

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Howard County Chinese School Expansion for Cultural and Educational Enrichment		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Howard County Senators	Howard County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Howard County	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Howard County Chinese School (HCCS) property		
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
Ning Li		410-302-1581
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
Howard County Chinese School (HCCS), located in Howard County, MD, is a non-profit, non- political, and non-religious school established in 1998. Its missions are to promote Chinese culture and language through high-quality educational and cultural classes, to advance the Chinese-American culture/art by providing diverse programming, lifelong learning and cultural/art participation, and to promote community well-being, civic engagement, as well as collaboration with other racial/ethnic communities in Howard County and beyond. HCCS is the home of more than 1.2 thousand students and their families, with the present majority are from local Howard County and neighboring counties. Over the past two decades, HCCS has successfully delivered Pre-K to 10th grade Chinese language courses, bilingual both young students and adult learners.		

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

For over 26 years, Howard County Chinese School (HCCS) has been committed to promoting community diversity and strengthening Asian American identity through a wide range of language and cultural heritage programs. In recently years, a major challenge limiting HCCS growth is the lack of adequate facility space, particularly for its cultural programs. The requested funding, along with matching contributions, will be used to acquire additional facilities and spaces for educational and cultural activities. This expansion is crucial to meet the increasing demand within the Asian American, particularly Chinese American community for enhanced space and improved facilities, and this expansion is also critical to facilitate the cultural engagement among all communities.

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	\$850,000
Design	\$50,000
Construction	
Equipment	\$100,000
Total	\$1,000,000

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

MD 2025 LBI	\$500,000
School match	\$500,000
Total	\$1,000,000

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
9/1/2025	06/30/2027	N/A	N/A
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	1500	5000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2024	\$100,000	Renovate the HCCS headquarter office	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Howard County Chinese School, Inc. 5513 Twin Knolls Road, Suite 216, Columbia, MD 21045			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	12A - Howard 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:	Ning Li	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-302-1581		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
5513 Twin Knolls Rd Suite 216 Columbia, MD 21045			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
60	80	500000.00	600000.00
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	2,700 SF		
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	3,000 SF		

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

New space procurement ends by 2026, renovation by 6/30/2027.

28. Comments

As one of the most successful and sustainable minority ethnic cultural facilitating and educational organizations in Howard County, the biggest challenge HCCS is facing today is the increasing demand of our services through participation and contribution in building Howard County the best place of equity, diversity and inclusion for all the people live here. Our capability keeps grow but our capacity is greatly restricted by lacking of facility space.

HCCS proposes to acquire an ADA compliant multi-purpose space to help us fulfilling our mission in terms of hosting cultural and educational enrichment programs, community service events, and indoor sports from the school community, Asian American community and boarder society. This LBI request supports our mission.

HCCS plans fund raising campaigns to support this project. The community is with us in this pursue. Fund raised by these campaigns will be included in the "School match" category. Therefore, the amount for #15 "Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised" is set to 0.