

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Sutton - BIT Center Campus		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
	Boyce	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$2,000,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Sutton - BIT Center Campus property		
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 Regina T. Boyce		regina.boyce@house.state.md.us
Monica E. Lapenta		703-340-4012
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The BIT Center, a Baltimore-based nonprofit founded in 1955 as Circolo Culturale, aims to promote Italian arts and culture in Maryland while supporting the Italian immigrant community. Merging with Italcultura in 1999, it leads efforts to assist Maryland institutions in Italy, aid Italian companies in Maryland, and facilitate artistic exchanges across the Atlantic. Guided by Italian heritage, our mission enriches the community through cultural understanding, youth empowerment, and health initiatives. Diverse programs foster dialogue, partnerships increase involvement, and workforce development connects youth to opportunities. Innovative initiatives like "Be a Chef for a Day" promote healthier lifestyles. Success is gauged by lasting impact and community interconnectedness.</p>		

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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	\$0
Design	\$2,000,000
Construction	\$8,000,000
Equipment	\$4,000,000
Total	\$14,000,000

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

Capital Campaign	\$5,000,000
Mortgage	\$4,350,000
LBI	\$2,000,000
Community Catalyst Grant	\$150,000
BRNI	\$500,000
Private Foundations Grants	\$2,000,000
Total	\$14,000,000

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
5/1/2024	5/1/2025	10/2/2025	10/1/2027
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
2000000.00	0		6000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2022	\$300,000		
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
BIT Community Center INC		3009 Greenmount Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21218	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	43A - 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:	7033404012		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
315 Homeland Southway, Baltimore, MD 21212			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site				
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget	
7	12	450000.00	700000.00	
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?			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		10,920 GSF		
Space to be Renovated GSF		10,920 GSF		
New GSF		12,155 GSF		

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

1914

28. Comments

Saint John in the Village property in Waverly has been empty for years, and the community has asked for action for the longest time. This project will answer the community's request for an oasis for youth and families to bring much-needed services and help community youth be equipped for this new era.

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- a communal space for elderly (for digital literacy, classes and eating together)
- a one stop youth employment resource center (ID, transportation, snap, wic, child care, jobs, education, mental health - all in once!)
- a youth tech hub (for youth 12-20 to bridge digital divide for youth from marginalized communities)
- makers space
- outdoor teaching spaces
- multiple working gardens
- a roof top herb/sensory garden