

State of Maryland

2013 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project
lr0608	sb0558	lr0607	hb0461	Domestic Violence Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Howard County Senators				Howard County Delegation
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Howard County			\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of a residential property for the Domestic Violence Center.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
David Nitkin		410-313-2170	dnitkin@howardcountymd.gov	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The Domestic Violence Center of Howard County (DVC) is the sole provider of comprehensive domestic violence and rape crisis services in the County. The mission of the DVC is to reduce the harmful impacts and effects of domestic violence and sexual assault while working toward their elimination in Howard County. The DVC provides direct services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in three core programs: a residential program offering emergency shelter as well as transitional housing, a legal services department offering assistance with civil legal options for victims as well as criminal accompaniment; and a clinical counseling program which provides evidence-based crisis, short, and long-term counseling to adults and children, women and men. In addition, the DVC has a robust community education and prevention program and also provides abuser intervention services.</p>				

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

The DVC Residential program provides emergency shelter (with stays of up to 45 days) to women and families fleeing abusive and/or violent situations. For women whose financial or emotional resources do not allow them to make the move to independent living after their 45-day stay at the Safe House, transitional housing (with stays of up to 180 days) is currently available on a limited basis. Comprehensive case management services are provided to all women and children in the residential program covering needs such as health and mental health care, employment training and job search assistance, permanent housing resources and other areas of assistance that will allow women to return to independent living and self-sufficiency. At this time, the DVC only has one transitional housing unit that can house three to four families depending on the size of the families. Many of the clients who utilize our shelter are not ready for independent living after 45 days and would benefit from supportive living in transitional housing. The DVC has received \$200,000 in County funds to support the purchase of a second transitional housing unit, but high property costs in Howard County make it difficult to find adequate housing at that price. The DVC is asking for an additional \$200,000 in State funds to make the purchase of a second transitional house possible.

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	\$375,000
Design	
Construction	\$25,000
Equipment	
Total	\$400,000

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

Source	Amount
Howard County Government Pay Go Funds	\$200,000
State of Maryland Bond Bill	\$200,000
Total	\$400,000

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
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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
		95 (36 women & 59 children) were served in FY12	190 are projected to be served in the transitional housing units
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)	
Domestic Violence Center of Howard County, Inc. 5457 Twin Knolls Road, Suite 310 Columbia, MD 21045		Project address is unknown at this time as the second DVC Transitional House has not yet been purchased. The property will be purchased in the greater Columbia area of Howard County.	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		12B - Central Howard County	
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:	Jennifer Pollitt Hill	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-997-0304 ext. 111		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
5457 Twin Knolls Road, Suite 310 Columbia, MD 21045			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
3	3	38505	43505
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			
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	Unknown at this time		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		Unknown at this time	

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

The DVC has already been awarded \$200,000 in County funds to be used towards the purchase of a second transitional housing unit. It would be difficult if not impossible in the Howard County housing market to purchase an appropriate property for this price. An additional \$200,000 from the State will allow the DVC to purchase a property in the market range of \$375,000 using the remaining \$25,000 for needed refurbishing (i.e. replace old appliances, carpet, repaint, etc.). The purchase of a second transitional housing unit will allow the DVC to double the amount of victims served in a year through the transitional housing program. More over, since the transitional units are not staffed around the clock, there is little increase to the overall budget for the transitional housing part of the residential program. There would be no increase in personnel costs, however there would be the added costs of security, utilities, telephone, repairs and maintenance. The DVC is prepared to cover these additional expenses associated with a second property.