

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2746	SB451	2181	HB552	Dorchester County Family YMCA
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Colburn				Eckardt
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Dorchester				\$750,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Dorchester County Family YMCA, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, expansion, and capital equipping of the Dorchester County Family YMCA.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
Grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. The fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act, including funds expended on or after January 1, 1996.				
8. Special Provisions				
Requiring the grantee to grant and convey a certain easement to the Maryland Historical Trust; prohibiting the loan proceeds or the matching fund from being used for sectarian religious purposes.				
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone	Email Address
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10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)

The mission of the Dorchester County Family YMCA is to meet human needs by enriching individuals spiritually, mentally, and physically so that they may achieve their full potential, and to improve the quality of life for participants, their families, and the community. This is accomplished by offering programs, services, and other opportunities to meet the needs of individuals regardless of sex, race, creed, or socio-economic status.

Although the YMCA internationally has historical roots dating back to 1844, the Dorchester County Family YMCA was not chartered until 1986, as a result of community leaders wanting to make a difference in the lives of families in their area. It is an inclusive organization open to and serving all ages and varying value systems. Scholarships are available to persons who might be unable to pay for any program.

The four core values of Respect, Honesty, Responsibility, and Caring permeate through all YMCA programs and membership activities. These values cannot be taught too early, nor should they ever be forgotten. Through membership and fitness classes for all ages, the importance of fitness and living a healthy lifestyle is impressed upon the YMCA members. Creating a family philosophy of healthy eating and maintaining an active routine is an important component to prevent future chronic illnesses. Through programs such as day camp, after school fun club, karate, dance, sports leagues, etc., the children learn creativity, positive social skills, discipline, and respect, all while having fun.

Our indoor heated pool is the only such facility in the county open to the public that welcomes individuals of all ages and abilities. Every developmentally disabled child in the public school system that is healthy enough to participate has access and uses our pool. Dorchester County is surrounded by water, and children enjoy swim lessons on a year round basis, along with an age group swim team. In addition, the YMCA is the home and only training site to the high school competitive swim team. Water exercise classes combine fitness and socialization for the elder population, and the more serious athletes train year round in the pool as well.

Each YMCA is operated in accordance with policies developed by a local board of directors representing a broad base of the community, allowing the YMCA to respond quickly to changing community needs. Whether providing childcare, preventing child obesity, or programs for the aging population, the YMCA is poised and ready to address those areas of concern – quickly. Partnerships with other agencies are paramount, and allow the YMCA to touch even more children and families without duplicating efforts.

The Dorchester County Family YMCA has been an innovative agency over the past twenty years, and continues that role into the 21st century.

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

The YMCA has been a vital part of Dorchester County since 1986. In 2006, it served 18% of the county's total population and 37% of those 17 and under. In September 2005, the Board of Directors initiated an effort to renovate and expand the facility. It had served as Cambridge High School for over 50 years and in the 1970's it was a middle school. The county abandoned the property in 1977 and it remained vacant until the county leased it to the YMCA in 1985. In the 1990's ownership was conveyed to the YMCA. Because of the facility's age and lack of preventative maintenance, some areas of the building unduly suffered. Although many areas have been repurposed and renovated, the outdated infrastructure and inefficient energy systems have exhausted all excess funds -- funds the YMCA would have used for other renovations to create program space to serve the children and families in the community.

Many parts of the facility cannot be used to deliver important services, such as children's, teen and older adult activities, fitness classes, and other important programs. A creative plan has been developed that uses the current floor plan, repurposing and reclaiming areas that have been off limits due to failing ceilings or other structural concerns. Some new construction will be necessary to incorporate older sections into a safe and workable configuration. It is vital that the project be completed in phases so as not to discontinue or disrupt the delivery of quality services.

We are committed and we have been busy. We are led by an active committee of influential citizens and are supported by the County and City Governments. Since Oct. 2005 we have spent about \$550,000 and received over \$100,000 in donated time and materials to implement our plan.

As of 3/31/07, we will have:

- Renovated space and equipped a "Kid Zone" for child watch services;
- Constructed/equipped an outdoor playground;
- Installed a new boiler for the pool and other areas;
- Installed HVAC units for all 3 locker rooms, fitness room and pool;
- Resurfaced approx. 20% of the roof;
- Repaired or replaced infrastructure in 1/4 of the facility;
- Replaced wornout cardiovascular and strength equipment.

To finish the project, we will:

- Resurface the rest of the roof;
- Renovate the gym -- floor, windows, roof and walls;
- Renovate areas for Teen Center, Ballet, Karate, Wellness, Fitness and Weight Rooms;
- Replace/Repair remaining infrastructure, windows, ceilings, walls, and floors, as needed;
- Construct racquetball shell and multi-purpose room;
- Renovate/Construct areas for Front Desk, Lobby, Snack Bar and Rest Rooms; and,
- Relocate main entrance and redesign pedestrian flow through the facility.

The Dorchester County Family YMCA is proud of its legacy of positively impacting lives. By creatively re-purposing an old school facility, the historical significance is retained, yet modernly equipped to meet the challenges in this quickly changing community.

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	0
Design	\$150,000
Construction	\$2,250,000
Equipment	\$600,000
Total	\$3,000,000

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

Source	Amount
Requested 2007 State Grant	\$750,000
Private Fund Raising from Individuals and Corporations	\$950,000
Foundation Grants	\$750,000
In-kind Contributions of Time and Materials	\$550,000
Total	\$3,000,000

14. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
September 2005	March 2009	October 2005	December 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
\$367,000	5250	9500

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

Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose
1996	\$150,000	for an addition to an existing building to house a new indoor pool and for renovations of the existing building for support facilities for the pool
1997	\$350,000	for the repair, renovation, and expansion of, and for the provision of capital equipment for, an existing building, including the planning, design, and construction of a handicapped accessible pool as part of the expansion, the pool to be used for therapeutic, rehabilitation, and recreational programs, and for the repair, renovation, and expansion of an existing parking lot
2004	\$10,000	for the repair of the roof
2006	\$250,000	for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Dorchester County Family YMCA

19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee **Project Address (If Different)**

Dorchester County Family YMCA, Inc. 201 Talbot Avenue Cambridge, MD 21613			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			37 B
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:	Michael LeMire Miles and Stockbridge, P.A.	Has An Appraisal	Yes/No
Phone:	410-228-4545	Been Done?	Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
300 Academy Street Cambridge, MD 21613		2001	\$2,890,000
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
46	70	\$700,000	\$1,500,000
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	34,000		

Space to Be Renovated GSF	27,500
New GSF	5,700
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	The original building was erected in the 1920's; with additions in 1954 and 1962.
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)	