

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Community Ecology Institute at the Green Farmacy Garden		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Howard County Senators	Howard County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Howard County	\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Community Ecology Institute at the Green Farmacy Garden		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Howard County Delegation		hoc1@mlis.state.md.us
Chiara D'Amore		443-832-3824
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Community Ecology Institute (CEI) is a Howard County based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a mission to cultivate communities where people and nature thrive together. We envision a world where communities are healthy, resilient, abundant. CEIs work focuses on tangible, community-level change at the intersection of environment, education, equity, and health. From our two properties, Freetown Farm and the Green Farmacy Garden, we showcase and teach evidence-based best practices in these areas that are specifically responsive to Howard Countys natural and social ecosystems. CEI now offers seven core experiential education programs that are intentionally designed to served diverse intergenerational audiences - in 2023 alone we worked with 3,500 people for over 52,000 hours.</p>		

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

In 2022 CEI purchased the Green Farmacy Garden (GFG), a unique seed and plant sanctuary and teaching garden based on the work of world-renowned ethnobotanist Dr. James Duke, who curated more than 300 plant species traditionally used and/or researched for their health benefits. In addition to maintaining the six acres of gardens and natural spaces, CEI seeks to renovate the home for use in support of our mission and experiential education programs. Built in 1957, the building needs many basic updates (HVAC, plumbing, etc.) as well as structural changes from outdated residential design to a more open concept designed to optimize health-focused education on the property as well as ADA accessibility. CEI's seven core programs will be able to expand into the GFG once these investments have been made, increasing our capacity to engage the community and providing a very unique new learning environment for Howard County residents.

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

Acquisition	
Design	\$50,000
Construction	\$450,000
Equipment	
Total	\$500,000

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

Bond Initiative - 2023 approved	\$150,000
Bond Initiative - 2024 application	\$250,000
France-Merrick Foundation - 2025 application	\$100,000
Total	\$500,000

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
11/2024	3/2025	6/2025	12/2025
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete	
150000.00	3500	4,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2023	\$400,000	\$250,000 to support remaining capital improvements	
2022	\$100,000	renovation of the barn at Freetown Farm into CEI's C	
2021	\$75,000	renovation of the barn at Freetown Farm into CEI's C	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Community Ecology Institute 8000 Harriet Tubman Lane Columbia, MD 21044		8210 Murphy Road Fulton, MD 20759	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	13 - Howard County		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[]	[]	[X]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	SenatorGuy Guzzone	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-841-3572		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Room 3 West, Miller Senate Office Building 11 Bladen St., Annapolis, MD 21401		\$730,000	2021.00

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
20	24	1000000.00	1250000.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
A. Will the grantee own or lease (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 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	2,517		
Space to be Renovated GSF	2,517		
New GSF	500		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion

1957

28. Comments