

State of Maryland

2014 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project
lr1988	sb0531	lr1985	hb0516	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			\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Friends Aware, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Friends Aware Facility that will offer social, occupational, and residential opportunities to individuals with disabilities.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Robert Godfrey		3017227268	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

Acquisition	
Design	\$227,412
Construction	\$3,564,883
Equipment	
Total	\$3,792,295

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

Source	Amount
2012 Bond Bill	\$250,000
2012 Agency Funds	\$396,206
2013 Bond Bill	\$100,000
2013 Bond Bill Matching	\$100,000
2014 Bond Bill	\$500,000
2014 Bond Bill Matching	\$500,000
Capital Campaign	\$500,000
Bank Loan	\$900,000
Grant from various sources	\$546,089
Total	\$3,792,295

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	April 2014	October 2012	December 2014
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
\$410,000		140	150
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Friends Aware, Inc. 1601 Holland St. Cumberland, MD 21502			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	1C - Allegany and Washington Counties		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Greg Skidmore	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-724-3424		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
100 S. Liberty St. Cumberland, MD 21502			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
144 F/T; 31 P/T	180	\$6,758,517	\$7,574,629
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	22,000		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	18,039		
New GSF	10,266		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			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.