

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
BEAR Renovations		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
McCray		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the BEAR food distribution, and certification training facilities		
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
Clarence Askins		443-680-2073
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>There will be 3 parts to renovations: 1) Fully Renovating room designated for Maryland State computer testing. Room will have new wall, flooring, and door for noise reduction during testing. Equipped with bathroom for testers use. 2) Extensive remodel for wellness and outreach program. with office, new kitchen for food storage and distribution, common area for meetings, seminars, and area to feed those in need. 3) Repaving, lighting and securing parking lot</p>		

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

BEAR will become recognized as a site for GED testing and certification exams. In addition to GED testing, BEAR also serves as a certification testing center, professional and academic exams to support career advancement and skill development. With a commitment to maintaining high standards of integrity and accessibility, the BEAR Testing Center ensures a secure, supportive environment for test-takers to achieve their goals. Our Wellness Program combines nutritious food distribution with health-focused initiatives to support overall well-being. By providing access to fresh, meals, we help individuals and families maintain healthy lifestyles along with programs to support physical, mental, and emotional health. Our outdoor multi-purpose lot serves as a space for youth activities, community events, and parking for the center. The lot will eliminate current dumping and loitering issues in the community

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	
Construction	\$185,000
Equipment	\$15,000
Total	\$200,000

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

State of Maryland	\$200,000
Total	\$200,000

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
N/A	N/A	TBD	6/30/2025
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	
0.00	30	500	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
22-532	\$25,000	Replaced commercial Windows, Entry Door, and Floo	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
B.E.A.R./ Belair Edison Area Revitalization,INC 5700 Utrecht Rd Baltimore,MD 21206		3400 Brehms Lane Baltimore,MD 21213	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	40 - Baltimore City		
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:	Clarence Askins III	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443-680-2073		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
5700 Utrecht Rd Baltimore,MD 21206			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site				
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget	
2	10	42000.00	225000.00	
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	
Philadelphia Christian Church Ministries		5	5 Year	
26. Building Square Footage:				
Current Space GSF		3,500		
Space to be Renovated GSF		9,900		
New GSF		13,400		

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

2025

28. Comments