

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Dayspring Learning and Innovation Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
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4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Dayspring Learning and Innovation Center		
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
Dr. Linda Gorham		(410) 664-0907
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Dr. Linda, a licensed psychologist, and James Gorham, a tech expert and lifelong educator, founded Dayspring, Inc. in 1982 in response to the lack of high-quality educational options for young children in their Park Heights community. From the beginning, Dayspring set a high standard for excellence and innovation. In 1986, it became one of only two licensed child care centers in Baltimore City approved to operate a state-certified nursery and kindergarten program. With support from IBM, Dayspring pioneered computer-assisted learning for preschoolers--well ahead of its time. Dayspring, serving over 300 families, expanded to serve school-age youth through partnerships with schools and public leaders, launching the Visions for Education Initiative in 2007. Today, Dayspring remains a trusted leader advancing learning and enriching lives for over 43 years</p>		

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

The Dayspring Learning & Innovation Center responds to two urgent challenges: persistent educational inequities that limit access to high-quality learning for many children in Park Heights, and the growing need for mental health and wellness supports for youth facing trauma and chronic stress. These challenges cannot be addressed in isolation; they demand an integrated approach that combines innovative education with intentional care for mental health and resilience. The Center will serve as a transformative educational and community anchor, offering future-ready learning experiences, culturally responsive programming that affirms identity, onsite counseling and mentoring that support healing, and meaningful family engagement that strengthens home-school-community connections. This dual commitment to innovation and wholeness reflects Daysprings founding philosophy and represents the next bold step in its 43-year legacy of community service.

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	\$25,000
Design	\$475,000
Construction	\$4,000,000
Equipment	\$500,000
Total	\$5,000,000

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

State of Maryland Bond Bill Request	\$500,000
Private/Philanthropic Contributions (in development)	\$4,500,000
Total	\$5,000,000

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
06/15/2026	12/31/2026	06/15/2027	06/15/2028
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
0.00	75		700
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)	
Dayspring, Inc. 5351 Park Heights Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	41 - Baltimore City		
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:	Linda Gorham	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	4103402843		
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
5	25	266000.00	1050000.00
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			
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

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

28. Comments

The Dayspring Learning & Innovation Center project has architectural drawings and site plans already developed. During the pre-development phase, these plans will undergo updates and refinement to align with the final building program and new standards for educational and wellness spaces.

The project will move forward in three coordinated phases:
Phase I - Design Update and Pre-Development (Year 1)
Phase II - Construction and Site Development (Year 2)
Phase III - Facility Outfitting and Program Activation (Year 3)

State funds will support Phase I. Private funds will be used to support Phase II and Phase III

When complete, the Park Heights Learning & Innovation Center will:
Serve more than 400 students annually through after-school, summer, and weekend programs focused on STEAM education and creative learning.
Engage over 200 families each year through wellness programs, parenting workshops, and community resource supports.
Provide training and professional development for more than 100 educators, mentors, and youth workers annually.
Offer accessible mental health and social-emotional supports to reduce stigma and increase resilience among youth and families.
Anchor the Park Heights community as a hub for learning, innovation, and renewal--fostering pride, participation, and intergenerational opportunity.

Dayspring, Inc. has sustained its educational mission for over four decades through strong governance, fiscal responsibility, and community partnership. (Dayspring, Inc., located in the Park Heights community, is not affiliated with any other organization of the same or similar name in Baltimore or in the U.S.) The organizations long-standing relationships with state agencies, city officials, philanthropic foundations, and local businesses will ensure the Centers long-term viability. Once constructed, the Center will operate year-round, supported by diversified funding sources including grants, private donations, program fees, and partnership agreements. The facility will also host professional learning and community events that generate supplemental revenue and visibility. Most importantly, the Center will sustain its purpose through its mission-driven impact--cultivating generations of children who are confident, curious, emotionally resilient, and ready to lead.

For more than 43 years, Dayspring, Inc. has been a beacon of educational excellence and innovation in Park Heights. Now, the organization seeks to build a permanent home for learning, wellness, and community transformation. We respectfully request the State of Maryland's investment of \$500,000 to help make this vision a reality--creating a lasting center where every child in Park Heights can dream boldly, learn deeply, and grow wholly.