

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
ACTC New Community Hub		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
M. Washington	Forbes	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore County	\$300,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the ACTC New Community Hub to enable ACTC to offer expanded services such as a "choice pantry" for people to choose foods they know and		
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
Linda Lotz		443.253.2216
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>For 40 years, ACTC has distributed food and financial assistance to local families in 21 zip codes in Towson, Baltimore County, and Baltimore City. Most are struggling to keep their homes and some are homeless. ACTC is a faith- and community-based nonprofit bringing volunteers, local businesses and partner organizations together to serve neighbors facing food insecurity, economic difficulties and related personal and spiritual challenges. ACTCs support comes from 49 member churches, donors and 200+volunteers and each week ACTC distributes an average of 4 tons of food; clients may receive groceries every two weeks or daily bagged lunches if homeless. ACTC can assist clients with transportation, prescriptions and referrals to other services as it carries out its purpose to provide food and help neighbors remain in their homes with a healthy connection to the community.</p>		

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

The Assistance Center of Towson Churches (ACTC) has signed contracts to purchase a historic building at 301 Allegheny in Towson. This move will consolidate operations and provide space for expanded programs, creating greater capabilities to help families in the greater Baltimore area maintain their stability. This new space makes it possible for ACTC to establish a choice pantry- clients will be able to select their food to meet their needs, giving them a sense of dignity and control and limiting food waste.

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	\$975,000
Design	\$25,000
Construction	\$90,000
Equipment	\$100,000
Total	\$1,190,000

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

ACTC Down Payment Secured	\$190,000
Maryland Legislative Bond Initiative	\$300,000
Baltimore County Capital Grant	\$200,000
Snyder Fund	\$100,000
Private Foundations/individuals to be requested	\$400,000
Total	\$1,190,000

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
Underway	2/28/2025	ASAP	ASAP
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	
190000.00	unknown	2,300 unique households	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Assistance Center of Towson Churches, Inc. 116 W Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204		301 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	43B - Baltimore 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:	Anne-Therese Bechamps, Esq	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-494-6253		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
301 Allegheny Avenue Towson, MD 21204		7/9/2024	990000.00

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
4, 1 FT, 3 PT	4, 2 FT, 2 PT	1475000.00	1475000.00
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
N/A			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	3,960 SF		
Space to be Renovated GSF	3,960 SF		
New GSF	3,960 SF		

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

2025

28. Comments

The current owner of 301 Allegheny, John Holman, is a supporter of ACTC and belongs to a member church, Ascension Lutheran. He will hold the note for the mortgage which we will pay until all the funds have been secured from various grants. We hope to accomplish this within 2 years of the closing date of the purchase, which we anticipate will be mid March, 2025.

The building was renovated in 2005 when it was purchased by John Holman. We do not anticipate large expenditures expanding or renovating it, because it is a historic property and it is in very good condition. We will refresh and reconfigure somewhat, and will probably open up a covered door on the lower level, outfit it, and begin to use rather quickly, and then see if other improvements and changes need to be made.