

State Of Maryland 2018 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr2684	sb0749	lr2685	hb1085	Farming 4 Hunger Community Agricultural Facility
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Miller				Proctor
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Charles County				\$100,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a community agricultural facility at the Thomas L. Hance Life Share Building				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Unequal \$50,000			Type: The matching fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions.	
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address
Bernie Fowler, Jr.			443-532-4000	berniefowlerjr@hotmail.com
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
Farming 4 Hunger, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) founded in 4/1/2012 to grow fresh food for the hunger community; provide meaningful training and skills for men in the Southern Maryland DOC Pre-Release; provide addiction prevention education to school children, athletic teams and others who volunteer at the Farm. Our four core areas of focus are Second Chance Citizens, Youth, Hunger and Community. We do this by: Growing healthy food to address the hunger problem in the Southern Maryland Community and the State. Offering volunteer opportunities to let people experience the process of helping others Helping community members and volunteers internally struggling regain hope through experience sharing Addressing drug abuse and alcohol prevention for children and young adults Helping ex-cons rehabilitate and contribute to their community				

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

The purpose for the project is to complete the build-out to the 10,000 square foot Thomas L. Hance Life Share Building which Farming 4 Hunger leases from Serenity Farm through a long-term renewable lease. Half of the building is dedicated to office and training space value-added prep space, walk-in fridge, and space for sorting, packaging and distributing fresh produce that we deliver to the hunger community. The remaining space will be completed with climate control, paneling, flooring, lighting and a vestibule entry. Making this a year-round facility is necessary for Farming 4 Hunger to work more efficiently, build capacity, continue training inmates, offering field trips for Southern Maryland students that includes agricultural activities, and addiction prevention education to fight the opioid and heroin epidemic, and increase our community outreach.

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	\$210,000
Design	\$45,000
Construction	\$71,000
Equipment	\$48,000
Total	\$374,000

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

Bond Bill	\$100,000
In-Kind	\$64,000
General Operating Budget (Lease)	\$210,000
Total	\$374,000

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
Done	Done	7/2018	6/2019
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
43000.00	5,000		10,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2017	\$75,000	Finish 5,000 square feet of Thomas L. Hance Commu	
MD			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Farming 4 Hunger, Inc P.O. Box 2348 Prince Frederick, MD 20678		6932 Serenity Farm Road Benedict, MD 20612	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	27A - Charles and Prince George's 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:	Bernie Fowler, Jr.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443-532-4000		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	
4	4	336000.00	336000.00	
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	
David Robinson, Serenity Farm		15 yrs	5 yr renewal	
26. Building Square Footage:				
Current Space GSF		10,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF		5,000		
New GSF		10,000		

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

Built 1995, Restored 2012

28. Comments

Farming 4 Hunger is staffed by three paid employees and several professionals who volunteer their time with the Farm. Our core focus areas all center around growing fresh food for the hunger community. We could not continue to do our work without the farming aspect that is truly our overarching theme. When you feed hungry tummies, you also feed souls. Feeding souls heals communities.

The key word to this project is community. Agriculture is the number one industry in the State. What a better way to showcase the significance agriculture plays, not just from an economic impact, but as a way to improve lives.

A year-round Community Agricultural Facility, will put Farming 4 Hunger in a position to develop a strong model that can be replicated around the State, and further. The Community Agricultural Facility is already a place where agricultural education, drug and alcohol prevention, workforce development and investment, and community support takes place. Completing this facility will be an enormous benefit to the community and provide a very positive impact among not only residents, but visitors as well. A year-round space can be utilized by community outreach groups to include those geared towards recovery and support groups, athletic teams, groups who wish to hold fundraisers for F4H, and more.

Imagine facilities such as this throughout the Nation addressing the emotional and social challenges our youth face, and healing communities from the inside out. This Community Agricultural facility will leave a legacy to the Southern Maryland community.