

State Of Maryland

2022 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Be a Chef for a Day @ Bit Community Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Washington	Boyce	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$300,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a community kitchen, an art community center and a social space		
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
Senator Mary Washington		Mary.Washington@senate.state.md.us
Monica E. Lapenta - ED & CEO		703-340-4012
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The BITs (formerly known as Italian Cultural Center) mission is to support an equitable prosperous Baltimore building community health and wealth for citizens of the world who call Baltimore home. Always inspired by our Italian culture, we do so by empowering families through the Arts, building community access to affordable quality food, providing food education, promoting food justice, creating international exchange opportunities, training, and jobs for young adults.</p>		

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

The BIT Center Building will gather under the same roof all the programs of the organization: B-More Pasta a social enterprise where youth-run every aspect of the business. This program provides job training, job opportunities for community youth and supports the free classes of our Be a Chef for a Day. Be a Chef for a Day our nutrition education program that serves directly the local schools providing food, nutrition, and food financial education and life skills training to kids and their families. Our Arts Center Mobile Kitchen and Classroom: we have a repurposed 40ft bus that transforms into a classroom, a farmers market, and a commercial kitchen. Community kitchen program that serves thousands of meals every week. The building will have a large commercial kitchen, a teaching kitchen, a manufacturing area, a vegetable garden, a large parking space and outdoor area for our bus, a multipurpose room, an art room, and office.

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	\$450,000
Design	\$130,000
Construction	\$400,000
Equipment	\$315,000
Total	\$1,295,000

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

BRNI	\$250,000
Cash in Hand restricted for this purpose	\$50,000
Mortgage	\$320,000
Private Foundations	\$150,000
Weinman Foundation	\$10,000
Capital Campaign	\$140,000
Social Enterprise	\$75,000
State Bond Money	\$300,000
Total	\$1,295,000

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
5/1/2022	5/31/2022	7/15/2022	12/16/2022
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	
120000.00	79000	120000	
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)	
315 Homeland Southway, Baltimore MD 21212		4519 York Road, Baltimore MD 21212	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	43 - 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:	Monica E. Lapenta	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	703-340-4012		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
6122 Macbeth Drive, Baltimore MD 21239			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
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?			Own
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			No
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	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	2700		
Space to be Renovated GSF	5000		
New GSF	7700		

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

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28. Comments