

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
OASIS - Farming Diversification and Capacity Improvement		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Zucker	Mireku-North	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of farming diversification and capacity improvement to serve more special needs participants		
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
Doraiswamy Rajagopal		703-283-2102
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Organization for the Advancement and Services to Individuals with Special needs (OASIS) is an IRS approved 501c(3) tax-exempt nonprofit organization dedicated to enriching the quality of life of individuals with special needs and their families through job training, employment opportunities and social interactions in an agricultural setting. The 14 acre farm is located at 24800 Dunnivant Drive, Gaithersburg, MD. The project, OASIS Farms, offers its fields for collaborative organic farming by individuals, groups and agencies serving youth and adults with special needs. Solar panels, rain irrigation and plans for winter growing are helping the farm to become sustainable. Through grants and a shredding contract, paper shreds provides the base for the farms compost and is impetus to produce papercrete garden pottery, seedling cups, seed paper and seed bombs.</p>		

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
4/1/25	7/1/25	9/1/25	12/31/28
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
50000.00	2500		4000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
Chapter 537, Senate	\$44,000	OASIS Farm has realized a significant increase in part	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Organization for Advancement of the Organization for Advancement of and Service for Individuals with Special Needs (OASIS).		24800 Dunnivant Dr, Gaithersburg, MD-20882.	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	14 - Montgomery 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:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			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
4	7	110000.00	200000.00
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?			Lease
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
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	
Doraiswamy and Chitra Rajagopal	25 years	Yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	2200		
Space to be Renovated GSF	1200		
New GSF	3400		

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

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28. Comments