

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Youth Business and Workforce Development Center Cafe		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Attar	Ruff	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Youth Business and Workforce Development Center Cafe		
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
Harold L Diggs		
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Young Successful Leaders Inc. (YSLI) is a Baltimore-based nonprofit dedicated to empowering youth and young adults ages 9-25 through entrepreneurship, leadership development, financial literacy, workforce readiness, and community engagement programs. Our purpose is to equip participants with the skills, confidence, and real-world experiences needed to become responsible leaders, career-ready individuals, and active contributors to their communities. Through mentorship, hands-on training, community service, and restorative practices, YSLI addresses opportunity gaps, promotes social-emotional growth, and creates pathways to economic mobility while strengthening families and neighborhoods across Baltimore City and County.</p>		

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

This project will establish the Young Successful Leaders Inc. (YSLI) Youth and Business Center, Maker Space, and Mobile Community Caf at 3710 Edmondson Ave in Baltimore to reduce disparities in workforce access, entrepreneurship, and community safety. Youth ages 925 will receive hands-on training in leadership, financial literacy, technology, and hospitality, creating pathways to employment and youth-led enterprises. Renovations will modernize the facility with upgraded HVAC, security, restrooms, roof repairs, technology, and creative equipment, along with a community garden and collaborative spaces. The mobile caf will expand outreach and real-world job training. The project promotes violence prevention, community engagement, and economic empowerment while aligning with Marylands priorities for education, workforce development, and public safety.

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	\$125,000
Design	\$25,000
Construction	\$200,000
Equipment	\$150,000
Total	\$500,000

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

Revole Fund	\$10,000
Chicago Trend	\$14,000
Baltimore City District 8	\$15,000
Baltimore City Youth Fund	\$50,000
John Hopkin Ceal	\$16,000
Ravens	\$50,000
France Merrit Future Building opp	\$150,000
IW Loan	\$195,000
Total	\$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
5/29/2026	6/30/2026	6/25/2026	11/25/2026
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	
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18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Young Successful Leaders Inc		3710 Edmondson Ave	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	41 - Baltimore City		
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:	Malcom Ruff and Dalya Attar	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			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
8	14	236000.00	461000.00
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?			Lease
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
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	
Chanel Oliver Arrington	15	yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	1512		
Space to be Renovated GSF	1512		
New GSF			

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