

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2812	SB903		HB1305	Capital Area Food Bank
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Currie			Griffith	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Statewide			\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Capital Area Food Bank, Inc. for planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a newly acquired facility for the Capital Area Food Bank, located in Washington, D.C.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. 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				
None.				
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 Capital Area Food Bank is to feed those who suffer from hunger in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area by acquiring food and distributing it through our network of member agencies; and to educate, empower and enlighten the community about the issues of hunger and nutrition.

The Capital Area Food Bank is the largest public nonprofit food and nutrition education resource in the Washington, D.C. Metropolitan Area. Last year, the Capital Area Food Bank distributed 20 million pounds of food through more than 700 partner agencies in the region, reaching over 383,000 people. Approximately 70,000 different people receive food assistance each week through CAFB partner agencies.

In Montgomery and Prince George's counties, 1 in 5 school age children is at risk of hunger; in Washington, D.C., 1 in 2; and in Northern Virginia, 1 in 6. In conjunction with our partner agencies, the CAFB helps nourish children, seniors and families in need. The Capital Area Food Bank has served the National Capital Region for over 25 years.

In Maryland, more than 246,000 residents in Montgomery, Prince George's and Charles counties are at risk of or are experiencing hunger. Of these, 40% live in Montgomery County, ranked 8th nationally for highest median household income. (U.S. Census American Community Survey, 2003 and U.S. Census, 2000)

Through our partnerships with nationally recognized education and advocacy organizations such as America's Second Harvest, we are uniquely positioned to make the best in nutrition and food skills education available to the residents of our region.

The food bank operates 9 outreach programs, including Kids Café, an after-school meal program; Produce for People, a fresh-food collection and distribution program; the Brown Bag Program, which provides supplemental food for low-income seniors and families; and From the Ground Up, a cooperative farm project between the food bank and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, where chemical-free produce is grown at Claggett Farm in Upper Marlboro, Maryland and distributed to underserved communities.

In May 2004, the Maryland Department of Education awarded our Kids Cafe program a Certificate of Excellence for "outstanding performance in the administration of the Child and Adult Care Food Program."

In 2003, the Washingtonian magazine named the food bank as one of the "Top 20 Charities in the Region." Of the remaining 19 charities, nine were our partner agencies.

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

It is essential that the Capital Area Food Bank expand its facility. For the past seven years, distribution from our current warehouse has plateaued at 20 million pounds of food. While we are reaching over 380,000 people annually, space constraints are also forcing us to turn away millions of pounds of donated food, and are preventing us from seeking out other available food resources. Last year we had to refuse 2.2 million pounds of food – enough for over 2 million meals! Lack of space also prohibits the food bank from expanding its highly regarded education and nutrition programs.

To meet the rising need, the food bank purchased a larger distribution center and is now developing it. The larger renovated facility will handle over 40 million pounds annually, allowing us to better meet the region’s emergency food needs. The planned center will provide more cold storage so we can accept more donations, efficient space for our volunteers to repack bulk food, and learning centers for nutrition and education programs.

We examined best practices at other food banks on how to efficiently handle the larger donations the Capital Area Food Bank expects in the future and have engaged the architect who designed Chicago’s food bank, Epstein, to build on the lessons learned there. Epstein is designing efficiencies into the new facility that will help us reap significant savings on operating costs. These include streamlined operations flow and green features that will save the food bank thousands of dollars each year—money we can reroute into feeding people. This will not be an elaborate building, but it will sensibly meet the food bank’s needs well into the future.

While doubling both the food bank’s size and distribution capabilities, the move to a new facility will have only a modest impact on our ongoing operational expenses. No additional staff will be required in the first few years of operations, and new costs will be limited to the higher utility and maintenance required by the bigger space. The total increase in cost per year is estimated at \$154,000. Out of an \$8.9 million budget, this reflects a less than 2% increase overall.

The outcomes that will result from increasing the size of our distribution center are many.

1. We will meet the growing needs of those suffering from or at risk of hunger in Montgomery, Prince George’s, and Charles counties and the rest of Metropolitan Washington.
2. We will open more Kids Cafe sites, where we provide hearty after school snacks with mentoring and tutoring programs for low-income children. There are currently over 20 sites waiting to join.
3. Our over 700 partner agencies will receive more food, saving them money that will instead provide job training, tutoring, mentoring, and affordable child care. Clients will be better able to afford housing, clothing and transportation because food costs will take a smaller bite from their household budgets.

