

# State of Maryland

## 2013 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr3214	sb0921	lr3247	hb1401	Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy Restorations
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Manno				Kramer
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County			\$100,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy, including restoring the track and field, and installing a fitness circuit.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Unequal \$10,000		The matching fund may consist of real property or 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	
Jennifer Zukerman		301-962-9400 x 5183	zukermanj@mjbha.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy is a 700+ student day school that provides a comprehensive general and Jewish education in an atmosphere of reverence and good citizenship. Adhering to standards of academic excellence and exemplary moral conduct, it prepares its graduates to become well educated and provides opportunities for each student to achieve the maximum of his or her potential, engaged with, and contributing to the community and society at large.</p>				

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

Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy's building was the former Montgomery County Peary High School which sat vacant from 1984-1997. Prior to the occupation of the school, destructive gangs and thieves had inhabited the building and caused many problems for local neighbors. The local Jewish community infused private funds totaling more than \$10 million to renovate and refurbish the expansive 210,000 square foot space. The outdoor spaces required considerable expenditures to improve them to a modest and useable level. Improvements to date include resurfacing the track (12 years ago), safety fencing around entire perimeter, new playground equipment, the addition of basketball hoops, refurbished tennis courts and regular ground maintenance on the soccer field. The MJBHA track is full-sized and is used for competition and recreation. It is open to the public after regular operating hours and all day on weekends, and several hundred people from the neighborhood and surrounding areas use it throughout the course of the week. It was resurfaced in about 1999 with a spongy substance that protects runners' knees and joints, but due to heavy usage it is in desperate need of resurfacing. We would also like to add a fitness circuit for community 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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	0
<b>Design</b>	\$1,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$100,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$9,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>

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

Source	Amount
MJBHA	\$10,000
Bond Bill request	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>

<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>
May, 2013	May, 2013	June, 2013	July, 2013
<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>
10000		5000	10000
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2005	150,000	Reconstruction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of auditorium.	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy 13300 Arctic Avenue Rockville, MD 20853		same	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	19 - Eastern Central Montgomery County		
<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>	Behnam Dayanim	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	202.551.1700		Yes
<b>Address:</b>	<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>		
Paul Hastings LLP 875 15th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20005		1997	\$1,500,000

<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>
10	10	5000	5000
<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>	n/a		
<b>Space to Be Renovated GSF</b>			
<b>New GSF</b>			
<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>		1999	

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

The outdoor track and field are an invaluable community resource for the Aspen Hill community. There are very few open green spaces or playgrounds within the surrounding neighborhood, so the track and field of the school are the destination of choice for those wishing to run on a track, play tennis, climb on playground equipment or play soccer. MJBHA staff completely maintains the track and field and cleans up after the weekend usage every Monday morning. Helping to restore the track and build a fitness circuit would be very welcomed by the Aspen Hill community and would also help to continue to create the warm community feeling that visitors experience- that of meeting their neighbors and enjoying the outdoors in a safe, clean and well-maintained environment. The need to resurface the track is a direct result of the heavy community usage, and not doing so soon will incur the need for greater expense later as the track surface will continue to wear away. The addition of a fitness circuit will invite even more neighbors to enjoy the outdoors and get fit while doing so.