

State Of Maryland 2018 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr3824	sb1174	lr4025	hb1773	Pocomoke Little League
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Mathias				Otto
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Worcester County				\$75,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of field lights for the Pocomoke Little League baseball field				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Unequal \$10,000			Type: 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 Ph#	Email Address
Travis Cowger			443-783-9175	travisc410@comcast.net
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
It has been the mission of the Pocomoke Little League to implant firmly in the children of the community the ideals of good sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, courage and respect for authority, so that they may be well adjusted, stronger and happier children and will grow to be good, decent, healthy and trustworthy citizens. Pocomoke Little League serves over 120 children annually in the Pocomoke City and surrounding areas.				

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

The purpose of this project is to install lighting on our main field to increase player safety, increase player participation, increase inter-leaguings, and allow for full games to be played. Our league is driven by the help of volunteers, most of whom have full-time jobs, meaning our games do not begin until 6 pm. During most of our season, early sunsets cut games short. Often, we can only get 3-4 innings completed before games are called for darkness. As it is, we are continuously concerned about the safety of our players as we try to complete an inning with impending darkness. As a result of this, our league has been seriously hampered. Several local leagues no longer inter-league with us because their parents do not want to invest in travel time for a shortened game. We are also currently in danger of not meeting the Little League International requirement for games. This means our kids could be disqualified for all-stars.

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	\$1,000
Construction	\$16,000
Equipment	\$68,000
Total	\$85,000

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

Cash Donations	\$3,115
League Cash Contribution	\$3,000
Grants	\$1,830
In-Kind Donations	\$2,830
In-Kind Sitework Donation	\$25,000
Total	\$35,775

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
Completed	Completed	September 1, 2018	October 1, 2018
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	
6115.00	120	250+	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Pocomoke Little league Inc. P. O. Box 664 Pocomoke City, MD 21851 President's Address:		Newtown Park 2001 Groton Road Pocomoke City, MD 21851	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	38C - Wicomico and Worcester Counties		
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:	Travis Cowger	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443-783-9175		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
828 White Oaks Lane Pocomoke City, MD 21851			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
0	0	30000.00	40000.00
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?			Lease
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	
Worcester County, C/o Worcester County	Yearly	Guaranteed renewal yearly	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF			
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
28. Comments	
<p>We understand matching funds are generally required for bond bills. We ask that our grant request as an unequal match be approved based on exigent circumstances. We feel that our situation is unique due to the small area of our league and our need for this project. The safety of our children is paramount. We would love to contribute more funds towards this project however providing scholarships to underprivileged youth is more of a necessity. Approximately 70% of children in our town receive free or reduced lunch. Our league celebrated 50 years of involvement in youth sports in 2017. Unfortunately the league will not be able to continue our efforts fully and effectively without this lighting. Children are losing interest when games are cut short due to darkness. New baseball rules on resuming suspended games due darkness and weather will now place more restrictions on our youth. So it is extremely important that we be able to finish our games safely.</p> <p>Adding lights will help not only the Little League but it will also help the community economically. We are constantly striving to find ways to keep costs down and help more local children, many of whom fall below the poverty line, play baseball. Adding lights would enable us to host tournaments or have our fields used as overflow in tournaments held elsewhere which would also help increase our profits. There are several tournaments around that would love to use our facility for weekend tournaments. Finally, with lights we would also be able to put in a bid for the Maryland State Little League Tournament the next time were eligible. That will be a huge impact for the entire area.</p> <p>Local Fundraising: Several attempts have been made to raise the funds needed locally however it is just not possible. Through hard work we have managed to get several thousands of dollars in work donated towards our project. This partnership with local businesses and contractors is allowing us to complete the project at a reduced price. The only way we can complete this project is with your help. We have been denied grants from several local foundations. We have also been denied program open space funds as they're already allocated to other projects.</p> <p>Economic Impact: Lighting will allow Pocomoke Little League as well as Worcester County to increase revenue by increasing the amount of kids playing, parents visiting the fields and spending money at local establishments and sporting goods stores. It will also bring in outside revenue in the form of tournaments outside of the regular season.</p> <p>Divisions of Benefit: The field selected for lighting install is the main field at our complex and is the most centrally located for all fields, concession stand, bathrooms etc. This field allows children from t-ball through majors to have a place to play to maximize the usage of the lights. Additionally, tournaments will be played on this field increasing the amount of children who benefit from the lighting. Finally, the league hosts several free community movie nights at the ball park on the main field. Lighting would allow for safer means of entry and exit for guest as the park can be very dark at night time.</p>	