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	\$10,350,000
Design	\$4,910,000
Construction	\$16,800,000

Equipment				\$2,040,000
Total				\$34,100,000
13. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)				
Source		Amount		
District of Columbia Department of Housing and Community Development (pledged)		\$7,705,000		
Federal U.S. Appropriations (pledged)		\$2,896,000		
J.W. Marriott, Jr. and family corporations (pledged)		\$1,000,000		
Maryland FY 2006 Bond Bill (pledged)		\$500,000		
Philip L. Graham Fund (pledged)		\$500,000		
Giant Food, Inc. (pledged)		\$325,000		
Other Private, Corporate, Foundation and Individual Pledges (confirmed)		\$4,812,000		
Future sale of Taylor St. warehouse (market estimate)		\$3,500,000		
Maryland FY 2007 Bond Bill (proposed)		\$500,000		
Virginia Legislature Grant (proposed)		\$350,000		
Other funds to be raised		\$12,012,000		
Total				\$34,100,000
14. Project Schedule				
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction	
January 2006	February 2007	Fall 2007	Spring 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	
\$17,730,274	383,000 people receive over 20 million pounds of food		Twice as much food, 40 million pounds, will reach more than 383,000 people	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years				
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose		
FY 2006	500,000	For planning, design, construction of the newly acquired facility for the Capital Area Food Bank		
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)		
Capital Area Food Bank 645 Taylor St. NE Washington, DC 20017-2063		4900 Sixth Street NE Washington, DC 20017		
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23, 24,25,26,27,28,29,39, 47	
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:	Eris Eisenberg, DLA Piper Rudnick	Has An Appraisal	Yes/No	
Phone:	202-861-6431	Been Done?	Yes	

Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
1200 Nineteenth Street, NW Washington, DC 20036		June 15, 2005	\$3.100M for current facility at 645 Taylor Street, NE, Washington, DC
		May 3, 2005	\$9.035M for new facility at 4900 Sixth Street, NE, Washington, DC
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
70	70	8,900,000	9,100,000
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
Thomas Somerville Co.	1 year as of July 18, 2005, with four 6 month options to renew	\$17,292 per month	46,284 sq. feet
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	132,855		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	132,855		
New GSF	23,000		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion

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28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)

By distributing more food to our over 700 partner agencies, CAFB will help them better apply the thousands of dollars they would otherwise spend on food towards programs that will provide clients with job training, tutoring, mentoring, affordable child care, and help overcoming addictions. The people they serve will be better able to afford housing, clothing and transportation because food costs will take a smaller bite from their household budgets. These families will be healthier and better able to work or learn at their full capacity and focus on long-term goals.

With more space in a new distribution center, the food bank will be able to:

* Become a hub, positioned to receive and re-distribute more of the available food in the Mid-Atlantic region. With this facility, we can accept, distribute and store food that we currently must decline because of its expiration date, refrigeration needs, or sheer quantity.

* Increase the quality of the food we provide, with additional refrigeration space to store more fresh produce, and greater trucking space to quickly distribute highly nutritious - but highly perishable - items. With obesity and its accompanying ailments on the rise amongst both children and adults, our increasing fresh fruit and vegetable distribution is more pressing than ever.

* Lower food purchase cost through effective repackaging of bulk food. More space will allow us to begin repackaging bulk food in a repack room. Not only will this reduce our costs, as these bulk foods are much less expensive to buy, but it will increase the number of agencies that come through our door.

* Increase the number of programs serving children, seniors, and families. We will open more Kids Café sites; there are currently over 20 on a waiting list. Other programs, such as the Brown Bag Program for seniors and families, will also distribute more food.

* Increase the efficient utilization of volunteers who, with more space, will have dedicated work stations for sorting and managing additional food. The food bank currently has 11,000 volunteers a year, with groups booking several months in advance.

* Expand the number of nutrition and educational programs we offer.

* More than double food distribution to over 40 million pounds per year, providing millions more meals per month to people suffering from hunger in the Washington metropolitan region.

Food makes a house a home, yet many Maryland families have to choose between buying food or paying for medicine, rent, or other vital necessities. By achieving our mission, the Capital Area Food Bank helps families ensure a stable and nourishing environment which, in turn, positively impacts the entire community and eventually the entire region.

Support of \$500,000 from the state of Maryland will be an investment in the thousands of people who suffer from or are at risk of hunger in Montgomery, Prince George's and Charles counties.

