

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Irvine Nature Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Hettleman	Pasteur	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore County	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Irvine Nature Center facilities		
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
Brooks Paternotte		443-738-9229
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Founded in 1975, Irvine is the largest independent nonprofit environmental education center in the greater Baltimore region. Our Mission: We all thrive outdoors. We encourage lifelong engagement with the natural world through environmental learning and green living. We inspire people to explore, respect and protect nature. Irvine provides an ideal setting for exploring nature. We provide educational programs for children, adults, and families about the importance of environmental stewardship and protection of the natural world. Irvine includes a 17,200 square-foot Environmental Education Building housing an Exhibit Hall, classrooms, animal care room, Nature Preschool, and staff offices. Outside is the Woodland Wildflower Garden, Outdoor Classroom, Native American Site, Raptor Aviary, Butterfly House, Therapeutic Herb Garden, and 8 miles of scenic trails.</p>		

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

To construct a new building adjacent to the main center and to perform upgrades to the existing facilities. This 8,550 square foot expansion at Irvine includes: a new Nature Preschool facility with multiple classrooms; new educational programming and event space; a redesign of the existing Exhibition Hall, and an expansion of Animal Care facilities. The construction of this additional building and the upgrading of the existing one not only provides opportunities for the expansion of programming and events, but also enhances the visitor experience, solidifies Irvine's position as a key destination for nature-based experiences, and provides Irvine with flexibility for growth in the future. Most importantly, the new space will enable Irvine to expand its own funding specific to engaging underserved communities with nature, and to help Irvine invest in additional and necessary pre-school tuition assistance for families in need.

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	\$0
Design	\$551,000
Construction	\$7,337,000
Equipment	\$250,000
Total	\$8,138,000

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

Charles T. Bauer Foundation	\$1,000,000
State Bond Bill (2022)	\$500,000
State Bond Bill (2023)	\$250,000
France Merrick Foundation	\$150,000
Middendorf Foundation	\$50,000
M&T Charitable Foundation	\$100,000
Leidy Foundation	\$100,000
Baltimore County Capital Grant	\$250,000
Bunting Foundation	\$150,000
Shawe Family Foundation	\$50,000
Irvine Trustees and Individual Donors	\$2,400,000
Total	\$5,000,000

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
1/1/2023	12/1/2024	3/1/2026	6/1/2027
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	
4000000.00	35,000	70,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2016	\$150,000	design, construction and site prep for Native America	
2022	\$500,000	the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair,	
2023	\$250,000	the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair,	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Irvine Natural Science Center 11201 Garrison Forest Road Owings Mills, Maryland 21117			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	11A- 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:	Christopher Mudd, Venable LLP	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-494-6365		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Venable LLP 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Suite500 Towson, MD 21204			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
45	50	3100000.00	3500000.00
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	17,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	2000		
New GSF	8550		

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

2007

28. Comments

We thank the State of Maryland for your consideration of this Legislative Bond Initiative request. With Irvine Nature Center celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025, this expansion and renovation project will enable the organization to meet the community's growing demand environmental education; provide enhanced access to our 211 acres of forests, meadows, and wetlands; and ensure the ongoing stewardship and conservation of an important watershed. The project design is efficient and conscientious, simultaneously meeting Irvines current needs while planning for future flexibility and growth. It builds on the significant strengths of Irvines campus and adds to its beauty and remarkable sense of place. Expanding in this way will allow Irvine to continue to inspire people to explore, respect and protect nature.