

State Of Maryland 2017 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project	
lr3636	sb1120	lr3748	hb1627	Madison Fields Therapeutic Equestrian Center	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors	
Feldman				A. Miller	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County				\$125,000	
6. Purpose of Bill					
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Madison Fields Therapeutic Equestrian Center					
7. Matching Fund					
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of real property 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	
Dr. Gregory A. Prince			240-602-6027	gprince@erols.com	
Dennis Rasmussen					
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)					
<p>The mission of Madison House Autism Foundation is to address the lifespan needs of adults on the autism spectrum, their families, and other caregivers. Madison Fields (MF), a 400-acre farm project of Madison House Autism Foundation, serves this mission by providing jobs for adults on the autism spectrum, and by fostering the interaction between people of all abilities and disabilities in an agricultural setting. MF offers families and visitors from Montgomery County, Frederick County, and surrounding regions access to trails, a fishing pond, garden space, small animals, and an ADA-compliant equestrian center.</p>					

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

Madison Fields (MF) provides an integrated setting for life-skills advancement & physical benefits for autistic and underserved populations. Therapeutic horse riding improves physical, emotional, & behavioral skills. With 61 horses that need daily exercise including those used in therapeutic riding programs, MF is over capacity. We propose expanding the outdoor arena to 75x240 covered riding arena. The building plans include a trussed roof and beam structure, storage and staging area for riders. The side rub walls will be 5 feet tall & constructed of tongue & groove, treated white pine. Walls above 5 feet will be open with roll-up curtains allowing for ventilation and can be closed to prevent the wind and extreme cold. This facility will enable MF to expand riding programs, increase workforce development & employment opportunities and enhance the horse industry in an inclusive setting for underserved populations in the Agricultural Reserve.

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	\$0
Design	\$10,000
Construction	\$240,000
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$250,000

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

Private Funder	\$100,000
Fundraisers	\$25,000
State of Maryland Bond Bill	\$125,000
Total	\$250,000

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
2/1/2017	3/1/2017	4/15/2017	5/31/2017
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	
125000.00	30 riders, 200 students, 60	50 riders, 1500 students, 1450	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
N/A			
N/A			
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Madison House Autism Foundation 15201 Shady Grove Road Suite 200 Rockville, MD 20850		19300 Mouth of Monocacy Road Dickerson, MD 20842	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	15 - Montgomery County		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[]	[]	[X]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Emily J. Vaias	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	202-661-2239		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
1909 K Street, NW, 12th Floor Washington, DC 20006-1157			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
8	16	1349000.00	1500000.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond 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 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	12,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	20,000		
New GSF	32,000		

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

2017

28. Comments

Each year, Maryland invests millions of dollars through education for individuals with autism and related disabilities. Yet we do little to ensure that our investment results in a productive and meaningful future. When school and services for adults with autism end at age 21, most face a lifetime with little hope of employment or any opportunity to build a meaningful life. Studies show: 38% of young adults on the autism spectrum are completely disconnected from employment and education after high school. Of that 38%, 25% receive no services that could help connect them to work, school or their community. As these young people reached their 20s, 81% had never lived independently and 68% had never lived apart from their parents. Nearly 42% had never worked for pay. We must change this trajectory.

Madison House Autism Foundation, a 501(c)3 public charity, was founded ten years ago to help those with autism have the most successful lives possible where individuals can flourish, families can be supported, and a relatively untapped population can gain the self-esteem and value that results from being employed.

Our 400-acre demonstration project, Madison Fields, provides an impressive local working model for individuals with special needs: job training, housing, and wellness activities right here in Montgomery County. Also, Madison Fields is sharing its agricultural and recreational farm resources to serve wounded veterans.

The riding center expansion is a key component of the planned opportunities for supported employment, workforce development, recreation, and education. ADA compliant, the riding center operates an accredited therapeutic program, while providing an inclusive setting, life-skills advancement, and physical benefits in the Agricultural Reserve.