

Severn Center

Description

For over 20 years, community members have advocated for a community center to serve the unmet needs of the area surrounding the Van Bokkelen Elementary school in the Severn community. Since 2006, stakeholders have met monthly in an effort to move a project forward. Their perseverance has been successful in capturing the attention and commitment of the elected officials to develop a project to meet the needs in the community and under the leadership of the Pittman Administration, the project is about to become a reality.

The County, through Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and Local Development Council Video Lottery Terminal funds, committed approximately \$12 million dollars to the project. State legislators, through legislative capital grants, provided \$3 million and an \$800,000 grant was awarded by the Maryland Department of Aging helping to make the development of a multi-purpose facility at the Van Bokkelen Elementary School site a reality.



This funding was specifically committed to build (1) a state of the art Boys & Girls Club which includes a full size gymnasium and Teen Club to serve the many children and youth in the community; (2) a regional Senior Activity Center providing a wide array of educational programs, recreational activities, health screenings, and

classes in art, crafts, computer use, dance and many other topics for the older adults in the Severn area; and (3) flexible community space to be used for meetings and programming for all ages.

The exterior space is being designed to be open to the community with a welcoming and clearly defined accessible path with seating, plantings, and outdoor public art and flexible performance space. There will also be opportunities for community programming to serve a wide range of ages as well, through partnerships with other County service providers, such as the Department of Recreation and Parks, Workforce Development and the Health Department. There are also opportunities for future outdoor amenities, including community gardens and intergenerational exercise stations.

Source of Funds

County Funds	\$ 200,000
Local Development Council	\$ 2,707,000
Local Development Council (VLT) - Local Fiscal Year 2020	\$ 2,250,000
Local Development Council (VLT) - Local Fiscal Year 2021	\$ 3,750,000
Local Development Council (VLT) - Local Fiscal Year 2022	\$ 2,000,000
Community Development Block Grant - Local Fiscal Year 2020	\$ 1,000,000
State Bond Bill Capital Grants - Local Fiscal Year 2020	\$ 1,000,000
State Bond Capital Grants - Local Fiscal Year 2021	\$ 2,000,000
State Department of Aging Grant	<u>\$ 800,000</u>
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	<u>\$ 15,707,000</u>



Developer/Project Manager: Arundel Community Development Services, Inc. (ACDS)
 General Contractor: TMI Contractors
 Architect: Murphy & Dittenhafer Architects