

# State Of Maryland

## 2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
HOPE Center		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Talbot County Senators	Talbot County Delegation	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Talbot County	\$400,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the HOPE Center		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Keasha Haythe		410-443-9936
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Our mission is to help adolescent girls lead productive lives in their communities by providing cultural, social and educational development. We believe children are our future, and we must prepare them early to be great future leaders. The Foundation of HOPE, Inc. is a 501 (c) (3) organization established to help women and girls. The first program launched under the organization was the Economic Development &amp; Empowerment Program for girls in sixth grade. The goal is to teach them to be viable contributors to the future workforce. The program covers topics including: self-esteem, bullying, using technology and social media, workforce development, economic and community development, entrepreneurship, financial literacy and more.</p>		

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

The HOPE Center construction project will consist of a 5,100 square foot facility to continue to provide a high-quality of community services with the addition of new facility and provide services when necessary to guarantee public health, safety and welfare and enhance the quality of life for those who visit, live, or work in Talbot County. This project is in the heart of downtown Easton, in fact it is part of the Hill Community. The Hill community is believed to be one of the oldest free African American communities. Currently, where this building will be located there is no minority founded/led non-profit providing the services the Foundation of HOPE currently provides. This will allow expansion of services to serve more low-to-moderate income students in Talbot County by providing program development that will equip them with life skills for the workforce and/or college as well as path to not fall on the clutches of poverty.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	
<b>Design</b>	\$180,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$2,200,000
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	\$2,380,000

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

Applicant	\$500,000
Rural MD	\$100,000
DHCD	\$250,000
Federal CDS	\$630,000
MCCBL	\$500,000
Bond Bill	\$400,000
<b>Total</b>	\$2,380,000

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
June 2022	3/2/2026	3/30/2026	3/30/2027
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>	<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>	
500000.00	40	120	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2025	\$500,000	Construction funds-HOPE Center	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Foundation of H.O.P.E., INC. 8671 Camac Street Easton, MD 21601		52. S. Washington Street Easton, MD 21601	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	37B - Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, and Wicomico Counties		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Keasha Haythe	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	410-443-9936		
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
1	4	225000.00	450000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			Yes
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>			
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>			
<b>New GSF</b>	5,100		

<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>	
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<b>28. Comments</b>	