

State of Maryland

2010 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project	
lr3467	sb1037	lr3473	hb1444	National Center for Children and Families Youth Activities Center	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors	
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4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount	
Statewide				\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bill					
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the National Center for Children and Families, Inc. for the construction and capital equipping of the National Center for Children and Families.</p>					
7. Matching Fund					
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of real property, 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
Steffi Benjamin			301-363-4480 (ext. 297)		sbenjamin@nccf-cares.org
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)					
<p>The National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) is a private, 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency committed to serving the national capital region for nearly a century with a mission "to create total, healthy living environments for vulnerable children, youth, and families, and the quality of life which empowers their ability to thrive and demonstrate responsibility." NCCF's residential programs serve homeless families, victims of domestic violence, and abused and neglected adolescents. Other programs include treatment foster care, supportive services to stabilize families in the community, transitional housing to promote independent living in the community, and prevention services to high risk youth in the national capital region. In FY 2009, NCCF served 1,489 children and youth, and 837 adults in 938 families. While the children, youth, and families we serve come with different circumstances, they have one thing in common – each needs support to overcome barriers to a safer, more secure, and stable life. NCCF creates responsive living environments that improve the basic health and well-being of children and families, while increasing the safety of entire communities.</p>					

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

NCCF need to become compliant with the State of Maryland regulation governing residential childcare programs (COMAR 14.31.06.12). There is a lack of adequate indoor and outdoor space on NCCF's Bethesda, MD campus for vigorous physical exercise, recreational activities, and the arts. In inclement weather, there are no options for these children and youth. Research shows that low levels of physical activity are generally associated with youth engaging in activities of higher risk, including smoking, drug and alcohol abuse, risky sexual behavior, social isolation, lack of interest in education, depression, and even suicide. Physical and recreational activities facilitate the development of children and youth, playing a significant role in influencing behavioral patterns and in preventing and/or reducing risky behaviors. Participation in recreational activities and the arts positively benefits their psychological and physical health, social interactions, peer influence, academic performance, community development, and other lifestyle behaviors. This three-story, 20,415 square foot facility will house a gymnasium, a performance stage, creative arts studios, a kitchen/dining hall combination, education/employment training center, exercise and recreation rooms, and an ecumenical chapel for the daily use by all of NCCF's program participants.

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	0
Design	\$434,760
Construction	\$5,990,178
Equipment	\$710,000
Total	\$7,134,938

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

Source	Amount
Freddie Mac Foundation	\$1,000,000
OPUS East LLC	\$372,991
Individual Commitments	\$636,531
Maryland Dept of Juvenile Services	\$1,843,000
State of Maryland Bond Bill	\$250,000
Other Corporate Commitments	\$87,529
Marriott Foundation	\$100,000
Montgomery County DHCA	\$750,000
OPUS Foundation	\$22,000
State of Maryland Bond Bill (pending)	\$500,000
Other Private & Government Funds (pending/target)	\$1,572,887
Total	\$7,134,938

14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
02/2006	02/2007	10/2009	08/2010
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
\$2,194,051		224	520
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)	
The National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) 6301 Greentree Road Bethesda, MD 20817		Same	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			District 16
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:	Sheryl Brissett Chapman, Ed.D.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	(301) 365-4480, ext. 115		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
The National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) 6301 Greentree Road Bethesda, MD 20817			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
186 FTE	206 FTE	\$17,797,003	\$20,373,578
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?			
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?			
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
Not Applicable			
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
Not Applicable			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	0		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	0		
New GSF	20,415		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

The Freddie Mac Foundation Youth Activities Center (YAC) is under construction on the Bethesda, MD campus of the National Center for Children and Families (NCCF). When construction is completed, and the facility is fully equipped and furnished, homeless children and their families in Montgomery County, MD will have a place to eat, acquire workforce skills, receive parenting education, and learn how to maintain permanent housing in the community through life skills training. In addition, lost youth will rediscover their childhood in a safe environment, form appropriate relationships, reconcile with their families, or transition into independent living environments. Youth will participate in sports and recreational and artistic activities, while learning how to avoid violent behavioral tendencies.

Residential facilities, like NCCF's Greentree Adolescent Program (GAP) and FutureBound Independent Living Program, are more cost effective and the best response to meeting the needs of youth at high-risk for involvement in the adult correctional and court systems. NCCF's programs provide prevention and intervention activities, comprehensive services, and meet the needs of youth and the community. The majority of the youth served by NCCF have experienced abuse and neglect at the hands of adults, primarily family members. These young people have not committed violent offenses and need services to increase their chances at education and employment, and decrease their risk of engaging in violent and nonviolent criminal activities. Without these services, they pose a greater risk to public safety and security in communities.

With unemployment up to 10%, the financial stresses on families are real and affect how parents respond to their children. Parents become depressed, withdrawn and quick to anger. Their use of physical punishment often increases. Children and youth will continue to be the unheralded victims of this difficult economic period if we sit back and watch the erosion of their most basic sense of security and safety, as well as their hopes for the future.

We need the Maryland legislators to ensure the realization of YAC at NCCF, because we are at risk of losing a generation of children if we do not step up to the plate to provide additional support for families under duress. We should care about what it means to a child to lose a home or have stressed out, unemployed parents. Families are keenly under pressure, and children are very vulnerable to what their parents feel. YAC will be a safe place to socialize 107 homeless children, and 120 out-of-home youth who predictably struggle with aggression, anger, and poor self-esteem. This facility will allow for therapeutic arts programs (dance, theatre, visual, and painting), one-on-one mentoring, and an ecumenical chapel. We can make the choice to fund programs and services that provide critical care to sustain the next generation. Or, we can ignore these children and youth at our collective peril.