

# State Of Maryland

## 2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Liberty Grace Teaching Kitchen		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Carter	Bridges	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Baltimore City	\$198,980	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Liberty Grace Teaching Kitchen		
<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>
Delegate Tony Bridges		tony.bridges@house.state.md.us
Terris King		4438472018
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Liberty Grace Church of God has a 501c3 community outreach organization called the Grace Foundation. The mission of the Grace Foundation is to promote literacy and the elimination of health disparities among vulnerable populations through trusted sources. We led the COVID vaccine effort for faith-based organizations in Baltimore. We serve a more than 90% Black community and suffer disproportionately from numerous health disparities, including the high incidence of chronic diseases such as diabetes, obesity, and heart disease. To improve population health in west Baltimore, the Liberty Grace Church and Johns Hopkins have established the Interfaith Family Health Center (IFHC) of Baltimore, delivering healthcare services directly to the community. The IFHC builds on the church's trust and Johns Hopkins's clinical expertise.</p>		



<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>
3/31/2023	4/27/2023	5/1/2023	7/11/2023
<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>
0.00	100		500-1000
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2020	\$200,000	Temple X School construction for pre-k thru 3rd Grad	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Grace Foundation 3400 Copley Road Baltimore, Maryland 21215			
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	41 - Baltimore City		
<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>	Samuel Rosenburg, Delegate	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	410-8413297		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
6 Bladen Street, Room 131 Annapolis, Md. 21401			

<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>
5	12	200000.00	500000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property</b> (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
<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>	34X33		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	34X33		
<b>New GSF</b>	34X33		

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

2023

**28. Comments**

The faith-based community has a special relationship with the broader community, can act as a trusted source of information, and encourage healthy behaviors impeded by social determinants of health. In the Church, the individual becomes part of a larger group working toward healthier living. As a result, group participants become more receptive to learning and implementing new information that might challenge their current way of life. The church community does not define members by their diseases, behaviors, or environment. Thus, in this nonjudgmental space, community participants can both acknowledge that they have health concerns that need to be addressed and also, with trusted support, take the initial steps toward improving their health. The Church can then build a sense of community and a partnership with the health system. This church-centered instructional model allows participants to achieve better health outcomes and contribute to reducing overall healthcare costs by focusing on preventive care and early interventions. Our overarching goal is to improve the community's health by capitalizing on the existing trust with the Church and partnering to bring health education and preventive health programs to the community in their place of worship. This approach serves to overcome barriers, including lack of trust and agency to seek care, improving access to high-quality healthcare, and improving health.

The funds we have received address program costs, but the current bond request is for capital costs only.

The development of this teaching kitchen is vitally crucial since chronic disease and minimal health literacy play a significant role in the overall health of the 21215 community. In some of our surrounding communities, households earn less than \$25,000. These lower-income households are more likely to be uninsured, have unmet medical needs, and have low health literacy. Chronic diseases have taken over acute diseases as the leading causes of mortality and illness in the U.S. and Baltimore City. Many individuals suffer from two or more chronic conditions, and healthy food preparation will serve them well.

COVID-19 has exacerbated the health disparities in the U.S. and much of Baltimore City due to longstanding health inequities.

The complexities of managing social determinants of health, including healthy food access, preparation, and other challenges. In partnership with existing healthcare institutions, a church-based teaching kitchen can become a model for our city and state.