

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Project Spirit and Mind Youth Hub		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Mautz	Caroline County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Caroline County	\$800,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a property to be used as a Youth Hub for mentoring, tutoring, education and community events		
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
Lakia Pierce		410-443-6148
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Spirit and Mind Incorporated, owned and operated by a legally blind citizen of Caroline County, is a nonprofit organization providing tutoring, mentoring, and resource programs for youth and seniors in the community. Spirit and Mind Inc mission is to build strength and confidence in our youth and families. The objective is to implement after-school programs and summer programs to our low-income youth and families who have been impacted by the war on cannabis. Spirit and Mind Inc mission is to build strength and confidence in our youth and families for upward mobility.</p>		

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

Project aims to purchase a building to transform it into a dedicated Youth and Resource Center. The center will serve as a safe and supportive environment for young people in the community, providing access to educational resources, recreational activities, and essential services. By offering a space where youth can engage, learn, and grow, the center will foster personal development and community involvement. This center will represent the impact the War on Drugs has had on the community. The space will also be used for event space to be rented to the community. Exterior and Intensive interior work (surveys, design, architect) Lead Paint removed HVAC, Water Pump, Sump Pump, Roof, Windows, Stairs, Radiators removal Central Air System Input Creating an ADA accessible space

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	\$240,000
Design	\$20,000
Construction	\$750,000
Equipment	
Total	\$1,010,000

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

LBI- 2025 (State Capitols Grant FY 2025)	\$800,000
LBI- 2026 (State Capitols Grant FY 2026)	\$105,000
AAHP Grant (FY 2025-2026)	\$105,000
Total	\$1,010,000

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
07/2025	12/2025	02/2025	TBD
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	
	15,000	20,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Spirit and Mind Inc. P.O Box 153 Ridgely, MD 21660		108 Market St, Denton MD 21629	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	37B - Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, and Wicomico Counties		
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:	Lakia Pierce	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	4104436148		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
12095 School Str Ridgely, MD 21660 Patrice Flamer 302-331-1010 trice3130@gmail.com			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site				
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget	
2	40	2000	30000	
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		2,800GSF		
Space to be Renovated GSF		2,800GSF		
New GSF				

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

2024

28. Comments

Denton, Maryland, Caroline County is home to a diverse population of young people who face various challenges, including limited access to educational resources, recreational opportunities, transportation, housing, and support services. The absence of a dedicated space for youth ages 11-16 has created a gap in community support, leaving many young individuals without a safe environment to engage, learn, and grow.

Key Needs:

1. **Safe Environment:** There is a critical need for a safe and welcoming space where youth can gather, socialize, and participate in constructive activities, reducing the risks associated with isolation and negative influences.
2. **Educational Support:** Many young people in Caroline County struggle academically due to a lack of tutoring and mentoring resources. A youth resource center would provide essential educational support to help students succeed in school.
3. **Recreational Opportunities:** Currently, there are limited recreational facilities for youth in the area. A dedicated center would offer arts, cultural programs, promoting physical health and creative expression, trips and educational opportunities.
4. **Access to Services:** Many families lack access to crucial resources such as job training, counseling, and health services. A youth hub would serve as a hub to connect families with these essential services, addressing their holistic needs.
5. **Community Engagement:** Encouraging youth participation in community service and leadership opportunities is vital for fostering civic responsibility and engagement. A resource center would facilitate these experiences, empowering young individuals to contribute positively to their community.

Benefits of a Youth Hub Resource Center:

1. **Empowerment:** By providing young people with access to resources and support, the center will empower them to take control of their futures and make informed decisions.
2. **Improved Academic Performance:** With tutoring and educational programs, students will see improvements in their academic outcomes, setting them on a path to success.
3. **Enhanced Community Cohesion:** The center will foster a sense of belonging and community among youth, reducing feelings of isolation and promoting positive relationships.
4. **Health and Well-being:** Access to recreational activities will encourage healthier lifestyles, improving both physical and mental well-being among youth.
5. **Increased Opportunities:** By connecting young people with job training and mentorship, the center will help them develop essential skills for future employment and personal growth.

In summary, establishing a youth hub & resource center in Denton is crucial to addressing the needs of the community's young people. It will provide a safe, supportive environment that fosters growth, learning, and community engagement, ultimately benefiting both the youth and the wider community. When we service the youth, we service the family.

Project comes with a letter of support from Caroline County Commissioners.