

State of Maryland

Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate Bill #	House Bill #	2. Name of Bill	
SB177	HB871	Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - The Treatment and Learning Centers, Inc.	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors		House Bill Sponsors	
Senator P.J. Hogan		Delegate Nancy King	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)		5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County		\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bill			
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State debt, the proceeds to serve as a grant to the Board of Trustees of The Treatment and Learning Centers, Inc. for the planning, design, repair, renovation, and reconstruction of a building to be served as a high school level educational facility for students with learning disabilities, located in Rockville.</p>			
7. Matching Fund Requirements			
<p>Prior to the payment of any funds, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the fund may consist of real property. The fund may consist of in kind contributions or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.</p>			
8. Special Provisions			
None			

9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization

TLC-The Treatment & Learning Centers, Inc is a private, nonprofit, service provider located in Rockville, Maryland founded in 1950 to serve disabled children and adults. TLC's mission is -

to enable individuals to develop their full potential, to communicate effectively with others and to achieve vocational and educational success. We will provide services that strengthen their abilities and respond to their changing needs. We are committed to integrity and excellence in our care and will strive to assist all, regardless of ability to pay.

In 2004, TLC served 2,147 individuals with a variety of disabilities, employing approximately 188 staff funded by a budget of \$7.4 million. In 2005, TLC's budget is \$7.86 million.

TLC operates the Katherine Thomas School, a nonpublic special education school for 110 students with moderate to severe learning disabilities, licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education for nursery school through eighth grade.

TLC also operates Outcomes, a career assessment and employment development service for 260 individuals with developmental delays or head injuries, licensed and funded by the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Administration and the Department of Rehabilitation Services.

In addition, TLC operates four other services, including the Family Hearing Center for children and adults with hearing impairments, the Shady Grove Early Learning Centers for infants, toddlers and preschoolers needing childcare, and the Outpatient Center providing speech, occupational and physical therapy and educational testing and tutoring for children.

TLC has an 18 member voluntary Board of Trustees that directs the agency, is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities, and is licensed by the Maryland State Departments of Education and Rehabilitation Services.

10. Description and Purpose of Project

REASON FOR PROJECT

Maryland State Department of Education statistics for 2001 show 6,618 high school students with speech/language and/or specific learning disabilities in Frederick, Montgomery and Prince Georges Counties.

Of these students, an estimated 400 needed a specialized private high school education.

Only 234 placements were available for these students in the four private special education high schools in the immediate area.

Only two of the six private special education high schools in the wider area offer both a diploma for college bound students and a certificate of attendance for students seeking jobs after graduation.

Nationally, 35 % of youth with learning disabilities drop out of high school - more than twice the rate of students without learning disabilities.

19% of 15-17 year olds with learning disabilities have been suspended or expelled from school, fired from a job, and/or arrested.

48% of adults with learning disabilities are unemployed and as much as 43% live at or below the poverty line

IMPORTANCE OF PROJECT

If we want strong, vibrant communities we must make it possible for students with learning disabilities to become resilient, vital, contributing citizens. Expanding the alternatives for these students so that they can succeed in school must be a priority.

JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT

With 80% of the funds for the project coming from private sources, the 20% requested from the State of Maryland is ample justification for the project. The matching Bond Bill will leverage the additional private funds needed to reach the goal of TLC's capital campaign.

LOCATION, SIZE, SCOPE OF PROJECT

This project will renovate a portion of TLC's current building at 9975 Medical Center Drive in Rockville, Maryland to house a high school for students with learning disabilities. This building was constructed with two previous bond grants from the Maryland General Assembly (1984, 1996), both of which were matched in the period required and completed within budget. Approximately 17,000 sf of the 47,200 sf building will be renovated to include classrooms, school offices, locker rooms, therapy rooms and other school uses. Demolition will be confined to the interior space and no structural alterations are anticipated. Renovation work will be staged in two phases. The first phase will begin May 1, 2005 and end July 31, 2005 and the second stage will begin in May, 2006 and end September, 2006.

COST ESTIMATES OF PROJECT

Design: \$35,000 Delmar Architects, noted school architects and designers of the building addition funded by the 1996 Bond Grant, are the architects for the project.

Construction: \$686,000 Delmar Architects estimate costs based on \$40 sf for 17,150 sf of interior space.

Equipment: \$254,000 for capital equipment and school furnishings, based on estimates by TLC.

Total Cost: \$975,000

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22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Steven Orens	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301 986 4142		NA
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
DuFour & Orens, Chartered 4920 Elm Street Suite 200 Bethesda, Maryland 20814			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
188	233	\$7.86 million	\$8.94 million
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease 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	
Note: TLC leases the ground on which the building it owns is sited from Montgomery County, Maryland	30 years	Two 10 year options	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	47,200		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	17,150		
New GSF	N/A		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1987, 1998
28. Comments:			

