

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Project Bright Future Mentoring Program		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
	Woods	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County	\$25,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Project Bright Future Mentoring Program 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
Gwendolyn Gantt		240-481-8751
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>We are a nonprofit organization For st Stephen baptist church (SSBC) mission addressing poverty, food insecurity, and community well-being. Our food distribution program provides essential nutrition to individuals and families in need. We also operate the Seed to Table Community Garden, promoting access to fresh, healthy food while educating youth and families on gardening, nutrition, and sustainability. By growing tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, collard greens, and more, we offer nutritious options and empower residents to make healthier choices. Our mission is to serve, uplift, and build self-sufficiency by ensuring access to fresh food, fostering unity, and creating long-term solutions to food insecurity through education, partnerships, and community engagement.</p>		

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

The Project Bright Future Mentoring Program Inc. at SSBC is dedicated to fighting food insecurity by providing fresh, nutritious food to families in need. To enhance our operations, we seek funding for a commercial refrigerator and freezer, parking lot repairs, and pallet jacks. A commercial refrigerator and freezer will allow us to store more fresh and frozen food, reducing waste and increasing distribution capacity. Parking lot repairs are essential due to damage from 18-wheeler food deliveries, ensuring safety for volunteers and recipients. Pallet jacks will improve efficiency by making it easier to unload and transport heavy food pallets. This project will increase food storage, improve safety, and streamline distribution, allowing us to serve more families effectively. Funding will strengthen our mission to provide sustainable food access and build a healthier community.

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	\$33,500
Design	\$4,000
Construction	\$100,000
Equipment	\$25,000
Total	\$162,500

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

PG County community grant	\$62,000
Chesapeake Bay foundation grant	\$50,500
Hines foundation	\$50,000
Total	\$162,500

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
3/27/2025	4/16/2025	4/30/2025	5/29/2025
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	
10000.00	1200	1500	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
PG County communit	\$20,000	To help the community with weekly food distribution	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
project Bright future mentoring program Inc.		5757 Temple Hill Rd., Temple Hills, MD 20748	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	26 - Prince George's 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:	N/A	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
0	0	50000.00	100000.00
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	16,200 square feet.		
Space to be Renovated GSF	16,200 square feet.		
New GSF	N/A		

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

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28. Comments

This project is crucial for ensuring that Saint Stephens Baptist Church continues to serve the community in the best way possible. The repaving of our parking lot is not just a cosmetic update, but a necessity. The current condition of the parking lot, which has suffered significant wear and tear due to the constant use of large delivery trucks for our food distribution program, poses a safety hazard. This repair is essential to ensure the safety of all individuals who come to our church for services, events, and community outreach programs. It will also help improve accessibility and prevent further damage to our vehicles and infrastructure.

Additionally, the acquisition of pallet jacks, refrigerators, and freezers will directly improve our ability to provide essential services. The demand for food distribution continues to rise, and these tools are essential for handling large deliveries, properly storing food, and ensuring that we meet the needs of the community with efficiency and care. Without these items, we are limited in how much we can store and distribute, hindering our mission to combat food insecurity.

As a community-focused organization, we aim to be a model for service, not just in words but in action. This project will allow us to better serve the growing needs of our community, provide a safer environment, and continue our mission of supporting those in need. We are deeply committed to this cause, and these upgrades will make a profound difference in the lives of many.

Thank you for your consideration and support of this important project.