

# State Of Maryland

## 2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Agriculture Technology Incubator		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Brooks	A. Jones	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Baltimore County	\$850,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of an Agriculture Technology Incubator		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<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>
Delegate Adrienne A. Jones		adrienne.jones@house.state.md.us
Kendrick Tilghman		
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Digital Bay Center(diversity incubator) The business training includes the Youthpreneur (B.S.T.A.R) Business Student Talent Access Ready project, DevOps-SEC+ business canvas, Govts and private customer relations with machine learning, Business Blockchain, and NFT Metaverse, Internet 3 code breakers. The small business+ programs pipeline small businesses (not just start-ups) Mom&amp;Pop Shops to scale from a regional level to IPOs, on the Dow Jones and NASDAQ. Our Digital Diner accelerator focuses on startups ready to launch in food tech and food entrepreneurs incubating their ideas and accessing a commercial kitchen. Training workshops and programs provide access to an extensive network of food companies and rent local shelf space.</p>		

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

The Harriet Tubman Agriculture Technology Incubator will build a vertical farm using LED lighting. Evolving local means, from farm to fork, and delivering farmers' food products within 24 hours. The Tubman Incubator will support infrastructure, equipment, mentoring, and technical assistance to help launch their businesses successfully. Farmers will learn techniques like Starfire receivers, AutoPath guidance, transferring maps, tillage prescriptions, machine, field data, Seed technologies, Automation 4.0 applications, Auto Trac, Row, Auto Path, Auto Trac, Turn Automation,-Section Control-Machine Sync, . There will be agricultural training classes in Master Gardiner Certifications, horticulture training, USDA Certified Organic certification process, Marylands Farmer training & certification program, and registering with the Maryland Department of Agriculture for the Maryland Certified Local Farm Enterprise Program.

*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>	\$850,000
<b>Design</b>	\$50,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$203,332
<b>Equipment</b>	\$663,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,766,332</b>

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

LBI	\$850,000
5 Starr Enterprise LLC	\$100,000
Digital Bay Center Inc	\$150,000
Black Steel Inc.	\$350,000
Grants	\$316,332
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,766,332</b>

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
9/14/2023	12/20/2023	2/23/2024	6/07/24
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	
500000.00		50,000	
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)	
Digital Bay Center Inc. 3 South Frederick St. Baltimore MD 21202 suite 801		9600 Liberty Rd Randallstown, MD	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	10 - Baltimore 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:	Colby Smith	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-491-1311		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
951 Brooks Lane 21217 2a			

<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>
10	25	350000.00	1000000.00
<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>			Own
<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>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	5,500		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	5,500		
<b>New GSF</b>	none		

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

1810

**28. Comments**

The site Digital Bay Center Inc. is trying to purchase a historical site in district 10 of Randallstown on a two-acre lot to help create a diversity incubator formally known as "The Harriet Tubman Agriculture Technology Incubator." Black farmers played a significant role in the Civil Rights Movement. Harriet Tubman: Farm life planted the seed that grew into rebellion. Iconic Black historical figures such as George Washington Carver promoted practices that seem commonplace today, like composting soil with organic matter. His work benefitted scores of sharecroppers across the United States. His ideas for focusing on renewable resources and sustainable agricultural practices have never been more relevant than they are today.

The Tubman Tech Incubator will address the dimensions of food and nutrition insecurities. The first aspect is "Availability"; this refers to the physical existence of food that could be from our production or bought from the local markets. Secondly, "Access" is ensured when all households have enough resources to obtain the food of sufficient quantity, quality, and diversity for a nutritious diet. Next is "Use and Utilization," which describes the socio-economic aspects of household food and nutrition security, determined by knowledge and habits. Assuming that nutritious food is available and accessible, the household must decide what food to purchase, how to prepare it, and how to consume and allocate it within the home. The last aspect of food insecurities is "Stability," which describes the temporal dimension of food and nutrition security. Tubman Tech will train food justice advocacy in which communities exercise their right to grow, sell, and eat healthy food. Healthy food is fresh, nutritious, affordable, culturally appropriate, and grown locally with care for the well-being of the land, workers, and animals. Another principle of Tubman Diversity Incubator is food equity. It is the expansive concept that all people have the ability and opportunity to grow and consume healthful, affordable, and culturally significant foods. Black farmers are unsung food justice advocates and organic intellectuals who imagined better communities and food systems. In the age of high food price inflation and supply chain disruption, "The Harriet Tubman Agriculture Technology Incubator." is an idea whose time has come.

In 2020, the founding members volunteered their time Kendrick Tilghman (President of Greater Baltimore Black Chamber of Commerce, CEO of 5 Starr Enterprise LLC), Peter Daniels (Vice President of T. Rowe Price/CEO of PDC Inc.), Colby Smith (Owner Black Steel Inc. Cyber Security/ Officer of Baltimore City Circuit Court) Timothy Brown (CEO of Browns Communication) unanimously approved an economic development strategic plan to develop businesses in Central Maryland, Southern Maryland, Western Maryland, and the Eastern Shores communities with activities and investment over the next decade. Each focus area position also directly addressed an existing barrier to economic development. Launching a business incubator in 4 locations throughout Maryland made sense as a strategic action, given Maryland's proximity to a central innovation hub, the low investment, and the modest risk. In July 2021, as a first step toward realizing this strategic action, the founding members engaged The Accelerator center of Excellence of Miami, Florida. In addition, they met with the OHUB incubator in Atlanta with founder Dr. Sampson, a four-state diversity incubator.