

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
BAAM Academic Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Mautz		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Talbot County	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the BAAM Academic 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
Senator Johnny Mautz		johnny.mautz@senate.state.md.us
Dina Daly		410-310-8984
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Building African American Minds (BAAM), Inc. provides after school and summer programming for students first through high school as well as Wellness Matters!(Physical & Mental Health) Program and Workforce Development programming for the community. Its Athletic Center provides a state of the art gymnasium that is open to all. The Center provides a safe space where youth and adults can play sports and other health related activities in a safe & nurturing environment. The Center has become the hub of the community as the facility hosts many events such as wedding, birthday parties, baby & wedding showers as well as educational and civic events.</p>		

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

Build a 3-story building to house all of its programming and staff; current after school and summer programs, workforce development programming as well as Wellness Matters! program and other workshops that BAAM and partner agencies will be offering to the community. BAAM currently serves about 40-45 Black boys in its 1st-5th grade and about 20 boys in its middle/high school program as well as 16 girls in its newly implemented Girls program who are 1st and 2nd graders as well as 10 fifth grade student helpers. It is our plan to expand the Girls program to 5th grade and then develop a middle/high school program. This will allow us to double our student participants to about 135 youth. We anticipate serving at least 260 parents/caregivers and an additional 160 community members and about 20 young adults in our workforce development program.

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	\$0
Design	\$396,000
Construction	\$9,338,880
Equipment	
Total	\$9,734,880

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

Mr. & Mrs. William Ryan	\$2,277,000
A. James & Alice B. Clark Foundation	\$1,500,000
Ryan Memorial Fund	\$300,000
Goldman Sachs Philanthropy Fund	\$200,000
Richard Marks/Dock Street Foundation	\$100,000
The Darby Foundation	\$65,000
L Ayers, T Hill, NAIMA, JACK, Dalys, DeShields	\$45,000
DHCD Community Legacy Grant	\$1,000,000
State of MD Capital/Bond Funding	\$1,050,000
Congressional Spending Funds	\$1,000,000
Future Fund Raising	\$2,197,880
Total	\$9,734,880

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
July 28, 2020	2/28/2023	5/8/2023	4/10/2024
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	
7537000.00	106	655	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2022	\$1,050,000	Academic Center Construction	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Building African American Minds, Inc., 31 Jowite Street, P.O. Box 1066, Easton, MD 21601		Same	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	37B - Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, and Wicomico Counties		
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:	Dina Gomes Daly, Executive Director	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-310-8984		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
P.O. Box 1066 31 Jowite Street Easton, MD 21601			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
29	49	765550.04	837706.17
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	14,400 SF		
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	24,000 SF		

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

2023-2024

28. Comments

Building African American Minds (BAAM), Inc., is an integral part of the Talbot County community and is vital to its growth and revitalization. BAAM is located in the town of Easton, Maryland and within a neighborhood where historically, most residents are renters and whose children qualify for free and reduced meals (FARMS). Most of the students who attend BAAM and its programming live in a single family households or are being raised by grandparents or other relatives. Additionally, many of the students and family who attend BAAM programming and use the facilities are from the surrounding neighborhoods. When Covid-19 pandemic restrictions began to lower, the usage of the BAAM Athletic Center facility increased significantly, demonstrating the value of accessibility to a safe and nurturing environment. Although BAAM accepts all into its programs, BAAM serves mostly Black or African American youth who are at risk of academic failure, school suspension and/or arrest.

BAAM provides various programs and services to County residents who live in the 10-20% poverty level. The Annie E. Casey Foundation KIDS COUNT Data shows that 15% of children under 18 live in families with income below the federal poverty level. 2020 Census data shows a population of 37,526 with 18.2% under 18 years of age. 83.3% of the population is white, 12.8% black or African American. However, Advocates for Children and Youth (2020) reports that 36.6% of those suspended from school are black or African American Students and Black youth are four times more likely than White youth to be arrested.

BAAM was formed in 2005 and the mission is to teach underserved children and adults how to achieve the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to maximize or augment their potential as responsible and productive citizens through academic, social and emotional learning programs.

BAAM accepts all into its programming but serves mostly Black or African American youth who are at risk of academic failure, school suspension and/or arrest. BAAM programming ensures that each youth receives the support and guidance needed to achieve academic success. Besides our strong academic component, we also focus on social, emotional and experiential learning. Our programming is STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Math) focused which enables us to collaborate with many community organizations and partners in delivering services.

Since our Athletic Center was built in 2019, BAAM has become the hub for the community events such as weddings, birthday parties, baby showers, repasts and a meeting place for community organizations and civic groups. Our Athletic Center offers a state-of-the art gymnasium where our youth and community members enjoy sports activities such as basketball and indoor soccer. Recently the Athletic Center hosted a Community Business Fair along with Talbot County Economic Development & Tourism Office and about 55 mostly minority small business owners or entrepreneurs attended the event to learn about how to start or improve their business.

Due to rise in cost materials and labor, BAAM is seeking additional funding to be able to complete the project. Construction is schedule to begin May 2023 with a completion date of April 2024.