



March 9, 2021

Capital Budget and Hearing
Senate and House Capital Budget Subcommittee

Senator Doug Peters, Chair
Delegate Ben Barnes, Chair

Dear Chairmen and Members of the Capital Budget Subcommittee,

The Y of Frederick is appreciative of the ongoing partnership and support from the State of Maryland over the past few years. We respectfully ask for your support and approval of our Y's request of \$565,000 that the Governor graciously included in the FY 2022 Capital Budget. This funding will allow us to complete construction of the South County Family YMCA. This new facility will allow the Y to expand our mission and serve thousands of people each day through the programs we operate. The facility will enhance our local economy by creating over 100+ new jobs and attract and retain residents in the underserved southern part of Frederick County.

The South County Family YMCA is located on a 22-acre complex that will include multi-use athletic fields and a 65,000+ square foot indoor full-facility that will be a valued community resource. The cost of construction is expected to be \$23M+. The Y has raised over \$5M in contributions, secured \$6.6M through signed agreements/partnerships with the Frederick County Government and the Frederick Health Hospital and have over \$1M+ in requests that are pending or pledged. The YMCA's goal is to keep our debt ratio under 50% of the construction cost.

The Y's request of \$565,000 will assist in the completion of construction of new South County Family YMCA facility that will have many benefits for our community. They include but are not limited to:

- A facility to reach out to the middle and high school students who will be in schools adjoining the property. It should be noted that there is no safe supervised place in Southern Frederick County for children to congregate afterschool, on the weekends and during school breaks.
- The Southern part of Frederick is quickly becoming a popular place for adults 55+. Having a facility that promotes connections and health will be beneficial to supporting these residents.
- The YMCA will use state funding to help pay for construction of a Health, Education and Wellness campus. The Y in collaboration with Frederick Health Hospital and the Frederick County Government are creating a comprehensive wellness campus on the Y property.
- The YMCA has awarded over \$500K in direct scholarships in 2020. Our goal is to expand these scholarships in future years.

The YMCA is on target to open to the public April 5, 2021. We invite you to help us finish this important project and thank you for the consideration we know that you will give this request.

Sincerely,

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For a better us.

SOUTH COUNTY FAMILY YMCA

Conveniently positioned between the Urbana Middle School and Urbana High School, the 22-acre complex includes multi-use athletic fields and a 65,000+ square-foot facility.

Urbana is growing and the Y is here for the community to learn, grow and thrive:

- Build a safe space to provide positive activities from an early age to help young people reach their full potential so they can grow into thriving adults!
- Providing health and wellness services beneficial to attracting and supporting the growing 55+ community
- Creating more than 100 jobs in southern Frederick County
- Ensure access for everyone by providing financial assistance through our Annual Campaign. (More than \$500,000 is awarded annually.)



The Y Leaders program enhances the lives of our teens by combining leadership training with volunteer efforts and service projects.



Pedaling for Parkinson's, Rock Steady Boxing and our Diabetes Prevention Program all promote healthy living for our 55 and better members!



Actual photos of construction in progress: Aquatic Center featuring an 8-lane 25-yard competition pool and a warm water family/class pool and Gymnasium with Indoor Track, Basketball, Volleyball, and Pickleball.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

The Y is partnering with Frederick County, Frederick Health and Frederick County Public Schools on this project.

