

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
	Lehman	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County	\$325,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services (LARS) Renovation 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
Shannon Mouton		301-500-8235
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The LARS mission is to empower individuals and families in need of housing, food and financial assistance to achieve well-being and stability. LARS serves the greater Laurel, Maryland area and 18 other municipalities in South Central Maryland. LARS manages the largest food pantry in the area and manages multiple programs, projects and initiatives to support low-income and homeless individuals and families.</p>		

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

LARS needs to reconfigure our space to expand programs to meet the community's increasing needs. We need funding to renovate LARS HQ at 311 Laurel Ave and to support improvements to the 309 Laurel Ave property. Renovations to 311 will: Increase capacity: Pantry expansion to the main floor will allow us to provide more food for more people. Enhance pantry safety: Adding a hydraulic lift system will make unloading groceries, produce, toiletries and supplies into the pantry safer. Improve entrance safety: Enlarging the front entryway will allow clients and visitors to the building to enter and exit more safely. Improvements to 309 will: Provide parking spaces: Clearing the backyard of overgrowth will add 6 parking spaces to accommodate donors, visitors and volunteers. Widen driveway: Adding 12 inches to our driveway will allow us to accommodate large panel delivery trucks, which are too large for the narrow driveway.

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	\$42,000
Construction	\$325,000
Equipment	
Total	\$367,000

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

State of Maryland Local Bond Initiative	\$325,000
The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation	\$20,000
City of Laurel	\$12,000
District 1 Special Appropriations	\$10,000
Total	\$367,000

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
TBD	TBD	February 2027	June 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	
30000.00	19,000	22,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2024	\$500,000	Purchase of 309 Laurel Ave, Laurel, MD	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, Inc. 311 Laurel Ave Laurel, MD 20707			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	21 - Prince George's and Anne Arundel 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:	Shannon R Mouton	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-500-8235		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
311 Laurel Ave Laurel, MD 207007			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
14	15	3051807.00	3064807.00
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	4500		
Space to be Renovated GSF	3000		
New GSF	3000		

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