

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Clarksburg Yard		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Feldman	Qi	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$321,875	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Clarksburg Yard project		
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
Beth Wolff		602-908-2243
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Clarksburg Church is an official DBA of Fairfax Community Church (Fairfax, Va), and shares the same tax id, 501c3 nonprofit status, and Board of Directors. We are a nondenominational Christian congregation, part of the Church of God Movement, Anderson, IN. Our congregation has a similar demographic as Clarksburg, with many attendees from Clarksburg and the surrounding Damascus/Germantown area. Our mission is to "Love Our Neighbors on Earth as it is in Heaven." Since 2015, we have been actively engaged in listening to the Clarksburg community to determine the best ways to love our neighbors regardless of their story, background, belief system, or lifestyle. As a result, we have become deeply involved in the advocacy of the town of Clarksburg and continuously seek opportunities to collaborate with other people, schools, and organizations for the good of the community.</p>		

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

The Clarksburg Yard will establish a centrally located, vibrant, publicly accessible space that directly addresses the community's critical lack of gathering areas. Rooted in placemaking principles and supported by local partners, we will serve a diverse and underserved population to enhance livability and foster social interaction, cultural expression, and community identity. This greenspace and indoor coffee bar will (1) serve as a hub for multi-generational activism, empowering residents to take ownership of shared spaces and advocate for positive change, (2) will support educational outcomes through youth programs, including leadership development and service-learning opportunities, as well as, (3) work to enhance local economic resilience by strengthening our commerce corridor through farmers markets and Stay Local Saturday events. By fostering community connection and cultural expression, this project will promote lasting engagement, joy, and resilience.

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	\$0
Design	\$45,000
Construction	\$542,000
Equipment	\$300,000
Total	\$887,000

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

Private Funding	\$152,000
FY23 Bond Bill	\$150,000
DNR GreenSpace Equity Grant	\$120,000
FY25/26 County Match Grant	\$143,000
FY26 Bond Bill	\$322,000
Total	\$887,000

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
1/1/2022	Completed	6/2026	10/2026
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
152000.00	15000		50000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
FY23	\$150,000	To begin Phase One of The Clarksburg Yard	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Fairfax Community Church of God 111451 Braddock Road Fairfax, VA 22033		Clarksburg Church 22820 Frederick Road Clarksburg, MD 20871	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	15 - 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:	Jim Clifford	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-840-2232		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
316 East Diamond Avenue Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
5	15	900000.00	1220000.00
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	7500 GSF		
Space to be Renovated GSF	800 GSF (indoor), appx 4,999Sf (outdoor)		
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	1952
28. Comments	
<p>The FY23 Maryland State Bond Bill investment made it possible for us to complete full design development, including architectural drawings, MEP engineering, and civil plans to begin construction of Phase One of The Clarksburg Yard: retrofitting an 800 sq. ft. indoor community room/coffee area and outdoor gathering space measuring just under 5,000 sq. ft.</p> <p>This space will achieve the goals of the State Bond Bills purpose to transform an underutilized space into a vibrant community placemaking space in an underserved area of Montgomery County, Clarksburg, MD.</p> <p>Our ability to secure permits has been delayed due to county-level zoning and planning challenges tied to the overdue Clarksburg Gateway Sector Master Plan. With that plan now moving forward, we are again seeing progress and anticipate submitting permits in the coming months, with Phase One construction set to launch in early 2026.</p> <p>With design complete and permitting underway, we are ready to move into the construction of Phase One. The original 2023 cost study estimated Phase One at \$682,147. Since then, significant economic shifts, including inflation and rising material and labor costs, have increased the project cost to \$886,696 for 2026, creating a financial gap that cannot be closed with existing resources.</p> <p>A renewed Bond Bill ensures that we can bridge the gap of rising costs without jeopardizing project momentum or delaying the delivery of essential community infrastructure for Clarksburg.</p> <p>The Clarksburg Yard has become an active, grassroots-driven public commons in Clarksburg serving over 15,000 residents, engaged 212 student volunteers in 500 hours of community service, partnered with businesses/vendors/community groups 283 times, and hosted 66 multigenerational events in 2025.</p> <p>These numbers not only demonstrate extraordinary early adoption but also reveal a deeper truth: Clarksburg residents have been waiting decades for a place like this. Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to the wellness and vitality of the Clarksburg community. We could not do this without you.</p>	