

# State Of Maryland

## 2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Patuxent Woods - Child Care Center		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Howard County Senators	Howard County Delegation	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Howard County	\$950,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Patuxent Woods - Child Care 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>
Samantha Cobb, Director of General Services		410-313-6163
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Department of General Services (DGS) of Howard County Government is responsible for the planning, design, construction, and maintenance of County-owned public facilities. DGS ensures that public buildings are safe, functional, and sustainable, supporting essential services for Howard County residents. The Departments mission is to enhance public infrastructure through strategic planning, efficient project delivery, and long-term asset management. In support of Howard County's commitment to accessibility, safety, and sustainability, DGS oversees improvements to public facilities that respond to community needs and evolving standards. The requested Legislative Bond Initiative (LBI) grant will support critical facility enhancements, promoting equitable access and ensuring the long-term viability of County public assets.</p>		



<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>
7/8/2026	6/15/2027	7/6/2027	8/15/2028
<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>	
0.00	0	50000	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Department of General Services Howard County Government 9200 Berger Road Columbia, MD 21046		9720 Patuxent Wood Dr. Columbia, MD 21046	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	13 - Howard County		
<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>
[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Gary Kuc, County Solicitor	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	410.313.2100		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
Howard County Office of Law 3430 Court House Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043			

<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>
0	20	0.00	400000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property</b> (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
<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>			No
<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>	6,000		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	6,000		
<b>New GSF</b>	6,000		

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

2027

**28. Comments**

9755 Patuxent Woods is a newly acquired County building, centrally located in Columbia. The building is the new home for the Office of Workforce Development, the Department of Housing and Community Development and the future home for staff from the Department of Recreation and Parks (DRP). The acquisition of the building expanded the County's Patuxent Woods campus which includes the public-facing Department of Community Resources and Services and the non-profit Community Action Council.

9755 Patuxent Woods is the ideal location for a new Child Care Center. The building is within walking distance to multiple County agencies and for those not working in the vicinity, there is a public bus route and easy access to both Rt. 32 and I-95.

The new childcare center will be run by DRPs Community Recreation Division. Since the new center would create approximately 20 new jobs (a combination of benefited and contingent positions, including full-time and part-time), there will be opportunities to partner with Workforce Development for potential job training and hiring.

The plan is to construct the Child Care Center on the first floor of the building, providing its own accessible and secure entrance, allowing easy drop-off for parents while also providing a separation from the main entrance to the building. The space is situated on the North-East corner of the building and boasts extensive windows that provide natural light and will allow direct connections to a new fenced play area, some of which will be shaded by existing trees.

The licensed Child Care Center will be approximately 7,400 square feet, planned to accommodate 60 children, aged 6 weeks to 5 years (Pre-K) in separate classrooms. The County recognizes the difficulty with finding reliable and quality infant care and is committed to providing care for up to 9 infants. The hours of operation would be 7:00 am through 6:00 pm, offering parents full-time childcare at an affordable rate. The childcare program would be year-round, including a specialized summer program.

The center would be the first County-run childcare center created to serve the children of Howard County Government employees, who would have priority registration before opening registration to children from the community.