

State of Maryland

2011 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr1090	sb0434	lr0634	hb0043	The ALEC African House
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Rosapepe				Pena-Melnyk
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County			\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of ALEC Education and Housing, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the ALEC African House, including construction of a parking lot.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Grant				
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Dr. Frank Forka		301-257-7481	Frank. Forka@africanleadershipcounc	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>Founded in 2007, the African Leadership Empowerment Council (ALEC) is the largest, constituted active African organization in the state of Maryland with constant civic engagement and community service at the local, state and federal levels. The organization reaches out to over thirty African churches and community organizations in the region with a mission to engage the African immigrant community in community service, civic engagement, improve the quality of life for low income families, serve as a point of contact for African immigrants in the region, provide equal treatment and full access to social programs, referrals to government resources and opportunities. ALEC operates the following programs: (1) The African House assistance to the needy and homeless people; (2) ALEC Leadership Academy with successful summer internships; (3) ALEC Education and Mentorship program providing free tutoring and mentorship to High School students; (4) ALEC Health & HIV/AIDS Awareness Program; (5) ALEC Business & Entrepreneurial Development; and (6) ALEC-AmeriCorps Program for Citizenship and Naturalization classes and awareness in the African communities.</p>				

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

ALEC is acquiring this surplus property from the Prince George's County government at "No Condition for Community Use." However, the symbolic amount to be paid by ALEC is not yet determined since the property is undergoing the legislative draft in the Office of Central Services. The ALEC-African House will house other African non-profit partner organizations to provide:

- (1) A One Stop Resource and Assistance Center for African immigrants.
- (2) ALEC Leadership Academy training for young people in leadership and summer internships.
- (3) ALEC Education and Mentorship program providing free tutoring and mentorship to High School students.
- (4) ALEC Health & HIV/AIDS Awareness Program with seminars and workshops.
- (5) ALEC Business & Entrepreneurial Development for young people and minority businesses.
- (6) ALEC-AmeriCorps Program for Citizenship and Naturalization classes and awareness in the African communities.
- (7) Job training, job search, resume writing, and workforce development.
- (8) A Kitchen to provide meals to homeless people in the area.

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	\$200,000
Construction	\$300,000
Equipment	
Total	\$500,000

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

Source	Amount
2011 Bond Bill	\$500,000
Total	\$500,000

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
12/03/2010	03/03/2011	01/04/2011	01/07/2011
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
N/A		N/A	3,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A	N/A	N/A	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
ALEC Corporate Office 8201 Corporate Drive, Suite 1130 Landover, MD 20785		The ALEC-African House 4540 Ammendale Road Beltsville, MD 20707	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	21 - Northwestern Prince George's 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:	David Sandler	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	(301) 429-0022		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Law Offices of David Sandler 8201 Corporate Drive, Suite 1190 Landover, MD 20785		2010 Assessed Value	\$403,120.00

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
N/A	15	N/A	\$1,000,000
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	2,321		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	5,609		
New GSF	3,288		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			2002

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

1. ALEC is projecting to use space with about 10 other non-profit organizations that are affiliated to ALEC at no charge as a point of contacts, civic engagement, immigration and citizenship awareness, health and HIV/AIDS awareness, education and mentorship assistance to High School students, job training and job referrals, referrals to government services and programs, energy and rent assistance, food stamps, assistance to the needy and the homeless, general programs and community service throughout the County.

2. We are requesting this property in order to reinforce our activities in Prince George's County, especially in the Legislative District 21.

3. ALEC has been recognized with a Senatorial Letter for "...its commitment to bringing together African immigrants and African-Americans to transcend ethnicity and national identity" (Senator Benjamin Cardin, May 30, 2009).

4. ALEC has also been recognized with a Senatorial Citation for "...promoting leadership and community involvement at the local, state and national levels with a focus on creating sustainable and institutional partnerships between the government and the Continental African Community" (Senator Benjamin Cardin, March 20, 2010).

5. In addition, ALEC has been recognized with a Congressional Letter as follows: "ALEC has made many important contributions to the promotion of domestic and International public policy issues as they relate to the African community" (Congresswoman Donna Edwards, May 30, 2009).

6. Finally, ALEC has also been recognized by the Prince George's County Council with a County Council Proclamation stating that " Whereas, the Prince George's County Council is honored to have this opportunity to recognize the exemplary contributions of the African Leadership Empowerment Council (ALEC) in Prince George's County and throughout the nation;....Now, Therefore, Be It Proclaimed by the Prince George's County Council that the African Leadership Empowerment Council (ALEC) is saluted for its exceptional commitment in partnership with the Prince George's County" (Prince George's County Council, September 28, 2010).