

State of Maryland

2011 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr2836	sb0871	lr2837	hb1230	Orthodox Congregation of Silver Spring Preschool Building Repair
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Manno				Kramer
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Montgomery County				\$48,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$48,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Orthodox Congregation of Silver Spring, Inc. for the repair the roof and capital equipping of the preschool.</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	
Rabbi Herzel Kranz		301-649-2060	rabbikranz@hotmail.com	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The Orthodox Congregation of Silver Spring (OCSS) is a nonprofit organization which has been established for the purpose of operating and maintaining a Jewish Orthodox Community place in the Greater Washington Metropolitan area. The purpose of the center is to provide the Jewish community with a social and educational center in the spirit of the Jewish traditions. Currently, the center serves as an Orthodox Synagogue where our religious services are taking place; a Social Assembly Hall, where we celebrate occasions of happiness and sorrow, both public and private; a Mikvah (baptismal facility); and a House of Study (Beth Hamidrash), where we provide Jewish classes as well as professional courses for all age levels. Our organization also comprises a year round non-sectarian Preschool, which is providing full time 5 days a week basic children education, and a non-sectarian Summer Camp for children aged 5 -15, called "Camp Ahava". In addition, OCSS is supporting several community events and charities foundations. (Please see continued in Item 28, page 5).</p>				

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
		December, 2010	UNDERWAY
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
\$15000		425	450
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
NONE			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Orthodox Congregation of Silver Spring, 1401 Arcola Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20902		Same	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	19 - Eastern Central Montgomery County		
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:	Richard Chaifetz, Esq.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-649-2346		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
3 Fulham Ct. Silver Spring, Maryland 20902			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
8	3	\$24,000	\$48,000
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	21,000		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	12,000		
New GSF	n/a		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1970

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

Item 10 (continued):

These include among others: the Job Assistance Employment Initiative; Chevra Kaddisha traditional burial and funeral services; the Hebrew Sheltering Home; Youth and Singles Program activities; Interfaith Program Dialogue; Bikur Holim of Greater Washington for helping with the needs of ill in the Jewish community, and the Capital Area Food Bank.

All these vital services are made possible with the help of benefactors from the Greater Washington Metropolitan area and mainly with the help of volunteers and generous donations of our members and friends.

Item 28: Additional Comments.

The purpose of the present project is to repair significant damages done to our building especially during the past two years and also to prepare part of the building for an elementary school within the OCSS's facilities. Damages include among others:

1. A constant leaking of our flat roof, which we are rebuilding with a slight pitched angle to provide with an easy water flow, and in order to prevent potential housing hazards that are present in the housing stock.
2. Our glass-built atrium is in need of caulking, due to icing and massive snow accumulation. This housing compartment is used on weekdays for our preschool extracurricular activities, such as arts, dramatics, music and dance. It is also used by our organization as an Assembly Hall for the celebration of the Jewish holidays.

Completion of the reparation of this housing part in our building will greatly improve the quality and the safety of our services both for our students and the members of our community.

3. The rain gutters throughout all the exterior parts of the building are significantly damaged due to corrosion, icing and powerful rainfalls. The restoration of this part of the building is essential for the preservation and proper maintenance of our building.

In addition, we are currently in the process of preparing one wing within the OCSS's facilities to serve in the near future as an elementary school. This was done upon the request of the parents of our students who are graduating from our preschool and are interested in a continued educational program in our Institution. The part of the building that is dedicated to this project needs roofing repair, repainting and furniture acquisition.

In conclusion, we are hopeful our application for the State of Maryland 2011 Bond Bill will be approved. We greatly appreciate taking your time and efforts in helping us improving our community facilities and services.

Should you require further information regarding our application, please contact us directly at 301-649-2060.

Respectfully,

Rabbi Herzl Kranz