

State of Maryland

2012 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project
lr1417	sb0159	lr1701	hb0184	Quebec Terrace Lighting
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Raskin				Hixson
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County			\$120,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$120,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of ArtPreneurs, Inc. for the planning, design, and construction of the Quebec Terrace lighting.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of in kind contributions.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Jan Goldstein		240-645-0730	JGoldstein@artsontheblock.com	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>Through Arts on the Block (AOB), high school-aged youth of diverse backgrounds learn first-hand the principles and business of art and design by fully engaging in real-life projects with seasoned professionals and their fellow community members. An understanding of the value of art and design to the quality of life of a community is an essential underpinning of the organization. To this end, AOB's resume includes over 20 public art and design projects completed since our inception in 2003. Perhaps of greatest importance in this arena is the work currently underway in the Carroll Avenue Quebec Terrace community of Silver Spring, where AOB and partners have made a five-year commitment to use art and design to not only visually transform the community and reduce blight, but also provide a sense of safety and neighborhood unification.</p>				

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

For decades, the Carroll Avenue Quebec Terrace multi-family apartment community of Silver Spring has been among the most problematic corners of Montgomery County. During 2011, Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) responded to nearly 250 calls from this neighborhood, an area of less than one-half square mile. Of the crimes that were reported, most were vandalism, simple assault and theft. Gang activity is an ongoing issue. It is clear that significant, dramatic, and transformative interventions are needed to improve safety in the neighborhood. An effort to use "crime prevention through environmental design" (CPTED) principles and public art to begin to change the neighborhood was launched in 2009 by Arts on the Block (AOB) and a host of partners including MCPD, the YMCA (which has been operating a community center here for over 20 years), and University of Maryland. Residents in a survey conducted by AOB in 2010 expressed the need for improved lighting above all other improvements. MCPD, Montgomery County officials and CAQT property owners were in agreement with this priority.

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	\$25,000
Construction	\$95,000
Equipment	0
Total	\$120,000

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

Source	Amount
Montgomery County Executive Collaboration Grant (pending)	\$80,000
Contributions from property owners and others	\$40,000
Total	\$120,000

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
July 2012	December 2012	TBD	TBD
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
See letters of commitment - Montgomery County; Owner		1500	1500
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Artpreneurs, Inc. dba Arts on the Block, 11501 Georgia Avenue, Suite 104, Wheaton, MD 20902		Various: Carroll Avenue/Quebec Terrace apartment development; intersection Piney Branch Road and Carroll Avenue in Silver Spring	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	20 - Southeastern 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:	Philip Zipin, Esq.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301.587.9373		N/A
Address:	If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
8403 Colesville Road Suite 610 Silver Spring, MD 20910			

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	N/A	N/A	N/A
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?			Neither
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			N/A
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			N/A
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
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	N/A		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	N/A		
New GSF	N/A		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		N/A	

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

This project, which has drawn considerable interest from the local community, is a unique collaboration that leverages cash and in-kind private, state, federal and county resources. Built on a county-funded public art master plan developed in collaboration with over 100 community volunteers and partners, the lighting project has successfully engaged many new community partners, and stands to serve as a model of collaborative urban renewal. Owing to the success of two prior AOB-led art and design projects in this community, the Montgomery County Executive encouraged AOB to submit a request for a bond bill and offered to provide \$80,000 in matching funds, with the balance coming from cash and in-kind contributions from property owners and others. The bond bill will cover electrical contractor fees and the majority of the material and fabrication costs for lighting fixtures at the YMCA community center and at the top of the mosaic-covered stairway, as well as design fees for a lighting artist. Montgomery County funds will cover the project manager costs as well as other staffing expenses (lighting consultant and lighting engineer; AOB lead artist and apprentice designers/artists). The property owners will be responsible for design, fabrication and installation costs related to the creation of mosaic address plaques for their individual properties and the lighting of these plaques and existing mosaic-covered stairs. A private contractor or utility company will contribute services in-kind to restore the site following installation of underground power, etc. In regards to in-kind resources, an architect with SOM has offered to help manage the project on a pro-bono basis. Officers from the Montgomery County Police Department including AOB board member Detective Brandon Pellecchia will provide guidelines for and review of all designs to ensure that the lighting improvements meet the safety needs of both the community and police officers. The Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA), Pepco and Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning (M-NCPPC) have expressed interest in coordinating improvement efforts in this neighborhood and in addition to collaborating on this effort are considering making additional lighting and sidewalk improvements in public right of ways. It is worth noting that this lighting project is one part of a greater effort which has attracted financial investments from private and federal resources for other CAQT projects. The National Endowment for the Arts awarded AOB an urban plaza planning grant in FY12 in the amount of \$10,000. The recently completed stair mosaics, the first project outlined in the public art plan, was funded by County CDBG and Arts and Humanities Council dollars, as well as contributions from the CAQT property owners. And a recent large grant from a private foundation is funding new arts-based out-of-school-time programming by AOB and partners for CAQT middle school students.