

State of Maryland

2012 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr2456	sb0457	lr2455	hb0417	Children's Home Therapeutic Group Home Building
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Kelley			Jones	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore County			\$400,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Children's Home, Inc. for the planning, design, and construction of the Children's Home Therapeutic Group Home Building.</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	
Andre G. Cooper		(410) 744-7310	acooper@thechildrenshome.net	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>Established in 1863 as an orphanage for victims of the Civil War, The Children's Home is licensed by the Department of Human Resources to serve dependent, neglected, and abused children and youth between the ages of 13 and 21. The organization is a non-profit 501(c)(3), registered as a charitable organization with the Maryland Secretary of State - serving children and youth throughout Maryland. The Children's Home carries out its mission by providing an array of short- and long-term residential and community-based programs on a 44-acre campus. Programs include Regular Group Home Services (co-ed), Transitions High-Intensity Group Home, Diagnostic Center for teen girls, and Successful Starts for youth 16 to 21 years of age. Residents receive 24-hour supervised care, housing, family support, nurturance, treatment planning and guidance. Educational supports are provided for every resident. They attend a community school as well as receive life skills training, plus recreational, cultural, and therapeutic programs. The vision of The Children's Home is - "To be the premier provider of comprehensive child and family development services."</p>				

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

During the past 10 years, the Children's Home has accomplished major advancements in developing innovative programs and a new facility to better serve a population of youth at risk in Maryland. The next step in development is the construction of two new state-of-the-art residential cottages on The Children's Home campus. The urgency of the construction program is due to the condition and design of older buildings on campus. The cottages of the 1920's lack the safety, flexibility, energy efficiency, and privacy features that are important for the residents of the Home. A replacement building for a fire-damaged residential cottage, was designed and is scheduled for construction this spring, funded via insurance monies. Through negotiations and recommendations of the builder, The Children's Home will build two cottages simultaneously that will yield greater construction efficiency and result in net cost savings. This will follow the Master Plan of the Home - to create housing that is energy efficient, safe, ADA compliant, and easier to monitor for therapeutic treatment. This new facility has tremendous potential in helping serve populations with a design that emphasizes flexibility. The one-story design is 4,000 square feet with 10 private bedrooms, common area, staff offices, laundry, bathrooms, and study areas.

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	\$57,000
Construction	\$793,000
Equipment	
Total	\$850,000

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

Source	Amount
Request State Grant	\$400,000
Private Fund Raising and Endowment	\$425,000
In-kind Donations	\$25,000
Total	\$850,000

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
Completed	October 2011	Spring 2012	Fall 2012
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
425000		55-75	55-75
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
March 2004	400000	Capital grant funds - construction of 16-bed Diagnostic Center Treatment Facility - billed signed April 2007	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Children's Home, Inc. 205 Bloomsbury Avenue Catonsville, Maryland 21228			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	10 - Western Baltimore 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:	Jennifer Stair	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-609-3953		N/A
Address:	If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
Terrara & Stair, P.A. 816 S. Decker Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21224			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
10	16	607778	619934
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
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			
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF		4000	
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			N/A

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

"There is a sense of urgency to transform and improve mental health service delivery because children, youth and families currently in the system deserve to have their mental health needs addressed now."

American Association of Children's Residential Centers

The Children's Home has 148 years of experience and extensive history as a statewide child welfare agency. This project helps advance our mission to build, serve, and nurture at-risk youth and families. With the design emphasis for older youth, the new residential facilities are able to provide housing for an increasing population of adolescents in danger of homelessness without group home placement. The new facilities will create greater employment opportunities. This will also lead to training new practitioners to become certified residential counselors - building the workforce and providing expertise that will positively affect the Home's residents and meet State goals.

The basic design of the new buildings will emphasize flexibility. As needs and populations change, the facilities will be adaptable to allow for changes in programming without the expense of major renovations. The Children's Home will benefit in savings in construction, savings in operating costs, and savings in future adaptations.

Another key to our success is the support from the community. The Children's Home has benefited from the generosity and guidance from volunteers, civic organizations, corporations, and individual donors. They have shared their time, expertise, and wealth to maintain a superior level of operations and make critical expansion possible.