

# State Of Maryland

## 2020 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
OASIS Farm		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Zucker	Queen	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Montgomery County	\$44,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the OASIS Farm facility, including repairs to the buildings' roofs and improvements to the facility's parking lot		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:  Equal	Type: The matching fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.	
<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>
Narayan Athreya	703-362-4595	nvathreya@icubesys.com
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Organization for the Advancement of and Services to Individuals with Special needs (OASIS), Inc. is an IRS approved 501c(3) tax-exempt nonprofit org. dedicated to enriching the quality of life of special needs individuals and their families through job training, employment opportunities and social interactions in a farm setting. OASIS Farms, our first farm, is located at 24800 Dunnivant Drive, Gaithersburg, MD. Situated on a 14 acre farm, it is ideally located, easily accessible, and provides a tranquil environment for special needs individuals to learn about agriculture and other vocational, domestic and craft skills taught by our staff and volunteers. Small scale farming is particularly suitable for special needs individuals that provides skills, physical activity in an outdoor setting. While there are some similar farms nationwide, there are very few in MD.</p>		

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

OASIS Farm has realized a significant increase in participants as new state and federal standards for service providers require more community-based participant opportunities. During the growing season OASIS welcomes up to about 100 participants a week. To handle increased demand, OASIS has launched the workspace expansion project that includes the following: 1.Add carport to extend multipurpose, renovated garage to incorporate the 25 x 25 concrete pad in front 2.Repair three old sheds housing equipment used by participants 3.Complete attic space above garage and add exterior steps and access door to provide additional learning/meeting space 4.Install sturdy fencing around the property periphery to protect and secure the growing fields where the participants prep, sow and harvest their garden crops 5.Provide more accessible parking spaces for the participants various transport services, cars and vans by leveling and enlarging the area near the farm entrance

*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>	\$21,000
<b>Design</b>	\$4,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$63,000
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$88,000</b>

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

Matching funds from OASIS supporters and fund raising	\$44,000
MD Bond Initiative request	\$44,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$88,000</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>
Complete	Complete	10/7/2020	12/31/2020
<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>
41300.00		2200	3400
<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>	
Org. for Advancement of and Services to Individuals with Special needs (OASIS) Inc.  11412 Swains Creek Ct, Potomac, MD 20854		OASIS 24800 Dunnivant Drive, Gaithersburg, MD02882	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>		14 - Montgomery 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>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Doraiswamy Rajagopal	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	3019836858		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	

<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	4	71500.00	126600.00
<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>			Lease
<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>	
Doraiswamy and Chitra Rajagopal	25 years	Renew indefinitely	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	1400		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	600		
<b>New GSF</b>	800		

<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>	1960s
<b>28. Comments</b>	
<p>The Organization for the Advancement of and Services for Individuals with Special Needs, (OASIS), Inc., was formed and is run by parents/siblings of those special needs. opened its agricultural farm venue, OASIS Farms, in the fall of 2015. OASIS intends this farm to serve the needs of those with special needs. OASIS requests the State's assistance to exapnd the current facilities to serve more individuals with special needs.</p> <p>Located on 14 acres abutting Hawkins Creamery Road and Dunnivant Drive, the farm currently serves individuals from 16 service providers, 3 self-directed families, and 1 respite provider. Four local high schools frequent the farm for community-based instructional opportunities several times per year. OASIS is also a Student Service-Learning venue for local middle and high school students. Several volunteer groups perform their community service at the farm venue.</p> <p>OASIS Farms require more accessible workspace to serve the needs of our rapidly growing participant population. Our equipment shed offers little shade for OASIS farm participants learning about farm machinery. Nor does the shed take advantage of its proximity to the growing fields when cleaning, sorting and packaging the harvest. So, renovating and rebuilding the shed provides the much-needed space. A carport placed in front of the shed will be used for equipment training and care and provide a sheltered venue for sorting &amp; cleaning produce.</p> <p>The building and the finished garage provide space for activities like job skills training and classes but not enough to accommodate all participants. The finishing of the attic provides additional space for training or space for caregivers to stay while the participants are in classes.</p>	