

# State Of Maryland

## 2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Building African American Minds - BAAM Campus Annex		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Talbot County Senators	Talbot County Delegation	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Talbot County	\$500,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Building African American Minds (BAAM) Campus Annex, including Parking, Storage/Edu Facility, Community Garden and Safety		
<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>
Dina Gomes Daly		410-310-8985
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Building African American Minds (BAAM), Inc. provides after school &amp; summer programs for students 1st-high school as well as Wellness Matters! (physical &amp; mental health) and Workforce Development programs for youth &amp; adults in the community. It's Athletic Center provides a state of the art gymnasium that is open to all. The Athletic Center provides a safe space where youth &amp; adults can play sports &amp; health related activities in a safe and nurturing environment. BAAM hosts many events such as birthday parties, baby &amp; wedding showers, repasts as well as educational &amp; civic events. In Dec. 2024, construction of the Academic Center was completed, creating the "BAAM Campus." The BAAM Campus Annex will transform the existing condemned buildings and area into educational and wellness spaces that will be utilized by the entire community.</p>		

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

BAAM acquired the 406 Moton Street properties, which is adjacent to the Academic & Athletic Center in late November 2024. These properties consist of 3 condemned, blithe buildings that BAAM plans to demolish and then develop into parking space for its staff and participants, a 4,600 SF facility that will house a vocational classroom, staff & storage space for BAAM as well as food storage and staff office for Carepacks, a nonprofit organization that provides over 1,200 meals a month to Talbot County residents in need of food assistance as well as build a community garden and Safety Town (traffic garden) for youth, families and the entire community. The 406 Moton Street properties is also located adjacent to the Moton Park and by connecting our green space to the park, it will allow our students and community to enjoy the many amenities that will be offered by BAAM and the Moton Park.

*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>	\$500,000
<b>Design</b>	\$310,928
<b>Construction</b>	\$3,794,023
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	\$4,604,951

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

Mr. & Mrs. William Ryan	\$530,000
Anonymous Donor	\$100,000
Governor's Capital Budget (DHCD-SD)-FY 2027	\$320,000
DNR-FY 27Greenspace Equity Program Grant-Applied	\$274,140
Future Fundraising	\$3,380,811
<b>Total</b>	\$4,604,951

<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>
May 2025	June 2026	July 2027	July 2028
<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>	
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<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2022	\$1,050,000	Academic Center Construction	
2024	\$1,500,000	Academic Center Construction	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Building African American Minds, Inc. 31 Jowite Street, P.O. Box 1066, Easton, MD 21601		406 Moton Street, Easton, MD 21601	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	37B - Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, and Wicomico Counties		
<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>	Dina Gomes Daly, Executive Director	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	410-310-8984		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
P.O. Box 1066 31 Jowite Street Easton, MD 21601			

<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>
<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>			Own
<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>			
<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>
<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>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>			
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>			
<b>New GSF</b>			

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

2027-2028

**28. Comments**

Building African American Minds (BAAM), Inc., is a cornerstone of the Talbot County community and a driving force behind its continued growth and revitalization. Based in Easton, Maryland, we operate in the heart of a neighborhood where many residents are renters and over 85% of local children qualify for Free and Reduced Meals (FARMS). Since 2005, our mission has been to empower underserved youth and adults with the knowledge, attitudes, and skills needed to become productive, responsible citizens.

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BAAM was founded to address critical disparities in our community. While we serve all residents, we primarily focus on Black or African American youth who are at a higher risk of academic failure, suspension, or arrest. Data underscores the urgency of our work: Black students in Talbot County account for 36.6% of school suspensions and are four times more likely than white youth to be arrested, despite representing a smaller portion of the total population.

Over the last five years, we have transformed the Jowite Street corridor through strategic public and private investment: Athletic Center (2019): A \$3.5 million facility funded entirely by private donations. It has become a vibrant community hub for sports and civic gatherings. Academic Center (2024): A \$10 million state-of-the-art facility featuring eight classrooms and specialty labs for art, music, and media. This center delivers our STEAM-focused curriculum and serves as our programmatic home.

**Completing the Vision: The BAAM Campus Annex**

In November 2024, BAAM acquired the property at 406 Moton Street through a private donation. This site is the final piece of our "BAAM Campus" vision. We plan to demolish three condemned apartment buildings that currently mar the neighborhood with blight and replace them with a Community Wellness & Opportunity Center.

The Annex will include: Vocational Learning: A dedicated classroom for hands-on experiential learning in trades such as HVAC, carpentry, plumbing, and welding, etc. Food Security: Storage and office space for our partner, CarePacks, Inc., which assists over 1,200 families monthly with food distribution. Community Wellness: A community garden for fresh vegetable production and a Safety Town (traffic garden) to provide interactive traffic safety education. Green Connectivity: Additional open space that seamlessly connects the BAAM Campus to Moton Park and George Murphy Pool, encouraging safe outdoor activity. We anticipate completing this transformative project in the summer of 2028, ensuring that the Jowite Street community finally has the world-class resources and opportunity-rich environment it deserves.

Would you like me to draft a "Project Milestone" timeline for the Bond Bill application that highlights when these specific vocational and environmental goals will be met?