

# State of Maryland

## 2013 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR #      Bill #		House LR #      Bill #		2. Name of Project
lr2245	sb0440	lr2238	hb0463	Friends Aware Facility
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Edwards				Allegany County Delegation
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Allegany County			\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Friends Aware, Inc. for the design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Friends Aware facility.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Robert Godfrey		301-722-7268 x148	rgodfrey@friendsaware.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The mission statement of Friends Aware, Inc. states: Building on a tradition of excellence, Friends Aware offers social, occupational, and residential opportunities in a caring atmosphere to individuals with disabilities. Our vision statement focuses on the overall purpose of Friends Aware: to be an agency where all individuals are challenged to realize their full potential. Friends Aware, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1954 to provide services to individuals with intellectual/ developmental disabilities living in Allegany County. Services to individuals include Day Habilitation, Vocational, Supported Employment, Respite, Transportation, and Residential and Supports services. These programs exist in order to assist individuals to acquire the skills necessary to live and work as independently as possible in the community.</p>				

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

Friends Aware Inc. seeks to upgrade its current facility. The main, and overriding, goal is to bring the facility up to full compliance with ADA requirements, including bathrooms, hallways, and entrances. The building does not currently have a sprinkler system. Many of our individuals require extra time to enter or exit our buses, often due to the fact they are wheelchair bound, and are subject to the weather as they access their transportation. Therefore, they are in need of a covered entry into the building from our buses. The current traffic flow and pattern presents a safety issue for our transportation and contract work programs. In addition, building access for emergency services personnel is compromised. Due to lack of available office space, a portion of the administrative staff are housed in an off-site rental space. Handicapped accessible parking is extremely limited. The growth of the square footage of the agency is a reflection of the need for larger hallways, handicap-accessible bathrooms, and office space to accommodate off-site administrative team members.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	
<b>Design</b>	\$227,412
<b>Construction</b>	\$3,564,883
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	\$3,792,295

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

Source	Amount
2012 Bond Bill Funds	\$250,000
2012 Expenditures from agency funds (matching funds)	\$396,206
2013 Bond Bill Funds	\$500,000
2013 Bond Bill matching funds	\$500,000
Capital Campaign	\$1,000,000
Friends Aware, Inc. bank loan	\$500,000
Grants from various sources	\$646,089
<b>Total</b>	\$3,792,295

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
July, 2012	September, 2012	October, 2012	May, 2014
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>		<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>	<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>
\$100,000		140	150
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Friends Aware, Inc.1601 Holland St. Cumberland, MD 21502			
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	1C - Allegany and Washington Counties		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Greg Skidmore	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
100 S. Liberty St.Cumberland, MD 21502			

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
144 F/T; 31 P/T	180	\$6,256,714	\$6,500,000
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	22,000		
<b>Space to Be Renovated GSF</b>	22,000		
<b>New GSF</b>	10,266		
<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>			1965

**28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)**

Building on a tradition of excellence, Friends Aware offers social, occupational, and residential opportunities in a caring atmosphere to individuals with developmental disabilities. The mission statement of Friends Aware reminds us of the long history of Friends Aware in our community. Begun in 1954 by a small group of committed parents and interested individuals, Friends Aware has grown to a full, part, and substitute staff of 245 and a budget of \$6.1 million. The Friends Aware Life Enrichment Center, located at 1601 Holland St., provides Day Habilitation and Vocational services to over 120 individuals Monday through Friday. Within the Day Program, individuals have the opportunity to develop social and vocational skills in an effort to achieve greater independence. Our vocational program offers individuals with opportunities to earn a paycheck through contract work. We currently maintains contracts with 20 vendors throughout the region. Many of our individuals aspire to independent employment and Friends Aware works to assist them in their goal. Currently, we have over 40 individuals employed in the community at over 25 different businesses. In operation since 1977, the Residential program at Friends Aware currently maintains 13 different homes for individuals as well as offering support services to individuals who maintain their own residence. Currently, 65 individuals utilize this service in locations throughout Allegany County. Included in this program is 24-hour on-call nursing services. Access to transportation is an issue for many individuals in Allegany County, including the people who utilize our services. Friends Aware provides door-to-door transportation for 96 individuals living independently or with family each program day. In addition, the Residential program provides for all the transportation needs of those individuals utilizing this program. In addition, Friends Aware has contracted services to Allegany County Public Schools Transition Youth Program for the past 5 years. 9 students are presently enrolled in this program located in the Life Enrichment Center. Friends Aware works to develop partnerships and collaborative relationships within the community as part of its service delivery. Among the agencies and programs Friends Aware maintains relationships with are: Allegany County Public Schools, Allegany College of Maryland, Service Coordination, Maryland Cooperative Extension, City of Cumberland, Allegany Transit Authority, County United Way, Bishop Walsh School, Western Maryland Food Bank, Special Olympics, The League, Alhambra Shrine Transportation Unit, and PharmaCare.