

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
743	SB27	1563	HB75	Sandi's Learning Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Pugh			Tarrant	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City			\$600,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
Grant to the Board of Directors of Sandi's Learning Center, Inc. for the construction of an early child care facility.				
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. 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 this Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
None				
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone	Email Address
Lisa M. Shelton, MBA President/CEO			410-977-0470	sandislearningcenter@yahoo.com

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

Since its inception in 2002, the Sandi's Learning Center, Inc. program is grounded on well-established models for excellence. Serving children from six weeks to 12 years old, the Center currently serves 50 children and their families who reside in one of Baltimore City's communities most highly affected by urban blight and social toxins. The center is committed and dedicated to redeveloping a community while helping to educate its youngest children. We effectively stretch scarce financial resources; we provide care for under-served populations and we utilize methods of serving Maryland's working parents' needs for child care.

The most distinguishing feature is that our center operates like a preschool rather than a daycare facility. It utilizes one college-trained instructor for every six children. The Center has created a learning environment that not only enhances the development of children, but also assists families in making children better citizens; offering family free services to parents, assisting them to rebuild themselves. Moreover, there is no cost for field trips for the children or parents and we provide healthy meals at no cost for children and parents (breakfast, am snack, lunch, and pm snack).

Sandi's Learning Center is the only child care center in the 21216 zip code that is accredited by Maryland State Department of Education. Sandi's Learning Center has partnered with several organizations: Baltimore City Child Care Resource Center Head Start, BCCCRC Early Intervention Project, the Family League, the Department of Social Services Family Investment Program, Baltimore Reads and Project S.E.R.V.E. (Service, Empowerment, Revitalization, Volunteerism, and Employment Training). Sandi's Learning Center received The 16th Annual Child Care Challenge Award sponsored by the Women Legislators of Maryland. We also received the Judith Hoyer Grant in 2005 and 2006. The center met the requirements for Tiered Reimbursement – Level Four.

In addition, Sandi's Learning Center has provided high quality training in areas identified by staff as needed for professional development and competencies in order to support teachers in maintaining or elevating levels of credentials in the state of Maryland. All employees are eligible to receive a benefit package that includes health benefits and dental, tuition reimbursement and vacation. Sandi's Learning Center employees are also provided compensation in the form of bonuses for commendable performance and/or commitment to professional development.

Sandi's Learning Center is active in the immediate neighborhood, schools, community associations, local businesses and agencies.

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

A capital grant of six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) is requested to complete the construction of a 15,200 square foot early childhood facility at 1701 North Ellamont Street. This will enable Sandi's Learning Center, Inc. to provide a much-needed service to a community lacking in child development, family development, and community development services.

According to the Census 2000 Demographic Profile Highlights, the total population in the 21216 zip code is 36,242, with a median household income in 1999 dollars of \$26,946.00. The percentage of families living below poverty level in the area is 21.4 percent compared to 9.2 percent in the United States. Additionally, in 2005, students who were eligible for free/reduced-price lunch, an indicator of poverty, had an average score that was lower than that of students who were not eligible for free/reduced-price lunch by 33 points.

The total cost of the project for is \$2.2 million. As of today, we have raised \$1.6 million. In March 2006, we received a State Bond Bill sponsored by Senator Ralph Hughes, Delegate Marshall Goodwin, Delegate Salima Marriott and Delegate Cathy Pugh in the amount of \$300,000.00. In June 2006, we received a grant from Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development in the amount of \$200,000, we received a grant from The Abell Foundation in the amount \$150,000, and a grant from Maryland State Department of Housing and Community Development Neighborhood Business Works Program in the amount of \$50,000.00. In addition, we received a loan from 1st Mariner Bank in the amount of \$700,000 and Sandi's Learning Center has invested \$200,000. More over, our ground breaking ceremony was October 26, 2006.

The completion of the new building by December 2007 will enable Sandi's Learning Center to service a minimum of one hundred fifty-four children in the community. In early 2004, there were 14,412 children on a waiting list for child care assistance in Maryland. The facility will provide the necessary space to offer services to families through our partners, Baltimore City Child Care Resource Center, (BCCRC), Family League, Baltimore Reads and Project S.E.R.V.E. (Service, Empowerment, Revitalization, Volunteerism, Employment Training).

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	50,000.00
Design	150,000.00
Construction	1,800,000.00
Equipment	200,000.00
Total	2,200,000.00

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

Source	Amount
State Bond Bill - 2006	300,000.00
State Bond Bill - 2007	600,000.00
Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development	200,000.00
The Abell Foundation	150,000.00

Maryland State Department of Housing and Community Development	50,000.00		
First Mariner Bank	700,000.00		
Sandi's Learning Center, Inc.	200,000.00		
Total	2,200,000.00		
14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
3/2004	1/2005	1/2007	12/2007
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	
\$1,400,000.00	0	150-225	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2006	\$300,000	Capital Funding for 1701 N. Ellamont Street	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Sandi's Learning Center, Inc. 3117 Baker Street			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			40th
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:	Gary R. Maslan, Esquire	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	(410) 282-2700		
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
11	22	\$350,000	\$865,000
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	12,800		
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	15,200		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			