

# State Of Maryland

## 2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Benedictine School for Exceptional Children		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Caroline County Senators	Ghrist	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Caroline County	\$2,500,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Benedictine School for Exceptional Children		
<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 Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.		Steve.Hershey@senate.state.md.us
Bruce Bereano		410-267-0410
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Benedictine School, established in 1959, is a non-public special education school and residential facility located in Ridgley in Caroline County. The Benedictine School is approved under COMAR 13A.09.10. This means Benedictine is not a private school - it is an extension of the public school system. Benedictine School currently serves 50 children and young adults with developmental disabilities and autism from throughout MD. Benedictine students receive public funding through MSDE, local school systems, The Autism Waiver and DHS. Since 1959 Benedictine has supported Maryland public school students whose educational needs cannot be met by their local school system. The students at Benedictine require comprehensive services including therapeutic, residential, vocational, and transition planning.</p>		

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

Over the past decade, Benedictine has had to adapt our educational program to meet the needs of the student population we now serve, which is primarily children with autism. In 2018, Benedictine decided to begin the process of developing a master plan for our Ridgely campus in order to ensure that the physical space matched the safety and needs of our current student population. We have divided the master plan into three priority phases. The first phase addresses the school residential program and infirmary on our campus. The plans call for a mix of renovations and new construction in a vacant convent space on the main campus. The new facility will offer our students safe and necessary apartment living areas to reflect their autistic needs; new indoor recreational and therapy spaces; sensory and calming rooms; and a new infirmary and dining area. This phase is shovel ready. The second phase will update our classroom and educational areas of the campus.

*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>	
<b>Design</b>	
<b>Construction</b>	\$12,000,000
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	\$12,000,000

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

Bond Initiative	\$2,500,000
State Capital Grant FY2023	\$1,500,000
Benedictine Philanthropic Support (in-hand)	\$3,000,000
Community Development Block Grant	\$564,000
Individual donors, foundations, federal dollars	\$4,436,000
<b>Total</b>	\$12,000,000

<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>
Complete	Complete	FY2024	1 Year after start
<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>	
5064000.00	50 students	55 students	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2012	\$250,000	Community Senior Housing	
2014	\$250,000	Campus Improvements	
2017	\$300,000	Capital Projects	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
The Benedictine School for Exceptional Children 14299 Benedictine Lane Ridgely, MD 21660			
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	36 - Kent, Queen Anne's, Cecil and Caroline 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>	Scott Evans	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	410-634-2112		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
14299 Benedictine Lane Ridgely, MD 21660			

<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>
375	400	25900000.00	27000000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<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>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	28,721		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	25,000		
<b>New GSF</b>	47,266		

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

1970

**28. Comments**