

State Of Maryland

2021 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Creative Alliance		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Ferguson	R. Lewis	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Creative Alliance's Creativity Center		
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
Delegate Lewis		robbyn.lewis@house.state.md.us
Senator Ferguson		
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>In 2003, Creative Alliance redeveloped the vacant Patterson movie theater into Baltimore's premier multi-arts center housing 2 galleries, a 200-seat theater, 8 artists live/work studios, classroom, and offices. The Patterson's success transformed once declining Greater Highlandtown neighborhoods. Residential flight reversed, property values rose, and commercial investment continues to increase. The area is diverse and Creative Alliance's multicultural programs build social capital and among residents of different backgrounds. Access to quality education and OST resources is a social justice issue that impacts these communities. Creative Alliance partners with Baltimore City Public Schools, Enoch Pratt Free Library, community partners, residents, and funders provide free OST programs and inclusive multicultural community development programs and events.</p>		

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

Creative Alliance is increasing its impact as a neighborhood revitalization engine by expanding and improving its facilities for free multi-cultural education and community development programs. The organization is redeveloping a vacant property on Eastern Avenue into a new Creativity Center to expand education, enrichment, and training opportunities for East/SE Baltimore residents. The site is construction ready to be built by Lewis Contractors. \$4.3 million of the \$5.7 million campaign costs has been raised. Architects Quinn Evans' design for the 6,600 sf. facility includes two flexible classrooms, a 650 sf. teaching kitchen, and a 1000 sf. professional quality dance studio. Replacing a neighborhood eyesore, the Creativity Center will serve diverse LMI East/SE Baltimore residents and promote Greater Highlandtown as an attractive, marketable location for businesses.

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	\$328,000
Design	\$416,000
Construction	\$3,195,000
Equipment	\$150,000
Total	\$4,089,000

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

Baltimore City	\$325,000
Individual Donors	\$714,000
Neighborhood Business Works	\$200,000
Foundations	\$1,100,000
State Bonds	\$1,350,000
BRNI	\$400,000
Total	\$4,089,000

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
11/15/2019	10/15/2020	4/1/2022	12/31/2022
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
1850000.00	0		20,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2015	\$600,000	design and construction	
2016	\$250,000		
2020	\$100,000	construction	
2017	\$125,000	construction	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Creative Alliance Inc. 3134 Eastern Ave. Baltimore, MD 21224		3137 Eastern Ave. Baltimore, MD 21214	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	46 - Baltimore City		
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:	Maria Rodriguez	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-433-1987		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
302 Thornhill Rd. Baltimore, MD 21212		8/18/2018	2500000.00

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
0	23	0.00	450000.00
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
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	0		
Space to be Renovated GSF	0		
New GSF	6,600		

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

2020-2022

28. Comments

The Creativity Center will serve a diverse set of neighborhoods that include 13 public schools within three miles of the Creative Alliance. These schools enroll nearly 9,000 children each year of which nearly 7,000 are in elementary and middle school. East/SE Baltimore neighborhoods are now among the City's most diverse; home to African American and Caucasian families, immigrants and refugees from Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East. There is a need for new models of neighborhood-based institutions that build social capital among residents of different backgrounds. Bridging social differences is one of the great powers of the arts, and an important component of Creative Alliance's mission.

The Creativity Center will:

~Serve as a multicultural hub for inclusive community building initiatives such as Artesanas Mexicanas, the Great Halloween Lantern Parade, Kwanzaa, Pinatas y Posadas, and World Refugee Day.

~Offer free bilingual workshops, programs, and events for East/SE Baltimore's diverse families to bridge racial, ethnic, economic, and language barriers.

~ Expand opportunities for underserved K-12 students with excellent out of school programs in the culinary arts, visual and performing arts, media arts, and community projects in first class facilities.

~Provide summer programs and camps for children and youth.

~ Increase employment opportunities for artists, entrepreneurs, workshop leaders, community organizers, and teachers.

~Provide internships and job training for teens and young adults to reduce racial and socioeconomic barriers to jobs.

~Expand multi-generational classes for families and seniors.

~Provide 10-20 new community-focused jobs.

~Redevelop a problematic vacant building and promote neighborhood revitalization.