

# State Of Maryland

## 2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Laila's Gift Celebration and Advocacy Center		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
	A. Johnson	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Harford County	\$180,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a new celebration and advocacy center, mobile food truck efforts, and celebration bus purchase		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Shari Bailey		443-392-5616
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Lailas Gift Inc was founded Lailas mom. Lailas Gifts vision is to have a world where children with special needs and their families are supported. Our Celebration and Advocacy Center is designed to celebrate and embrace the unique abilities and strengths of individuals with special needs and disabilities. Our goal is to create an inclusive and empowering environment where every child, their sibling, and their caregiver can thrive and reach their full potential. The Lailas Gift Celebration and Advocacy Center offers: Therapeutic recreation programs Parent/guardian/caregiving emotional support Sibling support for siblings of children with special needs and disabilities Coordination of FREE Birthday and Milestone Celebrations Community Resource and Information Hub</p>		

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

Purchase and customize a food truck to expand our biweekly mobile food pantry service for families. Acquire a mobile celebration party bus to bring joy and inclusive milestone celebrations to children with special needs and disabilities in our communities, as well as vital wellbeing services for siblings and caregivers. Contribute to the updates of our Celebration Center to better serve families and enhance program offerings. These investments will directly support our mission by addressing food insecurity, reducing catering costs, and ensuring children with special needs and disabilities are celebrated in ways that promote inclusivity and joy, while also providing their families the necessary emotional support to thrive.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	\$110,000
<b>Design</b>	\$45,000
<b>Construction</b>	
<b>Equipment</b>	\$35,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>

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

Zigglebee	\$10,000
LBI Initiative	\$180,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$190,000</b>

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
5/1/2025	8/1/2025	N/A	N/A
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>	<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>	
10000.00	600	1700	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
N/A	\$0	N/A	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Laila's Gift Incorporated 1040 Hardees Drive Suite F Aberdeen MD 21001			
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	7B - Harford County		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
[ ]	[ ]	[ X ]	[ ]
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Shari Bailey	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	443-392-5616		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
N/A		N/A	0.00

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
All volunteers	All volunteers (37)	163500.00	250000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Lease
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
NorthCross East LLC	10	indefinite	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	2500 sq ft		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	2500 sq ft		
<b>New GSF</b>	2500 sq ft		

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

2025

**28. Comments**

Dear Reader,

The below outlines the LBI request from Lailas Gift for the 2025 calendar year.

We greatly appreciate your attention to this matter.

About Lailas Gift

Our Mission:

We advocate for, support, and celebrate children with special needs and disabilities, and their families, by rejoicing in the unique gifts they bring into the world.

We have been proud to serve the state of Maryland since 2022, positively impacting over 1,000 families through our mission. Since our establishment, we have provided support in the following counties in Maryland:

- Harford County
- Cecil County
- Anne Arundel County
- Baltimore County
- Baltimore City
- Montgomery County
- Howard County

Throughout the course of our programming, we have partnered with: Port Discovery Childrens Museum, RMHC of Maryland, JMS Celebree Schools, The ARC of Baltimore and Harford County, Phoenix Speech Therapy Services, and Harford County Public Schools

Our mission is unique not only in Maryland but across the entire country. In recent years, we have seen significant interest from out-of-state individuals wanting to access our services. After careful consideration, we are thrilled to announce that our program will be available nationally starting January 1, 2025. Our new program will also include support for siblings and caregivers. While we are expanding our reach nationally, we anticipate that 70% of our services will still be delivered regionally until further national expansion occurs.

Programs and Impact:

Celebrations Program: Brings joy to children through in-person events and Celebration Boxes for those who cannot attend.

Caregiver Support: Supports family caregivers by connecting them with resources, services, and crisis assistance.

Sibling Support Program: Addresses The Glass Child Syndrome by engaging siblings in creative and inclusive activities.

Our Inspiration:

Lailas Gift was inspired by the journey of Laila, a child born with Jacobsen Syndrome, and her twin sister Lana. Despite early medical challenges, Lailas resilience became the driving force behind creating a nonprofit that celebrates milestones and provides essential support to families navigating similar journeys.

Our Request:

Lailas Gift respectfully requests \$180,000 through the LBI Program to achieve three key objectives:

1. Purchase and customize a state-of-the-art food truck to expand our biweekly mobile food