

State of Maryland

2013 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project
lr2092	sb0435	lr3234	hb1445	Ralph J. Young Early Childhood Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Ferguson			Clippinger	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City			\$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 Trustees of Living Classrooms Foundation, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Ralph J. Young Early Childhood Center.</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	
Katharina Furrs			kfurrs@livingclassrooms.org	
Talib Horne		410-207-8789	talibh@livingclassrooms.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>Living Classrooms Foundation was founded in Baltimore, Maryland in 1985 with a philosophy based on the concept that every student can reach their potential even those residing in distressed communities, if provided a continuum of resources and quality programming that are effective, efficient and structured. Our programs offer distinctive competency in experiential learning- literally learning by direct experience, or what the Foundation calls "learning by doing." Each of our programs are distinct, the combination creates a powerful synergy. Our education programs use various settings as living learning environments. Our enrichment programs reinforce academic skills, positive and healthy lifestyles, and direct stewardship. Our employability programs produce individuals that are better prepared to exercise community stewardship. The Ralph J. Young Recreational Center, which was closed and abandoned by Baltimore City Housing, is connected to Commodore John Rodgers Elementary/Middle School. This facility will expand Living Classrooms' cradle to college continuum of solutions to now include an Early Childhood component.</p>				

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

Living Classrooms currently is the operator of Commodore John Rodgers, which is connected to the facility, and has a unique opportunity to transform this site into an early childhood & family support center providing services for families in the area.

The revitalization and transformation of the Ralph J. Young Center into an Early Childhood Center will target parents and their children from birth through age five who will be transitioning to East Baltimore k-8 schools. The Center will be operated by Kennedy Krieger Early Head Start program in partnership with Maryland Family Network and the Johns Hopkins School of Education.

Additionally, the Early Childhood facility will be the site of a Judy Center. The capital funds for this project will be funded through the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation and Baltimore City Public Schools. The operating budget will be funded through MSDE, Baltimore Community Foundation, Early Head Start, Head Start, and Kennedy Krieger support. Initial Community assessment data revealed for the four census tracks surrounding Commodore John Rodgers the birth rate has been rising from 2007-2010. In 2007 there were 214 reported births and 232 births in 2010.

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	\$150,000
Construction	\$1,300,000
Equipment	
Total	\$1,450,000

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

Source	Amount
State Bond Bill	\$500,000
Baltimore City Public Schools	\$500,000
Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation	\$450,000
Total	\$1,450,000

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
2/1/2013	4/27/2013	5/20/2013	9/15/2013
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
		0	115 annually
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2012	\$315,000	Renovation of Fire House into Community Center	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Living Classrooms Foundation 802 S. Caroline Street Baltimore MD, 21231		2031 East Fayette Street Baltimore MD, 21231	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	46 - Eastern Baltimore City		
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:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

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	30	\$ 833,274	1,200,000
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?			Lease
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			Yes
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	
Baltimore City Department of Housing	5 Years	Yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	12,000 Square feet		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	12,000 Square feet		
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1969

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)