

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Eat To Live - Phase I		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
	Turner	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County	\$728,704	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Phase I of the project which will include land development and the construction of the on-site Community Center, harvesting of crops, and		
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
Lisa Jones		(410)205-4811
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Essence CDC, Inc.'s vision for continuous growth and development is rooted in a deep respect for all life and its magnification. We are dedicated to nurturing the youth of the future while upholding our Elders as the foundational pillars of our community. Our goal is to provide a blueprint for inspiring and sustaining a happy, healthy lifestyle. Currently, almost 48 million Americans including 14 million children lack adequate supplies of nutritional food. Furthermore, foodborne diseases affect 48 million people annually. The youth of Prince George's County are facing significant challenges such as food insecurity which affects their health and development and depression related issues that have reportedly exceeded the Maryland state value of 39.2%. We remain committed to addressing these challenges and supporting our community's well-being.</p>		

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

The focus of this project, Eat to Live Phase I, is to acquire land that will serve as a hub for eradicating food insecurity and food-borne illnesses, while providing employment opportunities and fostering an environment for personal growth. We have a pending offer for 7 acres of land in Fort Washington, Maryland, to serve as the site for our community center and housing opportunities. Two acres of this property are specifically designated for crop cultivation. The community centers design includes a commercial kitchen and accommodations for our variety of classes and seminars. The housing unit will prioritize the accommodation of program participants. Completion of Phase I will establish the foundation for programs dedicated to improving public health, security, and achieving economic stability. Ultimately, the goal of this project is to lay the groundwork for greater community health and inspired living.

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	\$250,000
Design	
Construction	\$450,000
Equipment	\$29,000
Total	\$729,000

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

The State of Maryland - 2026 LBI	\$729,000
Total	\$729,000

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
Complete	Complete	TBD	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	
1000.00	17	83	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Essence CDC, Inc. 14220 Highlands Terrace Accokeek, MD 20607		0 Palmer Rd Fort Washington, MD 20744 Tax ID (APN): 17050314013 MLS#: MDPG2181376	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	26 - Prince George's 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:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			No
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
2	17	729000.00	729000.00
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	0		
Space to be Renovated GSF	3500		
New GSF	3500		

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

N/A

28. Comments

With the State's capital investment, Essence CDC, Inc. will acquire the land to cultivate and develop into a community-driven movement that will elevate the livelihoods of everyone involved into one that offers nutritional balance, educational advancement, and well as economic and housing stability.

While construction is underway, we strive towards being able to plant our first seeds by June 2026 with the expectation of experiencing a harvest this year!

We are very appreciative for your consideration of this LBI request.