

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
EXCEL Academy Public Charter School		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Muse	Turner	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County	\$100,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the EXCEL Academy Public Charter School, including the gymnasium project completion		
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
Lisa Butler McDougal		301-332-5001
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Sowing Empowerment & Economic Development, Inc. SEED is the parent organization of SEED/EXCEL Charter School, LLC the operator of EXCEL Academy Public Charter School. EXCEL serves 450 scholars in grades K-8. Founded on the four pillars of Character Education, College and Career Readiness, Cultural Arts and Community Partnerships, EXCEL is one of the oldest charter schools in the County, the only one in District 26 and the only charter school in the school system authorized as an International Baccalaureate (IB) school for the Primary Years Programme. SEED is also a HUD approved housing counseling agency, provider of after school and summer programs and an emergency food and diaper provider to thousands of County residents annually since its inception in 2004. SEED has also provided food to the Ft Washington Pantry through its County-wide hub program.</p>		

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

SEED purchased and renovated the former National Christian Academy school located in Ft. Washington, MD in 2023. The 75,000 square foot facility is near final completion with the exception of the equipment needed for the 24,000 square foot gymnasium and multipurpose room. Although home to the EXCEL Eagles basketball and cheer teams, during the summer months the facility will also serve children and youth throughout the community who will participate in SEED's summer camp. The gym is also available for use by community members and organizations on a rental basis. EXCEL Academics operator, SEED is making finishing touches to complete the building and requests funding to assist with the following: Bleachers Scoreboard Technology Playground equipment Sound system for gym and multipurpose room The gymnasium construction is complete. The items above includes the final equipment needed.

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	
Equipment	\$120,000
Total	\$120,000

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

Sowing Empowerment & Economic Development, Inc.	\$10,000
Prince George's County Community Partnership Grant	\$10,000
State of Maryland Bond Initiative	\$100,000
Total	\$120,000

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	TBD	7/31/2025
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	
10000.00	450	5,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
0.00	\$0	N/A	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Sowing Empowerment & Economic Development, Inc. 6201 Riverdale Road, Suite 200 Riverdale, MD 20737		EXCEL Academy Public Charter School 6700 Bock Road Fort Washington, MD 20745	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	26 - Prince George's 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:	Lisa Butler McDougal	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-332-5001		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
6201 Riverdale Road Suite 200 Riverdale, MD 20737			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
14	25	1200000.00	1357000.00
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	N/A	N/A	N/A
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A	N/A	N/A	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	24,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	0		
New GSF	24,000		

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

N/A

28. Comments

Thank you for considering our Bond Bill Application requesting funds to finalize the renovations for the 24,000 square foot gymnasium on the school campus of EXCEL Academy Public Charter School, 6700 Bock Road, Ft. Washington, MD 20744.

We continue to be excited about our partnerships with the surrounding community. Whether through our EXCEL scholars and their families or the services provided by SEED that address the food and income security needs of County residents. We appreciate your consideration of our request and look forward to working with you.