

State of Maryland

2010 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project
lr2924	sb0956	lr3256	hb1406	Carroll County Agriculture Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Carroll County Senators			Barkley	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Carroll County			\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Carroll County Agriculture Center, Inc. for the repair, renovation, capital equipping and utility upgrades of the Carroll County Agriculture Center.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Caroline Babylon, Treasurer		410-259-6749	cb@babylonfamily.com	
Lawrence Meeks		410-848-2867		
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The Carroll County Agriculture Center, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to supporting 4-H, the Farmer's Market, Future Farmers of America, Grange and similar groups within Carroll County, Maryland. The Agriculture Center provides for agriculture related activities and educational programs by providing an accessible facility for use by supported groups, other charitable and educational organizations and the general public. The Agriculture Center is the site of the annual Carroll County 4-H and FFA Fair each summer in addition to the Carroll County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program and many other 4-H and FFA events throughout the year.</p> <p>The Danele Shipley Memorial Arena has upgraded the fairgrounds from a series of 40 year old pole barns to an enclosed, year-round multi-purpose facility which is rented to many community activities and a wide variety of events.</p>				

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

Funds are to be used to continue equipping and upgrading the Danele Shipley Memorial Arena, constructed in 2004. This will include new bleachers, air conditioners, to replace outdated units and improving drainage and gutters on older flat roofs. Funds will also be used to renovate and upgrade older buildings on the Agriculture Center and pay increasing costs for gas, electricity and water.

The new arena has expanded service to the agriculture community, the constantly growing 4-H programs, 4-H and Future Farmers of America Fair, and the expanding Carroll County 4-H Youth Development Program. When not in use by the Carroll County Agriculture Center members, the new arena provides a facility for other exhibitions, educational and recreational activities of public interest such as the Relay for Life and various shows and sales. These activities are having a positive impact on the future of the Agriculture Center and the economy of Carroll County.

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	
Construction	
Equipment	\$500,000
Total	\$500,000

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

Source	Amount
Rent from outside renters	\$150,000
Sponsor signs and advertising	\$100,000
Proposed state bond	\$250,000
Total	\$500,000

14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
Completed	Complete	Complete	December 2010
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
Over \$4,000,000 since 2000		310,000 renters and visitors	400,000 renters and visitors
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
1996	100,000	Architect and planning for Danele Shipley Memorial Arena	
1997, 1999, 2000	300,000 each	Construction of Danele Shipley Memorial Arena	
2005, 2006	\$150,000 each	Construction of Danele Shipley Memorial Arena	
2007 x 2, 2008	\$100,000 each	2007 - Access road from Arena to Gesell Farm; Marlin K. Hoff log Barn; Equiping Ag Center	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Carroll County Agriculture Center, Inc. 706 Agriculture Center Drive Westminster, MD. 21157		Same	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			District 5
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 Preston	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410 848-7777		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Stoner, Preston & Boswell, Chartered 188 East Main Street P.O. Box 389 Westminster, MD 21158-0389		N/A	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
Before 2004 construction, 2 parttime	4 full time, 2 part time	\$384,000	\$410,000
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
N/A			
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	removed		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	N/a		
New GSF	60,658		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			N/A

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

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The Danele Shipley Memorial Arena has upgraded the fairgrounds from a series of 40 year old pole barns to an enclosed, year-round multi-purpose facility. This bill authorizes a State grant to the Board of Directors of the Carroll County Agriculture Center, Inc. to fund bleachers and heating and air conditioning improvements for the new arena, and the older buildings. It also helps control costs by funding some utility increases experience in recent years.

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The building as designed is an open flexible use space. The ventilation is designed to be able to handle animals during the Fair, but it also has heat to allow year round usage for 4-H programs, FFA, livestock sales, community groups and any number of other educational and exhibition uses. The new building is also handicapped accessible; so all members of our community have access. This new building has changed a portion of the Ag Center property from a single-use area to a multi-use facility. This allows us to better meet the needs of all of our constituents, the Fair, 4-H, Carroll Kennel Club, many educational and community groups and clients.