

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Hope Garden at Community Learning Center - CLC		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Sydnor	Ruth	
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 Hope Garden at Community Learning Center - CLC, a multigenerational wellness greenspace that will enhance the well-being of community		
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
Rehan Alavi		410-747-4869
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Community Learning Center (CLC) at ISB has a goal to create and maintain opportunities for the local communities to grow and thrive in various aspects of their lives academically, personally, professionally, and socially. We are inspired by Governor Moores administrations commitment to advancing Marylanders well-being. The CLCs services support several priorities outlined in the Moore-Miller Administrations 2024 State Plansafer community, professional development, health education, and wellness programs. And the addition of the proposed outdoor multipurpose space for all generations, will advance our ongoing commitment to serve and support our communities residing in the Baltimore area.</p>		

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

The Hope Garden is an outdoor multigenerational wellness greenspace that will enhance the well-being of community members while providing a gathering space for all ages and abilities. The lack of outdoor spaces in the Windsor Mill and Catonsville area where families and groups of people can connect to recreate, socialize and work together will be remedied by our proposed plan providing an outdoor space for the residents to gather, play, socialize and work. The garden will be ADA compliant and will consist of solar powered benches, tables with attached seats, WiFi connection, weather proof fitness equipment, and water stations. This will be inclusive of both built components such as benches, pavilion, fitness equipment, and natural components such as native plants and trees to advance environmental stewardship.

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	\$430,000
Equipment	
Total	\$430,000

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

Loans	\$0
Grants/Bond Bill	\$300,000
Donations	\$130,000
Total	\$430,000

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
6/2/2025	12/15/2025	1/5/2026	8/17/2026
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	
130000.00	0	4000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
FY2023	\$110,000	Smart Playground Completion	
FY20222	\$300,000	Smart Playground	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Islamic Society of Baltimore, MD., INC 6631 Johnnycake Road Windsor Mill, MD 21244			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	44B - 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:	Hasan Hammad	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-747-4869		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
110	110	5100000.00	5120000.00
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	5000 SQ FT		
Space to be Renovated GSF	5000 SQ FT		
New GSF	5000 SQ FT		

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

2026

28. Comments

The activities listed in Sections 10 & 11 above have been in place for the last two decades. We are in the expansion phase and continue to add and improve the programs and services that are offered through the CLC. Approval of LBI 2025 will allow for the construction of a green space that will support hollistic needs of the diverse communities in the Greater Baltimore area to be met.

The Community Learning Center (CLC) has been serving the local community for over 20 years by providing an indoor space for a wide array of activities open to all. The activities are as follows:

- Open Gym Hours: The hall is available to the general public weekly as open gym hours where youth and adults can participate in athletics. The hall is equipped with basketball hoops and a limited selection of play equipment.
- Golden Age Village: Senior programming in the form of monthly dinners and weekly brunches takes place to provide socialization opportunities for our senior community.
- Health Workshops: Health fairs are organized twice a year and various health improvement workshops are offered throughout the year.
- Career Fairs: Local & national employers are invited to share opportunities open to community.
- Youth Development: Programming designed to enhance and empower the youth occurs weekly in the form of girl scouts, boy scouts, social activities, and leadership development.
- Afterschool Childcare Program: A subsidized child care program for families in need of support.
- Civic Engagement Events: ISB hosts non-partisan gatherings inviting our elected officials to encourage and improve civic engagement activities within our local community. We had the privilege to host President Obama in 2016 and our newly elected governor, Governor Wes Moore in 2023 and 2024.
- Interfaith Gatherings: In collaboration with several local organizations and faith groups, interfaith gatherings are hosted to strengthen the relationships amongst diverse faith groups. The largest interfaith gathering takes place during the holy month of Ramadan hosting an Iftar Dinner.
- Summer & Sports camps: Various educational and recreational camps offered for children and youth.
- Festivals: Large social gatherings are organized throughout the year where the local community is invited to socialize, share meals, and play games. The most popular festival is the Halal Food Fest where restaurants and small businesses across the DMV sell food and miscellaneous items.