

State of Maryland

2010 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr2153	sb0299	lr2149	hb0280	Greenmount West Community Resource Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Pugh				Robinson
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City			\$100,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The "New" Greenmount West Community Association for the acquisition, design, construction, repair, and renovation of the Greenmount West Community Resource Center.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Abu Moulta Ali		410-764-3820	amoultaa@yahoo.com	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The New Greenmount West Community Association (NGWCA) is the recognized and formalized neighborhood association for the Greenmount West neighborhood. Volunteers from the New Greenmount West Community Association and Greenmount West Community Development Corporation have been working for 9 years out of people's homes and borrowed meeting spaces. NGWCA has worked with the City of Baltimore and other citywide community organizations on housing issues, job development programs, zoning decisions, neighborhood crime and sanitation issues, development plans, property tax consultation, youth issues, and education. The Greenmount West Community Development Corporation has taken the lead in coordinating community wide development initiatives and has partner with a cadre of stakeholders to revitalize the community.</p>				

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit Length to Visible area)

The Greenmount West community has been working to secure a space for a Community Center since 2001 when former School 32 was closed by the Baltimore Public School System due to low enrollment. We propose to rehabilitate the historic 1890's School 32 building as the Greenmount West Community Center and provide space for the expansion of Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School. The Greenmount West Community has secured commitments for the development of former School 32 from the City of Baltimore for the creation of a community school. The most unique nature of this project involves stakeholders that are vested in developing programs that benefit both the immediate community and extend to Baltimore City at large. The Community Center will exist primarily to meet the needs of the community including housing and job referrals, homeownership opportunities, meeting space, after school programming, GED training, providing access to computers and internet access, etc. The expansion of Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School will allow more students to attend this program. Currently Baltimore Montessori serves 200 students with over 500 students on the waiting list.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 12 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 13 (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	\$32,000
Construction	\$1,780,000
Equipment	\$388,000
Total	\$2,200,000

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

Source	Amount
1. Community Legacy Grant	\$125,000
2. Federal Charter School Startup Grant	\$350,000
3. Pro-bono contractor/materials	\$200,000
4. Community Development Block Grant	\$675,000
5. Bond Bill	\$100,000
6. Community Investment Tax Credits	\$500,000
7. Various Foundations (Myerhoff, Abell, Goldseker)	\$250,000
Total	\$2,200,000

14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
11/2009	03/2010	07/2010	07/2011
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised		16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
675,000		0	2,000
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)	
New Greenmount West Community Association, 1812 N. Calvert St. Baltimore, MD 21202		1634 Guilford Ave. Baltimore, MD. 21202	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			
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:	Abu Bakr Moulta Ali	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-764-3820		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
1812 N. Calvert St. Baltimore, MD 21202			

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 own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?			lease
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
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	
Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School	99 years	Yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	15,000		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	15,000		
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			2010

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

The opening in 2008 of the Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School in the previously closed Mildred Monroe building has been a catalyst towards revitalization in the Greenmount West neighborhood. However, on the same site with the current Baltimore Montessori school remains the closed, vacant and historic (built in 1890) School 32 property.

Creating a vibrant “community school” in the center of Greenmount West will continue the strong revitalization efforts already ongoing in the neighborhood and provide a strong focus on high quality education for all residents. There will be offices for NGWCA, the CDC and volunteers as well as a central meeting space. Space allocations will be a combination of “flex” space and organizational expansion space for service provider build outs (eg. after school programs). All organizations would share the meeting / conference area, office equipment and administrative support. The organizations that will occupy the building are presently collaborating on many programs greatly lowering cumulative overhead cost and increasing program effectiveness.

The rehabilitation of this site will also meet a number of Baltimore City Priority Objectives:

1. Improve the livability and quality of life in the city and cultivate stable, vibrant, livable neighborhoods: The addition of a community center which the community has championed for so long will help build the social capital of the neighborhood and strengthen ties amongst neighbors as well as between the school and the neighborhood residents.
2. Ensure renewal of blighted neighborhoods and gateways: The rehabilitation of this historic building will create a city block that within three years will have transitioned from a vacant property acting as a magnet for crime to a vibrant school with green space and community center.
3. Build strong, healthy, and educated children and families: The expansion of Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School will allow 50 - 100 more students to attend this program.
4. Make Baltimore a cleaner, greener and sustainable city: Baltimore Montessori has a strong commitment to creating green spaces and having students out in the community actively doing clean up and gardening activities. The link with the community center will allow students and residents to participate in many of these activities together.

In addition, NGWCA and Baltimore Montessori are exploring other ways to make shared use of resources and the entire combined site including the gym, auditorium and kitchen. This building will be far more than the sum of its parts and serve as a central hub in the community linking the community and school.