

## State Of Maryland 2016 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR #      Bill #		House LR #      Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr3691	sb1045	lr3692	hb1539	Friends Aware Facility
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Edwards				Allegany County Delegation
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Allegany County				\$150,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Friends Aware facility				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:  Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.	
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address
Robert A. Godfrey			301-722-7268 (x148)	rgodfrey@friendsaware.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>The mission statement of Friends Aware, Inc. states: Building on a tradition of excellence, Friends Aware offers social, occupational, and residential opportunities in a caring atmosphere to individuals with disabilities. Our vision statement focuses on the overall purpose of Friends Aware: to be an agency where ALL individuals are challenged to realize their full potential. Friends Aware, Inc. is a non-profit organization founded in 1954 to provide services to individuals with intellectual/ developmental disabilities. Services to individuals include Day Habilitation, Vocational, Supported Employment Respite, Transportation, and Residential and Supports Services. These programs exist in order to assist individuals to acquire the skills necessary to live and work as independently as possible in the community.</p>				

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

Friends Aware seeks to expand and upgrade the kitchen/ dining facility, creating jobs and increasing training and employment opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities. The project will address compliance with ADA and the State of Maryland Fire Code, as well as expansion for improved efficiency and ability to accommodate growth and unmet need. Due to wood construction and the need for a sprinkler system, the project requires the removal of the existing dining area, reconstruction of the dining room, and renovation of the kitchen. In addition to installing a sprinkler system, the kitchen space will be enlarged and doorways widened, making it accessible for persons with disabilities as we assist them in job skill development.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	
<b>Design</b>	\$10,500
<b>Construction</b>	\$419,500
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	\$430,000

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

USDA Grant	\$185,000
2016 Bond Bill	\$150,000
Friends Aware funds	\$10,500
Capital Campaign	\$84,500
<b>Total</b>	\$430,000

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
Complete	Complete	9/1/2016	2/1/2017
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>		<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>	<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>
13500.00		140	150
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2012	\$250,000	Friends Aware, Inc. construction project	
2013	\$100,000	Friends Aware, Inc. construction project	
2014	\$100,000	Friends Aware, Inc. construction project	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Friends Aware, Inc. 1601 Holland St. Cumberland, MD 21502			
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>		1B - Allegany County	
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Greg Skidmore	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	301-724-3424		
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
100 S. Liberty St. Cumberland, MD 21502			

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
144 F/T; 31 P/T	180	7849997.00	8057433.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	1100		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	1100		
<b>New GSF</b>			

<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>	1965
<b>28. Comments</b>	
<p>Building on a tradition of excellence, Friends Aware offers social, occupational, and residential opportunities in a caring atmosphere to individuals with developmental disabilities. The mission statement of Friends Aware reminds us of the long history of Friends Aware in our community. Begun in 1954 by a small group of committed parents and interested individuals, Friends Aware has grown to a full-service agency with full-time, part-time, and substitute staff of over 200 and an annual operating budget of over \$7 million. The Friends Aware Life Enrichment Center, located at 1601 Holland St., Cumberland, provides Day Habilitation and Vocational Services to over 120 individuals Monday through Friday. Within the day program, individuals have the opportunity to develop social and vocational skills in an effort to achieve greater independence. Our vocational program offers individuals opportunities to earn a paycheck through contract work. We currently maintain contracts with 20 vendors throughout the region. Many of our individuals aspire to independent employment and Friends Aware works to assist them in their goal. Currently, we have over 40 individuals employed in the community at over 25 different businesses. A renovated and upgraded kitchen and dining facility will assist in the continued development of job skills and vocational opportunities. In operation since 1977, the Residential Program at Friends Aware currently maintains 13 different homes for individuals as well as offering support services to individuals who maintain their own residence. Currently 65 individuals utilize this service in locations throughout Allegany County. Included in this program is 24-hour on-call nursing services. Access to transportation is a major issue for individuals in Allegany County, including the people who access our services. Friends Aware provides door-to-door transportation for 96 individuals living independently or with family each program day. In addition, the Residential Program provides for all the transportation needs of those individuals utilizing this program. While not mandated to provide food services to individuals accessing services, Friends Aware provides on average 120 meals per day in the Day Program Monday through Friday. This translates into 600 meals per week, 2400 meals per month, and 26,400 meals annually. Friends Aware has strong ties to the community and has developed relationships and partnerships with numerous entities. Friends Aware has contracted with the Allegany County Public Schools for the past 8 years to provide services to Transition Youth. Friends Aware also maintains relationships with Allegany College of Maryland, Service Coordination, Maryland Cooperative Extension, City of Cumberland, Allegany Transit Authority, County United Way, Bishop Walsh School, Western Maryland Food Bank, Special Olympics, The Children's League, Boy Scout Troop #89, Alhambra Shrine Transportation Unit, and PharmaCare.</p>	