

# State Of Maryland

## 2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Epoch Dream Center		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Mautz		
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Wicomico County	\$750,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Epoch Dream Center		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Senator Johnny Mautz		Johnny.mautz@senate.state.md.us
Joann Blackmon		443-783-3683
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Epoch is a free after-school &amp; summer program serving under-resourced KIDS in western Wicomico County in grades K-12. Epoch strives to create nurturing relationships that empower, mentor &amp; encourage students in the areas of academics, character development &amp; social-economic wellness. We envision a community in which all students have the support, resources &amp; opportunities to reach their greatest potential as thriving, compassionate individuals. Epoch is not simply a place for students to attend outside of school but a place to belong. It is an all-encompassing, holistic experience for participants that retains students from year to year, through high school graduation. The program accomplishes this through the provision of academic support, extra-curricular opportunities, nightly family-style dinners &amp; relationship development through one-on-one mentorship.</p>		

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

The Epoch Dream Center is the only no-cost after-school program for youth in western Wicomico County. The program has traditionally rented classroom space and the gym at a local church in Hebron; however, as of August 2023, that space has become unavallable. Hebron requires a large, dedicated space that Wlll accommodate growth and facilitate program development operated by the Epoch Dream Center, whose experience and results speak for themselves. However, there is no commercial or office space in Hebron nor the larger catchment area from which participants are drawn. A new facility will not only increase Epoch's program capacity, but it will also serve as a community center for Hebron and the surrounding rural towns. Hebron's town commissioners have recognized the value of the program and understand the benefit of a community center, so they have leased a plot of land to the Epoch Dream Center for a dollar a year for 50 years on which to build their permanent

*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>	\$0
<b>Design</b>	\$400,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$3,800,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,200,000</b>

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

Legislative Bond Bill 2024	\$750,000
Community Development Block Grant	\$1,200,000
Rural Maryland Council	\$200,000
Congressional Earmark	\$500,000
Legislative Bond Bill 2023	\$100,000
Cash reserves	\$274,000
Foundation grants	\$2,000,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,024,000</b>

<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>
underway	5/1/2024	7/1/2024	12/1/2025
<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>
55000.00	60 participants, 60 volunteers		150 participants, 80 volunteers
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2023	\$100,000	capital	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Eleven21, inc. DBA Epoch Dream Center 7545 Levin Dashiell Rd. Hebron, Md 21830		505 E. Walnut St. Hebron, Md 21830	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	37A - Dorchester and Wicomico Counties		
<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>	Fredrick Kreiser	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	4437832878		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
107 Whayland Dr. Hebron, Md 21830			

<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>
11	17	540000.00	750000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property</b> (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Lease
<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>	
Town of Hebron, Md	50 years	every 50 years	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	7,500		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>			
<b>New GSF</b>	20,000		

<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>	
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<b>28. Comments</b>	
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The Epoch Dream Center has operated for 11 years out of a rented facility. That facility is no longer available and there are no other commercial sized buildings to rent in the Hebron school district. If we are forced to move to Salisbury, we will just be another offering of the many resources under-resourced students in Salisbury already have access to. Students and families in rural Hebron and western Wicomico County do not have access to resources without traveling to acquire them. A permanent building to house the Epoch Dream Center in Hebron would even the playing field for those students and their families.