

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC  
Form 8-K  
November 20, 2008

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 20, 2008

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Maryland</u>	<u>000-19065</u>	<u>52-1532952</u>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

17801 Georgia Avenue, Olney, Maryland 20832  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (301) 774-6400

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On November 20, 2008, Sandy Spring Bancorp, Inc. (the “Company”) announced that it had received preliminary approval to receive up to \$83 million from the U.S. Department of the Treasury under the Treasury’s Capital Purchase Program. The Treasury would purchase up to \$83 million in preferred stock from the Company and receive warrants to purchase up to approximately \$12.5 million of the Company’s common stock. The press release announcing the receipt of preliminary approval for participation in the Capital Purchase Program is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibits

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated November 20, 2008

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC.**

*(Registrant)*

Date: November 20, 2008

By:

/s/ Hunter R.

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Hunter R. Hollar

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer