

State Of Maryland

2022 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Farming 4 Hunger St. Mary's County Expansion		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
	Crosby	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
St. Mary's County	\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Farming 4 Hunger expansion		
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
Delegate Brian M. Crosby		Brian.Crosby@house.state.md.us
Bernie Fowler Jr., Executive Director, President		(443) 532-4000
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Farming 4 Hunger, Inc. (F4H) is a nonprofit organization cultivating impactful partnerships to apply agricultures positive influence to critical social issues throughout Maryland. F4Hs mission is to grow food, to engage communities, and to empower students and citizens around issues of hunger and food insecurity; crime and addiction prevention and recovery; and workforce development. Through innovative collaborations with The Maryland Food Bank, The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Corrections, county school systems, farmers statewide, and volunteers from across the state and around the world, F4H grows food for the regions hungry alongside providing field trips, school programming, training workshops, and teachable moments in self-sufficiency, service-leadership, substance abuse recovery, inmate rehabilitation, and compassionate citizenship.</p>		

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

F4H seeks to establish a second center of operations in St. Marys county located at Historic St. Marys City. Acquiring a long-term lease for acreage and multiple existing buildings will expand and diversify our products and services for more Maryland residents; build capacity for community organizations; and enable strategic and legacy planning with our partner network. The project scope includes repairing and renovating several historic, multi-purpose outbuildings for storage of tools, supplies, and equipment and the design and creation of infrastructure to support production and programming such as improving site conditions through the addition of new wells, plumbing, electric utilities, and other infrastructure. All project features require investigative site analysis and archaeological surveys to protect archeological resources in Historic St. Marys City.

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	
Design	\$50,000
Construction	\$150,000
Equipment	\$50,000
Total	\$250,000

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

Bond Bill	\$250,000
Total	\$250,000

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
8/1/2022	10/1/2022	10/1/2023	2/1/2024
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
		6,500	10,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2017	\$75,000	Farming 4 Hunger Community Agricultural Facility	
2018	\$100,000	Farming 4 Hunger Community Agricultural Facility	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Farming 4 Hunger, Inc P.O. Box 2348 Prince Frederick, MD 20678		16599 Point Lookout Rd St. Marys City, MD 20686	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	29B - St. Mary's County		
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		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Farming 4 Hunger, Inc P.O. Box 2348 Prince Frederick, MD 20678			

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	6	312750.00	345000.00
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	
Historic St. Mary's City Commission	15	5	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	3225		
Space to be Renovated GSF	3225		
New GSF	3000		

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

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28. Comments

Expanding to a second operations center at Historic St. Marys City (HSMC) will enable Farming 4 Hunger to significantly enhance its ability to feed the hungry of the state; to rehabilitate inmates through workforce development; to educate and inspire students; and to coordinate volunteerism. A designated Historic Landmark since 1969, HSMC provides meaningful interpretations of agricultures place in American history through publications, high quality indoor and outdoor museum exhibits, and living history interpretive programs. One of Southern Marylands leading tourist attractions, HSMC will leverage the reach of F4H to an even larger and more diverse general public, including 11,000 general admission and special event visitors and almost 25,000 school tour visitors annually. HSMCs twin focus on preserving agricultural heritage and educational outreach will amplify and augment F4Hs mission.

Since its creation in 2012, F4H has collaborated with the Maryland Food Bank program and a statewide network of farmers to grow, package, and distribute 10 million pounds of fresh produce to food insecure Maryland residents. HSMCs prime agricultural acreage will support expanded production of abundant, nutritious produce to feed Marylands hungry.

Working closely with the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Corrections, F4H oversees the STAR Citizen Workforce Development Program which has trained and helped rehabilitate 138 inmates; hosted community service days for 131 individuals from Calvert County Drug Court; and lowered recidivism rates to less than 10%: a volunteer program equivalent to \$262,000 of annual in kind labor. Expanded operations at HSMC will provide additional venues for reintegrating inmates into the workforce through skills training.

F4H supports Maryland students from kindergarten to college by implementing healthy food programming for 15,000 students in 85 elementary schools; hosting farm field trips for nearly 5,000 students from 6 counties; mentoring more than 100 alternative-education and at-risk children; and training 775 student athletes through team-building workshops. F4H offers skills training workshops on team-building, substance abuse, addiction and crime prevention, and recovery workshops. Partnering with HSMC will position F4H to reach more students earlier in their schooling, increasing the benefits for individuals and the wider community.

F4Hs partnership with HSMC will receive additional support through collaboration with faculty and students at St. Marys College of Maryland (SMCM). SMCM, a public liberal arts college located next to the site of Marylands first agricultural settlement on the banks of the Chesapeake Bay, occupies a special place in higher education. Founded in 1840, SMCM is a living monument to enduring principles of educational innovation and public service. In 1992 the Maryland legislature designated SMCM as a Public Honors College, one of only two nationally. Annual enrollment averages around 1,650 students, 90% of whom reside in Maryland. The remaining 10% hail from 23 states and 10 nations. HSMCs history of robust partnerships with SMCM, especially the new Environmental Studies Program, offers a range of opportunities to advance F4Hs reach and impact including workforce development and service leadership.

HSMC attracts a wide range of volunteers and will deepen F4Hs civic engagement. Farming 4 Hunger has coordinated over 20,000 volunteers from 31 countries, 11 states, and 20 Maryland counties who dedicated almost 60,000 hours to cultivating healthy food and an engaged citizenry.