

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3551	SB1001	3583	HB1643	Creation of a State Debt – Garrett County - Adventure Sports Center International
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Hafer				Del. Edwards
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Garrett County				\$1,500,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of Adventure Sports Center, Inc. for the design, construction, and capital equipping of the headquarters of Adventure Sports Center, Inc., the Adventure Sports Museum, and the Whitewater Hall of Fame.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The bill requires a standard match.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>ASCI Mission</p> <p>The mission of ASCI is to establish an International Adventure Sports Center that is recognized as a focal point in the emerging and expanding adventure sports industry worldwide.</p> <p>The Center will work to promote, educate and facilitate participation in a wide range of adventure-based recreational activities and competitions, thereby creating a unique destination that serves to support local economic development and as a model for communities wishing to capitalize on their intrinsic natural resource base while protecting its integrity.</p> <p>ASCI Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create in Maryland an International venue for adventure activities for people with all levels of ability. • Establish a forum for education, training, competition, and public participation in a wide range of Adventure Sports. • Provide a staging area for conducting activities throughout the Region and State. • Foster economic development through expanded tourism and growth of an Adventure Sports industry benefiting the Region and the State 				

10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)

ASCI has submitted a proposal to the State in request of one million, five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to complete construction of the Adventure Sports Center International complex. If granted, the State's funding will be used for critical function of completing the project within the approved scope of our additional funding agencies.

The Adventure Sports Center, Inc. (ASCI) is a private, non-profit organization registered with the State of Maryland currently developing a re-circulating whitewater course, adventure sports center complex and International Whitewater Hall of Fame in McHenry, Garrett County. The project includes the construction of the whitewater course, community amphitheater, and ASCI operations building on the top of Marsh Mountain.

The ASCI whitewater course is a 1,600-foot long re-circulating course that contains multiple variable hydraulic features. This design allows ASCI to serve a multitude of paddling interests and skill levels. The uniqueness of these design features allow for the course to completely varied to match the skill and interests of the participants. This greatly increases the accessibility and reliability of whitewater activities to a broader segment of the population. Targeted uses include: public rafting programs, training and paddling competitions, youth service programs, outdoor safety and swift water rescue programs, paddling skills clinics, and adaptive paddling for physical therapy patients.

Accompanying the course is a 500-seat amphitheater designed to be utilized for competitions and special events at ASCI. This amphitheater facility is also a community asset and will be utilized to host mutliple community events and performances throughout the season.

The ASCI operations building is a 11,743 GSF / 8,674 facility housing our operations staff, equipment, customer service areas, and outdoor recreation retail center. In the winter months, this building is the headquarters for the ASCI backcountry and Nordic ski programs. Through a definitative agreement with Deep Creek Development (owners of Wisp ski resort), ASCI will operate all backcountry and Nordic ski programs for the resort. This multi-use building will also feature temporary exhibits for the International Whitewater Hall of Fame, until further funds can be raised to complete an independent facility.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 11 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 12 (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.

11. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	0
Design	1,400,000
Construction	19,048,000
Equipment	250,000
Total	20,698,000

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

Source	Amount
Department of Business and Economic Development	\$4,000,000
Garrett County Government	\$5,750,000
Department of Natural Resources	\$750,000
US Department of Commerce - EDA	\$2,500,000

Project Open Space (purchase of ASCI land)		\$1,960,000	
Private donations		\$1,800,000	
FY 06 State of MD Bond Bill		\$270,000	
US Department of Agriculture		\$150,000	
Office of Community Service - HHS		\$275,000	
Adventure Sports Center, Inc.		\$1,743,000	
State per this request		\$1,500,000	
Total		20,698,000	
13. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
11-15-03	12-15-05	11-15-04	3-15-07
14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2006		15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
\$1,800,000		0 - new project	177,000 projected annually
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2005	\$270,000	Design and construction ASCI Headquarters and Operations building	
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Adventure Sports Center, Inc. 685 Mosser Rd, Suite 7 McHenry, MD 21541		Adventure Sports Center International 1393 Wisp Mountain Rd. McHenry, MD 21541	
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Brian Trusty, Executive Director		301-387-3250	btrusty@adventuresportscenter.com
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			6
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:	Christine A. Kepple	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-334-9480		n/a
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Eiswert, Janes & Kepple, P.A. 5000 Thayer Center Oakland, MD 21550			
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 FT	8 FTE, 9 FTE Service Contractors, 80 PT	\$467,937	\$1,117,274
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee <u>own</u> or <u>lease</u> (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
n/a - ASCI owns the property			
E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
n/a - ASCI owns the property			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	0		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	0		
New GSF	11,743		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			2006
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			