

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Katherine Thomas School Playground		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Feldman	Fraser-Hidalgo	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$165,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Katherine Thomas School Playground		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Patricia Ritter		703-946-2756
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>TLC - The Treatment and Learning Centers serves individuals with disabilities, improving lives and expanding possibilities. We want our KTS students to succeed in all aspects of life, thriving in an atmosphere of exposure and opportunity. We address the whole student academically and social emotionally while valuing individual differences. Through teamwork and integrated services, we build on strengths & develop skills for academic success, independence, and self-advocacy. At KTS, we balance rigor and support, ensuring each student has the tools to meet their goals, advocate for themselves, and gain independence. The playground/community project supports this vision by providing an adaptive outdoor space where students can gather, interact safely, and engage in activities that strengthen their physical & social-emotional skills, fostering success in school and beyond.</p>		

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

The project is a playground and community space serving 152 KTS students annually, benefiting future generations for 20 years. These students have language and learning disabilities, autism, intellectual disabilities, and other health impairments, requiring accessible equipment and spaces that support education, development, and social interaction. The current 25-year-old playground is inadequate. The redesigned space will eliminate barriers, offering diverse play options for all abilities and fostering inclusion. Expanding from 4,823 to 10,093 sqft, the project adds a basketball court, larger playground, and social space, creating an accessible environment where students can engage, connect, and thrive.

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	\$0
Construction	\$148,000
Equipment	\$182,000
Total	\$330,000

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

State grant	\$165,000
Individual Donors	\$50,000
Parent Association Fundraising	\$65,000
Foundations	\$50,000
Total	\$330,000

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
Completed	Completed	July 2026	Sept 2026
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	
25000.00	152 students	150 - 170 students	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2018	\$125,000	Acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, ren	
2018	\$75,000	Acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, ren	
2012	\$150,000	Repair, renovation and capital equipping of TLC's Kat	
2012	\$125,000	Repair, renovation and capital equipping of TLC's Kat	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
TLC - The Treatment and Learning Centers, Inc. 1390 Piccard Drive, Suite 210 Rockville, MD 20850		TLC - The Katherine Thomas School 9975 Medical Center Drive Rockville, MD 20850	
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:	Patricia A. Ritter, Ph.D.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-424-5200		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
TLC - The Treatment and Learning Centers, Inc. 1390 Piccard Drive, Suite 210 Rockville, MD 20850			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
234	234	18708000.00	18708000.00
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
N/A			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	4,823 sq. ft.		
Space to be Renovated GSF	5,270 sq. ft.		
New GSF	10,093 sq. ft.		

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

1999

28. Comments

The Katherine Thomas School - KTS is a program of TLC - The Treatment and Learning Centers. TLC is celebrating it's 75th anniversary and the Katherine Thomas School established in 1995 is celebrating it's 30th anniversary this year. We serve students, preschool through 12th grade, at our Rockville, Maryland location.