

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Easterseals Camp Fairlee Dining Hall		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Hershey	Jacobs	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Kent County	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Easterseals Camp Fairlee Dining Hall Expansion 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
Verna Hensley, VP of Public Affairs		302-221-2056
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore, Inc., is a non-profit, community-based health organization dedicated to increasing the independence of children and adults with disabilities through direct services, advocacy, and caregiver resources. Since 1954, Easterseals has operated Camp Fairlee in Chestertown, MD, where we empower people with disabilities to live independently, thrive, work with purpose, and play without boundaries. Since the pandemic, Camp Fairlee has seen increased demand as other regional camps for individuals with disabilities have closed. Prior Maryland Bond Bill investments, including a new aquatics program and a sensory-friendly cabin designed for campers with Autism, have led to a surge in enrollments. The current Dining Hall can no longer meet the needs of our growing and diverse camper population.</p>		

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

Easterseals is requesting \$500,000 in Maryland Bond Bill funding to expand the Dining Hall at Camp Fairlee, a historic, trusted respite and recreational camp for children and adults with disabilities. The expansion will accommodate a significant increase in campers, especially those with high support and sensory needs and those with autism, and ensure the camp remains a vital resource for families across Maryland and the Mid-Atlantic region.

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	\$30,000
Construction	\$641,000
Equipment	\$10,000
Total	\$681,000

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

MD Bond Bill	\$500,000
Unrestricted Funding	\$106,000
Ellice & Rosa McDonald Foundation, Inc.	\$75,000
Total	\$681,000

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
July 1, 2026	September 1, 2026	October 1, 2026	May 1, 2027
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	
75000.00	1,000	1,000+	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2023 HB & HB	\$500,000	Aquatics Center replacement.	
2022 SB0291	\$500,000	Construction of 2 new staff cabins.	
2018 SB0435	\$200,000	Capital Improvements to existing infrastructure.	
2011 HB0409	\$125,000	Construction of a residential cabin for camp participan	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Easter Seals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore, Inc. D/B/A Easterseals Camp Fairlee 61 Corporate Circle New Castle, DE 19720		22242 Bay Shore Rd Chestertown, MD 21620	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	36 - Kent, Queen Anne's, Cecil, and Caroline 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:	Timothy J. Snyder, ESQ.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	302-571-4756		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Young, Conway, Stargatt & Taylor, LLP Rodney Square 1000 King Street Wilmington, DE 19801			

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	5 (100 seasonal)	1879000.00	1935000.00
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?			Lease
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?			Yes
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
James D. Usilton, Jr.	3 years	\$51,414.00	114 square
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
ESSD-M, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of	Perpetual	Perpetual	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	All buildings overall sf = 42,325 sf		
Space to be Renovated GSF	1,200sf		
New GSF	43,525 sf		

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

2027

28. Comments

Note to question #15: As our track record reflects, Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore, Inc., has a committed donor base that supports upgrades and modernization to keep Easterseals Camp Fairlee as the premier recreation and respite program for people with disabilities in the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Note to question #19 & #25 - ESSD-M, Inc. owns the property 22242 Bay Shore Rd Chestertown, MD 21620, commonly known as Easterseals Camp Fairlee. ESSD-M, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Easterseals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore, Inc., which conducts business at this location as Easterseals Camp Fairlee.