

# State Of Maryland

## 2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
StoreHouse Center of Excellence		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Harris		
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Prince George's County	\$350,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of The StoreHouse Center of Excellence facilities		
<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>
Melanie Johnson		2027062756
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The StoreHouse is the Nations First Black-run food bank serving Maryland families through consistent access to fresh, nutritious food. Having served over 70,000 families and distributed more than 3 million pounds of food, the organization advances food security, health equity, and community-based nutrition access.</p>		

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

This project will support the acquisition of a permanent facility to establish The StoreHouse Center of Excellence, a regional hub for food distribution, community nutrition, and sustainable agriculture. The purpose of the project is to secure long-term site control to stabilize operations, expand cold and dry storage capacity, and create infrastructure for yearround cultivation of fresh fruits and vegetables. The facility will increase annual distribution capacity by an estimated 1.5 to 2.5 million additional pounds of food, strengthening food security, improving health outcomes, and advancing health equity for Maryland residents.

*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>	\$675,000
<b>Design</b>	\$50,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$75,000
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>

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

LBI	\$350,000
Private Investment / Organizational Funds	\$450,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>

<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>
8/1/26	10/1/26	9/1/26	11/1/26
<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>
25000	0		45,000
<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>	
The StoreHouse Inc. 3341 75th Avenue Hyattsville, MD 20785		13245 Croom Rd Upper Marlboro, MD	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	27B - Calvert and Prince George's 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>	Melanie Johnson	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	202-706-2756		
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
3341 75th Avenue Hyattsville, MD 20785			

<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>
2	5	350000	650000
<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>
N/A			
<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>	1450		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>			
<b>New GSF</b>			

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

2026

**28. Comments**

The proposed property includes approximately 7 acres of land, providing a unique opportunity to establish agricultural infrastructure as part of The StoreHouse Center of Excellence. This acreage will support the development of growing fields, high tunnels or greenhouse structures, irrigation systems, and sustainable farming operations to cultivate fresh fruits and vegetables for Maryland families year-round.

The inclusion of this land significantly strengthens the long-term impact of the project by allowing The StoreHouse to produce a portion of its own food supply, increase fresh produce distribution, improve seasonal sustainability, and reduce reliance on external supply chains.

The agricultural component will enhance food security, strengthen emergency response capacity, and support the projected expansion of 1.5 to 2.5 million additional pounds of food distributed annually.