\$35,000	
Total		\$50,000	
13. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)			
Source		Amount	
State of Maryland		\$50,000	
Total		\$50,000	
14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
June 2007	July 2007	July 2007	December 2007
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2007		16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	
0		200+	
17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete			
500+			
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
NA	0	NA	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Southern Maryland Applied Research and Technology Consortium, Inc. (SMARTCO) PO Box 1652 Lexington Park, MD 20653 Telephone: 301-737-0394 fax: 301-737-0395		21703-C Great Mills Rd. Lexington Park, MD 20653	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			29
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:			
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?			Lease
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			N/A
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	
Patuxent Development Company, Inc.	3 years	Yes	
Lexington Park, MD 20653			
Telephone: 301-863-9300			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	10,432		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	1,200		
New GSF	10,432		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			