

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Historic Howes Farm Barn		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
King	Lopez	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Historic Howes Farm Barn to transform it into a community 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
Prajwal Regmi		301-820-0066
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Nepal Education and Cultural Center (NECC) is a Maryland-based nonprofit organization that has served Nepalese and other Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) communities for over 25 years. NECC provides culturally responsive education, language access services, health awareness programs, workforce development, and community advocacy. The organization focuses on addressing barriers faced by immigrant and underserved populations, including language access, cultural isolation, and limited access to public services. NECC works in partnership with local governments, healthcare providers, and community organizations to strengthen community well-being and promote equity across Montgomery County and the State of Maryland.</p>		

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

This project will restore and convert the historic Howes Farm barn in Germantown, Maryland, into a multi-purpose community center serving residents of the ClarksburgGermantown area and surrounding communities. The project preserves a significant historic resource while addressing critical needs of a rapidly growing and diverse population, including Asian American and Pacific Islander residents. The renovated facility will provide space for language access services, cultural and educational programs, workforce training, health awareness activities, free health clinics for uninsured individuals, and community outreach. The project is fully approved, shovel-ready, and will create a permanent, accessible community asset while maintaining the historic character of the site.

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	\$250,000
Construction	\$1,100,000
Equipment	\$150,000
Total	\$1,500,000

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

Legislative Bond Initiative (Requested)	\$500,000
Prior State LBI Funding (2024)	\$150,000
Montgomery County Received (2024)	\$126,000
Community Members Donations and Fundraising	\$400,000
Membership Drive	\$50,000
Montgomery County Expected	\$274,000
Total	\$1,500,000

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	February 16, 2026	March 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	
95000.00	0	5,000 plus	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2024	\$150,000	Historic Howes Farm Barn Renovation	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Nepal Education and Cultural Center (NECC) 11650 Snowden Farm Parkway Germantown, MD 20876		Same	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	39 - Montgomery 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:	Prajwal Regmi	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	3018200066		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
1	2	120000.00	190000.00
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	3000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	3000		
New GSF	0		

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

c. 1880

28. Comments

This project represents a rare opportunity to combine historic preservation with urgent community infrastructure needs in one of Montgomery Countys fastest-growing regions. The Historic Howes Farm barn, dating to the late 19th century, is a significant cultural asset whose preservation has been approved by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission. Restoring the barn to its historic appearance while adapting it for modern use ensures long-term protection of this resource.

At the same time, the project addresses a critical lack of permanent, culturally responsive community space in the ClarksburgGermantown area, which has experienced rapid population growth and increasing diversity, including a large Asian American and Pacific Islander population. The completed facility will serve as a hub for education, health awareness, workforce development, language access, and community engagement for county residents who currently lack access to these services.

The project is fully shovel-ready, with permits issued and construction scheduled, and leverages prior State investment alongside county and private funding. Legislative Bond Initiative support is essential to complete the project, protect a historic site, and deliver lasting public benefit through inclusive community services and economic and social resilience.