

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2286	SB272	2889	HB355	Greenway Avenue Stadium
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Edwards				Allegany County Delegation
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Allegany				\$500,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Grant to the Board of Directors of the Allegany County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. for the reconstruction, repair, and renovation of Greenway Avenue Stadium.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
Grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
None				
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone	Email Address
Dr. William Aumiller			301-759-2037	waumiller@allconet.org
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
The Allegany County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. was formed to support and ensure the educational experience and enhance the educational opportunities for all public school students by providing resources to support a creative teaching atmosphere within the public school system. The foundation will accomplish its goals by applying for grants which will fund educational programs, fund employee training, purchase school buildings and equipment, provide sub-grant funding to gifted teachers to develop unique teaching methods and programs, and create avenues for alumni to become involved and support the foundation goals.				

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

The Allegany County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. is a 501c3 corporation conducting a \$7 million capital campaign to renovate Greenway Avenue Stadium located in Cumberland, Maryland. Greenway Avenue Stadium serves as the primary athletic facility for both Allegany and Fort Hill high schools and each year attracts thousands of spectators attending student athletic events from the tri-state area and throughout Maryland.

Greenway Avenue Stadium was constructed in the 1930's by the Public Works Administration (PWA) as part of President Roosevelt's New Deal. The stadium cost approximately \$85,000 to build with \$59,000 contributed by the PWA and \$25,000 by the Board of Education. The original 6,000 seat Fort Hill Stadium, which is considered an historic landmark in the community, was built on the campus of Fort Hill High School which was also built by the PWA.

In 1984 the Board of Education of Allegany County renamed Fort Hill Stadium to Greenway Avenue Stadium in recognition of the shared status of the facility. The stadium was upgraded to an all weather playing surface in 1998 in anticipation of hosting scrimmages by the Washington Redskins who held summer training camp at Frostburg State University.

Seventy years after construction, the facility is in need of major renovation and replacement. Cosmetic enhancements were completed at the stadium in 1996 with the cooperation of the community by collecting \$1 ticket surcharge on adult ticket prices for varsity football, varsity soccer, and varsity track events at the facility. This stadium fund has paid for numerous minor maintenance projects and facility improvements.

In response to deteriorating conditions at the stadium, the Board of Education recently conducted a feasibility study to assess structural issues at the facility. The study concluded that the entire facility must be addressed if it is to continue serving as a venue for high school athletics and community events. The study recommended renovation of home stands with handicapped accessibility, team locker rooms, concession areas, press box, visitor's stands, ticket booths, flag pole/scoreboard area, and turf replacement.

The condition of the stadium was shared with the public during the November 2006 Board of Education public meeting. Completion of the total project at a cost of \$7.0 million has been designed in phases so components of the stadium most in need of replacement can be addressed in a timely manner to ensure continued utilization of the facility.

A primary goal of the Allegany County Public Schools Foundation, Inc. is to support programs in the Allegany County Public Schools. Since the foundation accepts grants and private donations, the Greenway Avenue Stadium capital campaign will cease when the project is complete, but the foundation will continue to serve Allegany County students and stakeholders with other initiatives.

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.

12. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	N/A
Design	\$40,000
Construction	\$6,960,000
Equipment	N/A
Total	\$7,000,000

13. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)			
Source		Amount	
State of Maryland Bond Bill		\$500,000	
Allegany County Commissioners		\$1,000,000	
Allegany County Board of Education		\$1,000,000	
Carl Belt Construction		\$50,000	
Susquehanna Bank		\$25,000	
M & T Bank		\$100,000	
Allegany County Teachers Federal Credit Union		\$25,000	
Other Private Donors		\$4,300,000	
Total		\$7,000,000	
14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
11/06	10/07	11/07	8/08
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2007		16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
\$75,000		25,000	25,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Allegany County Public Schools Foundation, Inc.		108 Washington Street, P.O. Box 1724, Cumberland, MD 21502	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			1C
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:	G. Gary Hanna	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-759-2038		N/A
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
108 Washington Street			
P.O. Box 1724			
Cumberland, MD 21502			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
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			
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	9,650 GSF & seating for 6,140		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	N/A		
New GSF	19,200 GSF & seating for 6,026		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			1937
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			
<p>A primary goal of public education is to prepare students to be contributing members of a democratic society. Some of the most valuable lessons in pursuit of this goal are learned outside the traditional classroom as students engage in extracurricular activities. Leadership, teamwork, self discipline, task commitment, and perseverance are a few of the traits displayed by student athletes, band members, cheerleaders, and other student participants in extracurricular activities.</p> <p>Ensuring the availability of adequate educational facilities that support instruction and extracurricular activities is the responsibility of a world class school system and a progressive state.</p> <p>Successful completion of the Greenway Avenue Stadium project will enable the Board of Education of Allegany County to continue providing essential learning experiences for students and countless hours of entertainment for the community.</p>			

