

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2932	SB567	2494	HB543	Project ECHO Homeless Shelter
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Miller				Kullen
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Calvert				\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Grant to the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Calvert County for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of Project ECHO Homeless Shelter, located in Prince Frederick.				
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 funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. The fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions.				
8. Special Provisions				
Prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds and matching fund for sectarian religious purposes.				
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone	Email Address
Wayne Boyle			410-535-5010, Ext. 19	wboyle@calverthousing.org

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

The Housing Authority of Calvert County was established by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County in 1972 to provide for safe and sanitary housing for persons of low- and moderate-income. It is governed by a 5-member board of commissioners appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. The Authority operates as an independent entity under Article 44 A of the Annotated Code of Maryland. It employs 16 full time employees in the administration of Federal and State housing programs. The activities performed by the Authority for the County are summarized as follows:

- The Authority provides housing assistance for 670 low-income households in the County making it one of, if not the largest single landlords in the county.
- The Authority owns, operates and maintains 298 units of housing throughout the County. Seventy-two of these units are two and three-bedroom Public Family Housing homes
- It administers the Federal Housing Choice Voucher Program serving 360 families in privately owned housing.
- Two Hundred and forty-one of our units are for the elderly and disabled.
- In addition, the Authority provides short-term rental assistance to prevent homelessness through the Rental Allowance Program that assists 30 families annually.
- The authority administers the Maryland Special Loan Program on behalf of the County to provide low interest loans for the rehabilitation of housing as well as the County's Affordable Loan Program.
- Of the Authority's \$4,179,168 FY 2006 revenues, 70% was derived from the federal government, 20% from rents, 2% from the county government, 2% from management fees, 2% from the state government, 1% from interest, and 3% from other sources.
- The Authority provided over \$2,211,259 in rent payments to private property owners in the County through the Section 8 Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
- The Authority's assets are valued at over \$ 8 million.

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

The purpose of the project is to construct a new homeless shelter for Project Echo, Inc., the principal provider of homeless services in the County. The current shelter is housed in a 60 year old, converted residential building in Prince Frederick. The shelter, because of it's age, configuration, and condition, has to routinely turn away individuals (over 250 in the last two years). The Grantee organization has agreed to construct a new facility for Project Echo on property it owns in Prince Frederick. The proposed shelter wil consist of approximately 6,000 square feet and be capable of housing 35 individuals with design flexibility to accommodate additional people without the need for additional funding. Services will be provided to enable the families to reenter the mainstream of life after their shot term housing and other problems can be alieviated. Parking and a children's playground will also be provided. The Grantee owns the facility and lease it to Project Echo.

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	200,000
Design	50,000
Construction	1,663,000
Equipment	125,000
Total	2,093,000

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

Source		Amount	
Shelter & Transitional Housing Facilities Grant		781,000	
Maryland Affordable Housing Grant		100,000	
Local contributions		269,000	
Proceeds from the sale of existing structure		243,000	
Real property contribution by grantee		200,000	
This Bill		500,000	
Total		2,093,000	
14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
4/1/07	5/15/07	6/1/07	3/1/08
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
40,000		344	582
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Housing Authority of Calvert County		480 Main Street, P.O. Box 2509, Prince Frederick, MD 20678	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			27-B
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Renee LaFayette	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-535-0585		In Process
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
55 Church Street		2/15/07 (due)	\$200,000
Prince Frederick, MD 20678			
(Attny. for HACC. RFP out for project legal)			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
1.5(1)	2.5(1)	\$183,482	\$225,000

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
Project Echo, Inc.	At least 40 Yrs.	Utilities/	6,000
		Maintenance	
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	4,000		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	0		
New GSF	6,000		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			2007-08
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			

Footnote (1) The current staff of Project ECHO is one full-time and one part-time. They also have four volunteer staff who man the shelter throughout the day. Additional staff needed upon completion of the new structure will be an executive director and additional volunteer staff.

The new structure will be built on property owned by the Housing Authority and leased to Project Echo, which will retain their charitable status and will operate the facility with their own donated and grant funds. Project ECHO, Inc. is a nonprofit agency that provides emergency assistance to homeless people in our community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. With a capacity of 25 beds, ECHO offers a safe, sober place to stay overnight to homeless men, women, and children on a short-term basis. The maximum time of residence is 90 days, the average is 15 days. Residents of Calvert County must be given preference. Clients are required to actively pursue goals for housing, employment, treatment, education, etc. as needed. Meals are also provided; dinner is supplied by volunteers each evening. Limited counseling, referral to other social service agencies, medical prescriptions, rental, and mortgage assistance, and recommendations for permanent housing are also available.

Since opening its doors in 1992, Project ECHO has helped more than 1,000 homeless clients. It is through the donations from congregations, the United Way, civic groups, individuals, the Calvert County Commissioners, and the State of Maryland that ECHO is able to provide food and shelter on an emergency, temporary basis.

This Bill is similar to Ho. Co. 17-06 which was passed in the 2006 Legislative Session wherein Howard County built a facility and leased it to Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center.