

## State Of Maryland 2017 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR #      Bill #		House LR #      Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr3465	sb1070	lr3355	hb1523	Baltimore Regional Education and Training Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Ferguson				Lierman
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City				\$1,000,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Baltimore Regional Education and Training Center				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:  Equal			Type: 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 type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Ph#	Email Address	
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**10. Description and Purpose of Organization** (Limit length to visible area)

CASA is the foremost Latino and immigrant organization in the mid-Atlantic region and a national leader in building power and improving the quality of life in low-income immigrant communities. Over its 30-year history CASA has established itself as a backbone organization for collective impact involving community-based, government and private partners. CASA has over 80,000 all-time members, and has 7 offices located in Baltimore City, Montgomery County, and Prince Georges County. Its programs, which include workforce development, adult education, immigrant integration, health and human services, legal services, youth leadership development, K-12 education supports, parent engagement, and community organizing, focus on advancing the core frameworks of academic excellence, economic prosperity, stable communities, and elevating voices of disenfranchised communities.

**11. Description and Purpose of Project** (Limit length to visible area)

The purpose is to establish a permanent and expanded space for programming that responds to the region's need for enhanced vocational training, job placement, and youth leadership development programs. After a comprehensive search, CASA purchased a 16,000 square-foot building located in Library Square. The building, formerly a historic theater, has been unoccupied since April 2015. The front of the building comprises the entire block, so its complete rehabilitation will have an immediate, visible, positive impact on the community. The new Center, anticipated to be both green and historic, will allow for: workforce development programs to include job placement services, on-site vocational training courses offered in partnership with community colleges, and ESOL classes; increased financial and support services; expanded leadership development programs for Latino, minority and immigrant youth; and expanded partnerships with the school system.

*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>	\$578,000
<b>Design</b>	\$3,591,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$4,947,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$450,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,566,000</b>

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

Federal Historic Tax Credits	\$1,371,000
New Markets Tax Credits investment	\$2,915,000
2016 Maryland Bond Bills	\$433,000
Baltimore City CDBG	\$250,000
Abell Foundation	\$150,000
France-Merrick Foundation	\$150,000
Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation	\$797,000
Baltimore City appropriation	\$1,500,000
Baltimore County	\$1,000,000
2017 Maryland Bond Bill	\$1,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,566,000</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>
10/1/2015	4/1/2017	9/1/2017	2/28/2019
<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>
4285872.00	4,000		11,000
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2016	\$300,000	Baltimore Regional Education and Training Center (w	
2016	\$132,500	Baltimore Regional Education and Training Center (w	
2014	\$50,000	Riverdale Welcome Center	
2014	\$100,000	Riverdale Welcome Center	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
CASA de Maryland, Inc. 8151 15th Avenue Langley Park, MD 20783		2706 Pulaski Highway Baltimore, MD 21224	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	46 - Baltimore City		
<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>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	TBD	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>			No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	

<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>
0	15.35 FTE	870766.00	1792126.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property</b> (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
<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 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>	16,188		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	16,188		
<b>New GSF</b>	0		

**27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion**

1921

**28. Comments**

This project will be the capstone of a multi-year neighborhood revitalization project in the Library Square area. The renovation of this vacant, derelict building into an architecturally stunning restoration will both provide a visual focal point and a hub of activity to this previously underutilized area. It will provide a new meeting place where people for all backgrounds can come together to receive services that will allow them to increase their skills and productivity.

After eight years of services and job training programs at the current Baltimore Welcome Center in East Baltimore, the needs of the community have outgrown the Centers current space. (approximately 3,000 square feet of rented space). There is a distinct need for workers to improve their vocational skills, as well as a need for more space to expand other educational, services and leadership programming.

To establish a permanent and expanded space for its programming, CASA will renovate a 16,000 square-foot building located in the Library Square area of Baltimore City at 2706 Pulaski Highway to create a new Baltimore Regional Training and Education Center. The building to be renovated is the historic Belnord movie theater, a major structure in what has been designated as a Priority Funding Area. The front of the building comprises the entire 2700 block, so its complete rehabilitation will have an immediate, visible, positive impact on the aesthetics of the community. After an initial architectural and financial feasibility study, CASA purchased the building and is currently in the process of raising capital funds for the design and construction, as well as programmatic funding to support enhanced programs at the Center.

Workforce development programming at the Center will include job placement and vocational training to prepare workers for the core industries and specific jobs within those industries where demand is currently high and projected to grow consistently over the next 10 years in the Baltimore region. We are also exploring options for worker cooperative/social enterprise incubation. The new Center will also allow for expanded educational programming by doubling the number of high school students served through the Mi Espacio after-school youth program and adding a middle school component. The expanded space will also serve as an anchor for bringing together African American and Latino youth from the surrounding neighborhood.