

State Of Maryland 2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Ivy and Pearls for Excellence		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Attar	Rosenberg	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Ivy & Pearls for Excellence 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
		410-456-5443
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Ivy & Pearls for Excellence, Inc. is a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation that partners with Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporate to meet the challenges of the residents of Northwest Baltimore City. Since 1991, The Ivy & Pearls for Excellence, Inc., has developed, promoted, and sustained community programming in the areas of education, culture, scholarship, mentoring, civics, workforce training, and health and wellness with a multi- generational approach to enhanced living. In 2018, severe flooding and resulting mold damaged the Ivy Family Support Center requiring extensive renovations. Services and programing are limited by current resources and unrenovated operating space.</p>		

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

The purpose of the project is to renovate The Ivy Family Support Center. Phase One, renovations allowed the completion of a meeting hall. Phase two of the plan is replacement of the HVAC, the caterers kitchen, installation of electrical and Wi-Fi wiring, and installation of doors, toilets, drywall, ceilings, flooring, and cabinetry for the Center. The archive room requires temperature control. The exterior needs window replacement, roof repair, and wall sealant to prevent water infiltration. The funding will repair the HVAC. The caterers kitchen needs cabinetry and flooring which will allow the reinstatement of the Eating Together Program." The Third Phase is the renovation of the back space that includes the installing of doors, flooring, walls, a sprinkler system, and winterization. All funds will allow the reinstatement of community programming such as computer courses, school tutoring, health initiatives and the addressing of food and clothing insecurities.

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	\$500,000
Equipment	
Total	\$500,000

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

Maryland Bond Bill	\$500,000
Total	\$500,000

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
		7/1/2025	7/1/2026
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	
20000.00	1,550	4,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2021	\$300,000	Repair damage done from flooding	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Second Block, Ivy Family Support Center, 3515 Dolfield Avenue Baltimore, MD21215			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	43A - Baltimore City		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[]	[]	[]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			
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
3	3	55000.00	55000.00
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	28,500		
Space to be Renovated GSF	18,500		
New GSF			

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

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28. Comments

The purpose of the Ivy & Pearls for Excellence, Inc., is to support the educational, charitable, and general welfare of the economically and socially disadvantaged residents of Baltimore City. This organization conducts its purposes in partnership with Epsilon Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Thus, the completion of renovations of the Ivy Family Support Center will allow the reinstatement of much needed community programming in the Dorchester/Ashburton neighborhood of Baltimore City. Detailed estimates of the needed renovations allow us to be shovel ready.

According to the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicator Alliance (BNIA) the total population of the area we serve is approximately 53,704. 92% are African American, 3.6% Hispanic and another 2.9% are Caucasians. 20% of the neighborhood is comprised of seniors. 33% of children below the age of 18 are living below the poverty line and 17% of Families are living below the poverty line. More than 20% of households do not have internet. More than 30% of the students in all grades are chronically absent from school, missing at least 20 days in a school year. To address the needs of the community, the facility will have a caterers kitchen which will allow the reinstatement of the Eating Together Program in partnership with Baltimore City. This program existed for more than 10 years before the building flooded and continued at another facility for an additional 2 years. Our neighborhood seniors received free, healthy meals twice a week while enjoying the camaraderie of others. Approximately 100 meals were served weekly. While at the Center, our Seniors enjoyed crafting, exercise, and line dancing. Fitness presentations and health screenings were also integral parts of the program. The renovated space will allow computers courses and after school tutoring for students, parents and seniors in Baltimore City partnering with a local IT firm. The goal is to broaden horizons and access to greater economic opportunities. Furthermore, area Community associations will be able to resume meetings in the facility and hold community forums. In addition, we will be able to have an in-house space to hold community events that we are currently holding at varied locations around the city. This will allow consistency in programming. Those events will include:

- a. Back to school supply giveaways
- b. Local shred day events
- c. Voter registration drives
- d. STEM enrichment activities
- e. Computer literacy classes
- f. Financial literacy classes
- g. Book giveaways for area schools and a lending library
- h. Expungement activities
- i. College Scholarships for local Baltimore City students
- j. Food Giveaways
- k. Clothing Giveaways
- l. Health screenings
- m. Job fairs

The renovations will allow the expansion of partnerships with local organizations including Mondawmin Mall, senior housing facilities, recreation centers, local schools, and community businesses.