

State of Maryland

2012 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr1830	sb0220	lr3040	hb1144	National Center for Children and Families Youth Activities Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Frosh				Lee
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery 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 Trustees of the National Center for Children and Families for the capital equipping of the National Center for Children and Families Youth Activities 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	
Heidi Webb		2403726447	hwebb@nccf-cares.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>NCCF has served the national capital region for nearly 100 years. NCCF's mission is 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, survivors of domestic violence, and abused and neglected adolescents. Other programs include foster care, adoption services, supportive services to stabilize families in the community, transitional housing to promote independent living, and prevention services to high-risk youth. Annually, NCCF serves more than 4,000 children, youth and families through 15 programs implemented by 158 employees and 1,400 volunteers. NCCF is accredited by the Maryland Association of Resources for Families and Youth (MARFY) and nationally by the Council on Accreditation COA). It is also a member of the Child Welfare league of America (CWLA), the Consortium for Child Welfare (CCW), and the DC Alliance of Youth Advocates (DCAYA). NCCF creates living environments that improve the basic health and well-being of children and families, and increases community safety.</p>				

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

NCCF must be compliant with the State of Maryland regulation governing residential childcare programs (COMAR 14.31.06.12). We have received support from multiple sources during construction, but had setbacks with equipping the facility. NCCF was included in the Governor's initial 2011 capital budget; due to state budget cuts, was later removed and did not receive state support. Without full use of the Youth Activities Center, NCCF lacks adequate space on its Bethesda, MD campus for vigorous physical exercise, recreational activities, and the arts. Research shows that low levels of physical activity are associated with youth engaging in higher-risk activities, such as smoking, drug and alcohol abuse, risky sexual behavior, social isolation, lack of interest in education, depression and suicide. Physical and recreational activity facilitates positive youth development, playing a significant role in influencing behavioral patterns and preventing risky behaviors, and benefits their psychological and physical health, social interactions, peer influence, academic performance, community development, and other lifestyle behaviors. The facility houses a gymnasium, stage, arts studios, a kitchen/dining hall, educational/employment training center, exercise and recreation rooms, and a non-denominational chapel for daily use.

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	0
Construction	0
Equipment	\$555,660
Total	\$555,660

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

Source	Amount
2011 State of Maryland Bond Bill (pending)	\$250,000
J. Willard and Alice S. Marriott Foundation (pending)	\$50,000
M&T Foundation (pending)	\$25,000
Clark Charitable Foundation (pending)	\$10,000
Doris and Sanford Slavin Foundation	\$10,000
Bender Foundation (pending)	\$5,000
Individual Contributions (pledged and hard)	\$134,760
NCCF Board of Trustees (pledged and hard)	\$20,900
Duke Ellington School (hard, in-kind, pledged)	\$20,000
Marcus Johnson (hard, in-kind and pledged)	\$25,000
US Dept. of Energy (hard, in-kind)	\$5,000
Total	\$555,660

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
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
100,500		1,864	3,728
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2010	\$250,000	Construction of the Youth Activities Center	
2010	\$1,843,000	Construction of the Youth Activities Center	
2009	\$250,000	Construction of the Youth Activities Center	
2007	\$658,962.97	Renovation of the Administrative Service Delivery Bldg.	
2004	\$250,000	Construction of the Volunteer Training Center	
2004	\$714,056	Construction of the Volunteer Training Center	
2002	\$539,000	Renovation of the Greentree Adolescent Program dormitories	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
National Center for Children and Families 6301 Greentree Road Bethesda, MD 20817		SAME	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	16 - Southern 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:	Sheryl Brissett Chapman	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-365-4480, ext. 115		Not Applicable
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
National Center for Children and Families 6301 Greentree Road Bethesda, MD 20817		Not Applicable	Not Applicable

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
158	164	\$19,972,462	\$20,011,597
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
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	20,415		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	0		
New GSF	0		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		Not Applicable	

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

The vision for Youth Activities Center is to offer an accessible and safe venue where multiple barriers faced by NCCF clients may be alleviated/replaced by goals that promote their abilities to live productively and independently in the community, maximizing the quality of their lives. Once equipped, the facility will house multiple programs which develop self esteem, teach character, and encourage each individual to reach for their ultimate potential.

Fundraising has been challenging. NCCF has been successful in securing public and private support to complete construction. We need Maryland Legislators and local elected officials to ensure the full realization of this project by equipping the facility because:

NCCF currently does not satisfy the Maryland regulation governing residential childcare programs (COMAR 14.31.06.12) which mandates the provision of indoor recreation and leisure activities for youth in group home care, based on youth needs and interests. NCCF has no such capacity to provide indoor recreation; which triggered NCCF's capital campaign to build the facility.

Increasing numbers of homeless children and their families need a place to eat, acquire workforce skills, receive parenting education, and learn how to maintain permanent housing. The modern commercial kitchen will be a resource to teach clients to eat healthfully and address health concerns such as obesity, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and other diseases for which the populations we serve are at increased risk. Such diseases place a greater burden on the health system.

Youth served by NCCF have experienced abuse and neglect at the hands of adults. These youth are often also involved in the juvenile justice system, and need services to increase their chances at education and employment, and decrease their risk of engaging in criminal activities. Without these services, they pose a greater risk to public safety and security.

With high unemployment, 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. All children and youth, regardless of their socioeconomic status, need the opportunity to prepare their bodies, minds and hearts for life.

Legislators need to ensure the full realization of the Youth Activities Center, because we are at risk of losing a generation of children if we do not provide additional support for families under duress. We should care about what it means to a child to lose a home or have stressed, unemployed parents. Families are under pressure, and children are vulnerable to what their parents feel. This facility will be a safe place to socialize thousands of homeless children, and out-of-home youth who predictably struggle with aggression, anger, and self-esteem.