

# State Of Maryland

## 2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Easterseals Child Development Center		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Corderman	Grossman	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Washington County	\$250,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Easterseals Child Development Center		
<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 Brooke Grossman		brooke.grossman@house.state.md.us
Larry Bram		301-512-9746
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Since 1945, Easterseals DC MD VA has worked tirelessly to enhance quality of life and expand access to healthcare, education, and employment. We take a holistic approach, providing comprehensive services to thousands of children and adults regardless of their disability, military status, income, race, or age. To help each child reach their full potential, we provide personalized child development and early intervention services. To improve health and reduce isolation in adults with disabilities, we offer engaging activities and expansive resources. To enable military families to integrate into the community, we provide a suite of services, including employment support and mental healthcare. And to sustain families and caregivers, we provide comprehensive services and supports.</p>		

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

Washington County is a childcare desert. With more than 8,500 children younger than age 5, and less than 3,500 licensed spots among existing childcare providers, less than 40% of the county's children have a spot in childcare. There is not a single National Association for the Education of Young Children accredited center in all of Washington County. Easterseals DC MD VA is proposing a state-of-the-art child development center to begin to address this critical shortage. Washington County Public Schools (WCPS) estimates a need for about 750 3-year-old slots and views this project as key to improving school readiness. This state-of-the-art facility will accommodate 172 children ages 6 weeks to 4-years-old and meet a critical community need for a program that serves infants and toddlers, helps parents return to the workforce, prepares students for kindergarten, and complements Pillar One (Early Childhood Education) of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

*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>	\$1,300,000
<b>Design</b>	\$1,036,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$7,866,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$785,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,987,000</b>

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

FY25 Legislative Bond Initiative	\$250,000
Private donors (individuals, foundations, corporate)	\$4,937,000
Governor's FY25 supplemental budget (pending)	\$3,300,000
Federal earmark (pending)	\$2,500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,987,000</b>

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
3/1/2024	8/1/2024	9/2/2024	8/29/2025
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>	<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>	
2400000.00	N/A	172	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2020	\$150,000	Facility improvements at Intergenerational Center and	
2020	\$150,000	Facility improvements at Hagerstown Adult Day Serv	
2022	\$175,000	Facility improvements at Intergenerational Center and	
2022	\$130,000	Facility improvements at Baltimore Adult Day Servic	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Easter Seals Serving DC/MD/VA, Inc. 1420 Spring Street Silver Spring, MD 20910		530 N. Locust Street Hagerstown, MD 21740	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	2B - Washington County		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	James Fontana	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	703-936-8637		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
Fontana Law Group 1750 Tysons Blvd., Suite 1500 McLean, VA 22102			

<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>
N/A	50	0.00	3177000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)</b>			
<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>
N/A			
<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>	
N/A			
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	23,880		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	23,880		
<b>New GSF</b>	N/A		

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

1930

**28. Comments**

Easterseals was approached in 2021 by a coalition of business leaders, including the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, Greater Hagerstown Committee, Washington County Industrial Foundation, Washington County Public Schools, local economic development officials, and other community leaders, to bring its child development services to Washington County. All these parties consider available, quality childcare as an imperative for the economic growth of the area.

Western Maryland is seeing an explosion of new projects and new jobs, particularly in the logistics, distribution, and manufacturing industries. To fill these jobs, the community will need to attract new people to Washington County, leverage populations often overlooked, and improve labor participation rates, which have remained at historical lows since COVID. The lack of affordable childcare has been identified as one of the major contributors to the workforce shortage. This project not only increases the amount of affordable childcare seats, but also provides spaces for children with special needs thanks to Easterseals accredited services and ability to care for children with disabilities.

Easterseals currently operates eight highly successful child development centers and Head Start programs. Its inclusive classrooms create an environment in which children of all abilities, income levels, and the military status of the family learn new skills, develop relationships, share a sense of belonging, prepare for school, and appreciate diversity in others.

Research affirms the long-term benefits of high-quality early childhood education. According to Nobel prize-winning economist James Heckman, these benefits include more years of education, higher graduation rates, higher adult employment income, better health outcomes, permanent gains in IQ, and higher parental income.