

State Of Maryland 2017 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr3354	sb1061	lr3330	hb1546	Gandhi Brigade Media Center
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Smith				Hixson
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 Gandhi Brigade Media Center facility				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Equal			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
Evan Glass			301-592-1900	evan@gandhibrigade.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>We prepare young people in Montgomery County - particularly those from underserved and immigrant communities - to become 21st century leaders through a community engagement process that uses new media and technology. Our education model emphasizes inquiry, collaboration and project-based learning. In cooperation with adult allies, young people are taught videography, graphic design, and photography, as well as critical thinking and communication skills. Our youth have opportunities to practice these skills in social change projects that challenge and inspire other youth, their families and neighbors, and the wider public. They train younger people in digital literacy and cyber civility; organize an annual Youth Media Festival; produce documentaries and photography on community issues, and interact with our elected officials.</p>				

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

Eastern Montgomery County is one of the most diverse areas in the country, with large minority populations and a mix of wealthy areas and high needs/low income neighborhoods. County government, nonprofit agencies and ordinary citizens are working every day to reduce disparities and improve conditions for all residents. Gandhi Brigade believes that youth development plays an essential role in this effort. The capital project for which funds are being requested is an exciting opportunity to create a new headquarters within the Silver Spring Library. The Montgomery County Executive and Council have selected us to move into the lower level of the new facility, where will plan to turn 3,000 sq/ft of vacant space into a digital media lab, a teen hangout lounge and a production room. This space will provide us the opportunity to expand our free after school programming from two days a week to six and also expand our services to adults and seniors during the day.

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	\$239,000
Equipment	\$213,000
Total	\$462,000

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

United Therapeutics	\$200,000
The Morris & Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation	\$75,000
Arts & Humanities Council of Montgomery County	\$28,000
Individual Donations	\$34,000
Maryland Bond Bill	\$125,000
Total	\$462,000

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
Complete	Complete	TBD	TBD
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	
303000.00	100 students	500+ students and adults	
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)	
Gandhi Brigade, Inc P.O. Box 7381 Silver Spring, MD 20907		Silver Spring Library 900 Wayne Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	20 - 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:	Evan Glass	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301.592.1900		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
P.O. Box 7381 Silver Spring, MD 20907			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
5.5 FTE	8 FTE	237966.00	325000.00
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?			
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	
Montgomery County Government	10 year initial	two 5 year options (for a	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	2,960		
Space to be Renovated GSF	2,960		
New GSF	2,960		

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

2015

28. Comments

Creating a digital media lab for the community will provide exciting and new opportunities for youth and adults. We will be able to increase our free after school programs to middle and high school students, as well as expand our services to adults and seniors. The increased opportunities will also allow us to create new programming beyond media production, such as coding, gaming and other emerging technologies.

This space will also allow us to host meetings, forums and events for the entire population. Our digital media lab will have a retractable wall that is suitable for large gathers.

This is an exciting time for our organization and the Silver Spring - Takoma Park community. As one of the most diverse places in all of America, our residents need a place to gather and learn - from our students, our staff, and each other.