

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Critchlow Adkins Children's Center's Cordova Site Expansion		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Mautz	Talbot County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Talbot County	\$225,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Critchlow Adkins Children's Center's Cordova Site Expansion project		
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
Cristy Morrell		410.822.8061
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers (CACC) is a nonprofit, education-based childcare provider dedicated to providing financially accessible childcare in a nurturing, diverse, safe, and enriching environment. Founded in 1970, CACCs 5 sites serve 350+ children annually from Talbot and surrounding counties in its preschool (2-, 3-, and 4-year-olds), preK-5th grade before- and after-school care, and summer camp programs. CACC's sites are licensed and accredited by the MD State Department of Education and have earned the highest EXCELS - Excellence Counts in Early Learning and School-Age Care Check Level 5 rating. CACC accepts Maryland State Child Care Scholarships and provides qualifying families approximately \$60,000 a year in tuition assistance. CACC has an annual economic impact of \$2.2M in Talbot County and \$3.7M regionally.</p>		

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

Critchlow built its Cordova Site preschool classroom, located on the far end of Talbot County Public Schools (TCPS) Chapel District Elementary School (CDES), in 1999. There are 20, 3- and 4-year-olds in this room. CACCs before- and after-care program that serves 30 school-age children is located in the schools cafeteria. There are 45+ children in our summer camp programs. TCPS began renovating CDES in June 2024. This presented Critchlow with the opportunity to build 2 dedicated classrooms for its before- and after-care programs, eliminating the need to utilize the schools cafeteria and doubling the number of children we can care for in this program from 30 to 60. CACCs new center will include 2 school-age rooms, a site directors office, teacher workroom, and playground. Currently, there are 101 children on our waitlist at this site.

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	\$1,240,000
Equipment	
Total	\$1,240,000

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

Individual Donations (received)	\$200,000
Pledged Donations (\$65,000 received)	\$100,000
Mid-Shore Community Foundation (received)	\$115,000
Talbot County Council (received)	\$300,000
Rural Maryland Council (received)	\$300,000
Legislative Bond Initiative (requesting)	\$225,000
Total	\$1,240,000

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	June 2024	June 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	
415000.00	90	120	
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 15 S. Hanson 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:	Alexis Kramer	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	(410) 822-1988		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Ewing Dietz Fountain & Kaludis 16 S. 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
6	8	270000.00	353000.00
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?			
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	
Talbot County Public Schools	99 years		
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	0		
Space to be Renovated GSF	0		
New GSF	3000		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	N/A
28. Comments	
<p>Need: The lack of licensed, high-quality childcare in Maryland, particularly in rural Mid-Shore counties, is a serious problem affecting families and businesses. The 2024 Maryland Comptroller State of the Economy Child Care Report and the Talbot County ARPA Fund Usage Survey both highlight statewide and local childcare challenges. This applies to Cordova, MD, where, in addition to CACC, there are only 4 small home childcare providers available to families. As a result, CACC has 101 children on its Cordova Site waitlist.</p> <p>Blueprint for Maryland's Future: Pillar 1 states that high-quality private providers will provide 50% of available pre-k slots. High quality means childcare centers have an MSDE EXCELS 5 rating, which all 5 CACC sites do. With this project, CACC is positioned to assist TCPS in providing a high-quality mixed-delivery pre-K system and additional slots for before- and after-school care.</p> <p>History: Although we are a private, nonprofit childcare provider, we have a long-standing partnership with Talbot County Public Schools. All five of CACC's sites are located on TCPS properties. This partnership makes Critchlow's programs convenient and accessible for families.</p> <p>Issues with CACC's before- and after-Care Program: During the school year, CACC's program runs from 6:45-8:30am and 2:30-5:30pm. Each morning, CACC teachers set up activities before students arrive and clean up once they leave for class. In the afternoon, the process is repeated. Operating in this manner is challenging and makes providing high-quality care difficult. Additionally, the school often schedules programming in the cafeteria, requiring our staff and students to move to other locations in the school. The school principal has requested that we no longer use the cafeteria due to the school's expanding use of this space.</p> <p>Access to high-quality childcare is important 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. Over 55% of the families at the Cordova site are low- to moderate-income, making access to CACC programs essential to our families and community. There is a direct correlation between high-quality childcare and the health and safety of children. Accredited programs require teachers to have the necessary educational and safety training to ensure children receive the best care possible. When licensed childcare providers are unavailable, parents place their children in unlicensed care which can have detrimental consequences.</p> <p>CACC is a small organization with limited capacity for a capital campaign. Even so, we have successfully raised all but \$225K for this project. Funding from this LBI ensures the success of this project and increases the number of children in our community who have access to high-quality educational childcare and summer camp programs.</p>	