

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Asian American Center of Frederick - Family Support Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Lewis Young	Simpson	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Frederick County	\$700,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Asian American Center of Frederick - Family Support 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 Karen Simpson		delegate.k.simpson@house.state.md.us
Elizabeth Chung		301-788-2870
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Asian American Center of Frederick (AACF) is a community-based organization that serves low-income and underserved immigrants and minorities in Frederick County. Since 2004, we have stayed true to our vision of EQUITY by equipping marginalized communities with essential skills and tools to be independent and contributing members of the society at large. As an accredited MDH Community Health Worker Training Program and a registered MD DLLR Apprenticeship Sponsor, we also focus on developing career pathways for these communities. In addition, AACF provides a wide range of services, including early childhood education, workforce development, 40+ language interpenetration, adult literacy courses, senior programs, FREE insurance enrollment, healthcare services, and cultural events to promote and enrich cultural traditions of the AAPI communities.</p>		

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

The purpose of the project is to fund the renovation cost of the building we purchased to operate our Maryland Department of Education supported Family Support Center for the public purpose of an Early Education and Care Center. The reason this project is so timely and critical is to meet the growing need of early child development, age 1 - 5, in the densely populated underserved growing community on the west end of Frederick City. The LBI funds are needed to cover needed repairs, reconstruction, and renovations to bring the building into compliance to meet the requirements for Maryland's Blueprint to serve the children and families for early childhood education.

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	\$1,790,000
Design	\$0
Construction	\$750,000
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$2,540,000

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

Maryland Consolidated CBL - 2021 (Received)	\$300,000
Maryland Consolidated CBL - 2022 (Secured)	\$700,000
FY23 LBI AACF Family Support Center	\$700,000
Asian American Center of Frederick*	\$790,000
* total AACF mortgage for property	
AACF Construction	\$50,000
Total	\$2,540,000

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
4/7/2022		10/10/2022	6/30/2024
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
0.00	0		2000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2021 Regular Session	\$300,000	Acquisition	
2022 Regular Session	\$700,000	Acquisition	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Life and Discovery Inc 45 E All Saints Street Frederick, MD 21701		5901 Old National Pike Frederick, MD 21702	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	3A - Frederick 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:	Elizabeth Chung	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	3017882870		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
5801 Old National Pike, Frederick, MD 21702		2/21/22	1770000.00
Renovations will substantially improve property value			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
30	40	4460000.00	6000000.00
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	12,000 SF		
Space to be Renovated GSF	6,000 SF		
New GSF			

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

12 months

28. Comments

We are proposing to build a model Family Success Center (Proposed new name) which will combine both the traditional Parent Support programs with Early Head Start, offering a continuum of support from cradle to career for the families we will serve. It is intended to be the first Early Head Start program in Frederick County and will add a career launch component in the Family Success Center programs for at least one year and offer all the core services, building onsite access to mental health services, and job training. We plan to serve a combination of immigrants and low-income single parent households residing on the West side of Frederick, an area which currently has NO Head Start program and has a dearth of other public programs, i.e: library, parks, social services. While there are four Title 1 schools serving this area, there are very limited economic/social services targeted to serve the families in these school districts. The proposed Family Success Center would be an essential addition to the west side of Frederick. For many such families, whether they had immigrated legally or illegally, there was little or no expectation of assistance beyond family support, and language, cultural, and structural barriers precluded immersion in the larger community. The lack of services transportation, libraries, medical, educational might have been noticed, but was a bar too high to cross.

Children who are growing up in home where English is not the first language or dual language learners (DLLs) are the fastest-growing segment of the population of the United States, and one of its poorest demographic groups. In the last two national censuses, the state of Maryland has seen significant growth among Hispanics, and specifically among children 0-5. These equity gaps foretell the creation of an underclass of children that is the antithesis of Maryland's impetus to create a nationally recognized education system. According to the 2017-2018 Maryland Department of Education (MSDE) Readiness Matters, Equity Matters: Kindergarten Readiness Assessment Report, Maryland ranks 13th in the number of children who have immigrant parents (363,300).

In the results of the Maryland Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) among Hispanic children, 19% demonstrate readiness in language & literacy and mathematics; this represents a 32-point language & literacy and a 30-point mathematics readiness gap between Hispanic children and white children. In the other domains, Hispanic children also have lower readiness levels: 42% demonstrate readiness in social foundations and 45% demonstrate readiness in physical well-being and motor development. As a result, there is a 19-point and a 17-point readiness gap, respectively, between Hispanic children and white children.

The proposed Frederick Success Center is truly ready for our children if we are able to complete our renovation in summer. The request of funds is critical to make sure we "leave no child behind" and AACF is ready to be a vital partner to Frederick County Public Schools with its implementation of the Blueprint of Maryland in the fall.