

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Historic Ellicott City Courthouse		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Howard County Senators	Howard County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Howard County	\$1,100,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Historic Ellicott City Courthouse		
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
Howard County Delegation		hoc1@mlis.state.md.us
Aarti Rane		410-313-7548
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
Grantee is the Howard County Government.		

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

Howard County Government wishes to repurpose the former Circuit Courthouse, a landmark 1842 building in Ellicott City, Maryland, into a vibrant Center for Arts, Culture and History. The building was vacated in 2020 with the construction of a new circuit courthouse, and existing facility will be renovated to accommodate the new tenants, who include the Howard County Center for the Arts, Asian American Cultural Center (AAPI), Roving Radish farm to table food program, and a shared commercial kitchen. This project will include a comprehensive renovation of the existing structure, reconfiguring spaces to address the planned program elements, as well as replacing systems that are beyond their service life. The project will include renovations to improve ADA accessibility, including new restrooms, with a focus on equity. This will include all-gender restrooms with baby & adult changing stations.

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	\$200,000
Construction	\$15,482,000
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$15,682,000

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

This LBI request	\$1,100,000
County PAYGO Funds	\$7,750,000
Other Grants	\$2,575,000
ARPA	\$2,000,000
Bonds	\$750,000
Future year County Funds	\$1,507,000
Total	\$15,682,000

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
1/1/2024	7/31/2024	8/1/2024	8/31/2025
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	
0.00	0	>30,000	
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)	
Howard County, Maryland 3430 Courthouse Drive Ellicott City. MD 21043		8360 Court Ave, Ellicott City, MD 21043	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	9B - Howard 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:	Calvin Ball, County Executive	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-313-2400		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
3430 Courthouse Drive Ellicott City. MD 21043			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
0	~5	375000.00	650000.00
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?			Yes
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
Howard County Arts Council	10 Years	\$0	~35,000
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	80,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	60,000		
New GSF	0		

<p>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</p>	<p>1842,1843,1955,1988</p>
<p>28. Comments</p> <p>The County values community heritage by investing in the preservation of historic structures, while actively repurposing them to meet contemporary community needs, which positions Ellicott City for a strong future. Funds from this grant will specifically support interior renovations and finishes, bringing new life to interior spaces in support of the adaptive reuse. The plan concept for the courthouse complex calls for an adaptive reuse as a Center for Arts, Culture and History - with an emphasis on pedestrian and open space connections. Key to this plan is that the courthouse property should emphasize complementary uses rather than competitive to the retail mix that currently exists along Main Street.</p> <p>The Howard County Center for the Arts will provide a place where people of all ages and skill levels can develop and learn, artists can work and teach, and community arts organizations can establish themselves and grow. Each year, nearly 40,000 visitors browse through the galleries, take a class, or attend an event at the Center.</p> <p>The AAPI Cultural Center will include a lounge and social space, exhibit space, offices, and dance/martial arts studio. The AAPI population has grown considerably over the last decade, with Asian residents now making up 20% of the county (7% State of Maryland). The Center will become a hub where Asian Americans can form coalitions, help people apply for citizenship and encourage them to register to vote, a one-stop referral center for Asian residents many of whom are new immigrants who are seeking access to social programs and other resources. The establishment of an AAPI center is a positive signal to the community that they are valued as an integral part of society in Howard County, once again enveloping this historic building into the national narrative of equity and inclusion.</p> <p>The Roving Radish, a Howard County Government program, promotes healthy eating habits in our community by providing affordable meal kits; supports local farms by creating sustainable new markets to help them grow and continue farming in our community; and connects the community in a common effort to support local farmers and supply healthy meals to our residents, especially those in need.</p> <p>Additionally, the project will pay homage to the site's historic use as a Courthouse by preserving the original Courtroom 1 as a community room / flex space, which can be used by community organizations in addition to the building occupants.</p> <p>The completed project is intended to have programming 7 days a week, during daytime hours; with occasional evening programming of the black box theater or community spaces. It will have fully ADA accessible restrooms, at least 285 parking spaces, and be directly accessible from public transportation.</p> <p>Finally, the location will support the potential establishment of an Arts & Entertainment District in Howard County with the new center serving as the arts anchor.</p>	