

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers Cordova Site		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Mautz	Talbot County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Talbot County	\$600,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers Cordova Site		
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
Cristy Morrell		410.822.8061
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers is a nonprofit, education-based childcare provider dedicated to providing financially accessible childcare in a nurturing, diverse, safe, and enriching environment. Founded in 1970 in Talbot County, CACCs 5 sites serve 350+ children from Talbot and surrounding counties annually in its preschool, preK-5th grade before- and after-school care, and summer camp programs. All of CACC's sites are licensed and accredited by the MD State Department of Ed. and have earned an EXCELS (Excellence Counts in Early Learning and School-Age Care) Check Level 5 rating, given to the highest-quality childcare centers in MD. Through grants and charitable contributions, CACC provides approximately \$60,000 in tuition assistance each year to 45% of its families. CACC has an annual impact of \$2.2 million in Talbot County and \$3.7 million regionally.</p>		

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

CACCs Cordova Site is located in the TCPS Chapel District Elementary School in Cordova. This site serves 15 3-year-olds in a classroom CACC built in 1999 and 30 school-age children in its before- and after-school program, currently located in the schools cafeteria. TCPS plans to renovate this school in July 2024. Per the proposed designs, the bus loop will be located right where CACCs current classroom and entrance are, creating a safety issue for CACCs students and parents. Because of this, TCPS asked if we would move our classroom to another location within the school. This presents CACC with the opportunity to build a new preschool classroom for 20 children as well as 2 additional classrooms for 60 children in before- and after-care, eliminating the need to utilize the schools cafeteria. This will increase the number of children CACC can serve from 45 to 80. A small site directors office and teacher workroom are also included in the project.

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	
Design	\$77,000
Construction	\$1,463,000
Equipment	\$50,000
Total	\$1,590,000

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

Individual Donations	\$270,000
Cooperative Use Grant	\$530,000
Foundation and Other Grants	\$190,000
Legislative Bond Initiative	\$600,000
Total	\$1,590,000

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
July 2023	February 2024	July 2024	January 2026
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	
270000.00	45	80	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
None			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Easton Day Care Center, Inc. 133 N Washington St Easton, MD 21601		11430 Cordova Rd Cordova MD 21625	
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:	Cristy Morrell	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	14108228061		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
133 N Washington St 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
5	7	181000.00	264000.00
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?			Lease
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	
Talbot County Public Schools	99 years	yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	1005		
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	3800		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
28. Comments	
<p>Access to high-quality childcare plays an important role in promoting family stability and closing the achievement gap between children from low-income families and those from middle- to high-income families. This is crucial in preparing children for kindergarten and beyond, making CACC programs essential to our families and community.</p> <p>Project Background: CACC has a long-standing partnership with Talbot County Public Schools, with 4 of its 5 sites located within TCPS Elementary Schools, and a fifth located on TCPS property. This partnership makes Critchlows programs convenient and accessible, particularly for families in its before- and after-care programs, as it allows children to seamlessly transition from care to school.</p> <p>In 1999, CACC built its current preschool classroom (15 children) in Chapel Elementary. This program is open year-round from 6:45 am-5:30 pm. An additional 30 children are enrolled in the Cordova Sites before- and after-school program, which is currently located in the school cafeteria.</p> <p>During the school year, the before- and after-school program runs from 6:45-8:30 am and 2:30-5:30 pm. Each morning, CACC teachers must set up activities prior to students arriving and then clean up after the children leave for class. In the afternoon, the process is repeated. Operating in this manner is challenging. The school often schedules programming in the cafeteria, requiring our staff and students to move to other locations in the school.</p> <p>Need for Additional Childcare: There is an unmet need for childcare in the Cordova area. Other than CACC, there are only 5 in-home providers that can care for up to 8 children each, or fewer if they care for infants. At this time, CACC's Cordova Site has a waitlist of 83 families (101 children). These new classrooms will increase the number of children we can care for from 45 to 80.</p> <p>Blueprint for Maryland's Future: The Blueprint emphasizes equitable early education opportunities that prepare all children for school and overall success. One of the main initiatives of Pillar 1 is that by FY27, 50% of pre-k slots will be provided by high-quality private providers. The Blueprint requires that families have access to extended daycare through the MD Child Care Scholarship Program, which CACC accepts. High-quality means earning an EXCELS 5 rating, which CACC has done annually. With this project, CACC can assist TCPS in providing a high-quality mixed-delivery pre-K system and provide additional slots for extended daycare.</p> <p>Importance of your help: CACC is a small organization that lacks the capacity to mount a capital campaign to raise the total funds required for this project. This requested bond bill would be a significant help, both in eliminating a safety issue for elementary-aged children and in expanding the number of children in our community who will have access to high-quality, educational childcare. CACC is committed to raising the additional funds needed for this program and has already raised \$200k with an additional \$70k in pledges.</p>	