

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Benedictine School for Exceptional Children - Student Residential Facility		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Hershey	Ghrist	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Caroline County	\$3,000,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Benedictine School for Exceptional Children property including the Student Residential Facility		
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
Scott Evans		410-634-2112 ext. 1125
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Benedictine School, established in 1959, is a non-public special education school and residential program, located in Ridgely, in Caroline County. The Benedictine School is approved under COMPAR 13A.09.10. Benedictine is not a private school; it is an extension of the public school system serving Maryland public school students from every county in Maryland. Benedictine received operational funding through MSDE, local school systems, Autism Waiver, and DHS. The Benedictine School currently serves 50 students with developmental and intellectual disabilities. The students we educate 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 12 years Benedictine has adapted our education program to meet the needs of the student population we now educate, which is primarily children with moderate to severe autism. In 2018, Benedictine made the decision to begin the process of developing a Master Plan for our Ridgely campus. The goal of the process was to ensure the physical learning and living spaces for our students matched their needs. The results was a 3-phase implementation plan for the Master Plan. The first phase addresses the school's residential program and infirmary on our campus. The plans call for a mix of renovation and new construction in a vacant Convent space. The new facility will offer our students an apartment like experience, new indoor recreation and therapy spaces, sensory and calming rooms, a new infirmary and a new dining area.

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	\$11,550,000
Equipment	
Total	\$11,550,000

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

State Capital Grant FY2023	\$1,500,000
State Capital Grant FY2024	\$500,000
Paygo Grant Fy2024	\$2,000,000
Federal Congressional Funding	\$1,800,000
State Capital Grant FY2025	\$1,250,000
State Capital Grant FY26	\$3,000,000
Benedictine Philanthropic Support	\$1,500,000
Total	\$11,550,000

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
Complete	Complete	March 2025	May 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	
	50 students	55 students	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2012	\$250,000	Community Senior Housing for adults with developm	
2014	\$250,000	Campus Improvements	
2017	\$300,000	Capital Projects	
2023	\$1,500,000	Student Residential Facility	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Benedictine School for Exceptional Children 14299 Benedictine Lane Ridgely, MD 21660			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	36 - Kent, Queen Anne's, Cecil, and Caroline 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:	Scott W. Evans	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-634-2112		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
14299 Benedictine Lane, Ridgely, MD 21660			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
385	415	29500000.00	32000000.00
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
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	28,721		
Space to be Renovated GSF	25,000		
New GSF	47,266		

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

1970

28. Comments

Continuation of Section 18

2024 \$500,000 Capital Grant for School Residential Facility

2024 \$2,000,000 Paygo Funds for School Residential Facility

2025 \$1,250,000 Capital Grant for School Residential Facility