

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Epicenter at Parkville		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Jackson		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore County	\$100,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Epicenter at Parkville		
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
Zach Maclellan		909-643-6732
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Epicenter is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering people, strengthening families, and building trust within underserved communities. Through a holistic, wraparound model, The Epicenter provides licensed before- and after-school care, choice-style food pantries, showers and case management for unhoused neighbors, recovery supports, workforce readiness, and family stabilization services. By meeting immediate needs while addressing long-term barriers, The Epicenter creates safe, welcoming spaces where individuals and families can grow, heal, and thrive together.</p>		

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

The Epicenter is embarking on a transformative capital expansion project to establish its first permanent presence in Baltimore County, extending its core services to the Parkville community and surrounding areas. This new location will offer licensed before- and after-school care for elementary students, showers and case management for our unhoused neighbors, a dynamic choice-style food pantry, multipurpose gym space, recovery supports, and more. Grounded in our mission to empower people, strengthen families, and build community and trust, this expansion represents a significant step forward in meeting critical needs while fostering dignity, stability, and hope across the 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	
Design	\$17,000
Construction	\$791,000
Equipment	\$42,000
Total	\$850,000

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

Cheasapeake Gateway Chamber	\$50,000
MD Food Bank	\$75,000
Bond Bill	\$100,000
DHCD Capital Grant	\$200,000
Capital Campaign	\$425,000
Total	\$850,000

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
9/1/2025	12/31/2025	3/1/2026	12/31/2026
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
0.00	0 (New Site)		20,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
FY24	\$50,000	Expansion of Tabitha's House	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Edgewood Community Support Center DBA The Epicenter		8123 Harford Rd, Parkville, MD 21234	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	6 - Baltimore 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:	N/A	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
64	74	3600000.00	4200000.00
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?			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	
Mountain Christian Church	10 years	Five years	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	12000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	12000 plus addition		
New GSF	25000		

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

2026-2027

28. Comments

A Legislative Bond Initiative (LBI) is crucial to bringing the Parkville Epicenter to life because it would directly support the construction of permanent, ADA-accessible showers for our unhoused neighbors a core piece of dignified, life-stabilizing infrastructure that cannot be funded through operating dollars alone. Showers are not a short-term service; they are a capital investment that requires significant upfront costs related to plumbing, accessibility, code compliance, and long-term durability. State capital support through an LBI allows Maryland to invest in infrastructure that restores dignity, health, and safety for individuals experiencing homelessness in Baltimore County.

Access to showers is a proven gateway to broader stability. Safe, reliable hygiene facilities improve physical health outcomes, reduce strain on emergency systems, and remove a major barrier to employment, housing access, and medical care. By pairing these showers with on-site case management, the Parkville Epicenter will ensure the state's investment is maximized transforming a basic necessity into a point of connection for housing navigation, benefits enrollment, and long-term self-sufficiency.

Finally, an LBI signals strong state partnership and recognition of the public benefit this project provides. State participation helps unlock additional private and philanthropic dollars, strengthens community confidence, and ensures the facility is completed on a timeline aligned with a 2027 opening. By funding the shower build-out, Maryland is making a targeted, high-impact investment in lasting infrastructure that addresses homelessness with compassion, accountability, and measurable community return.