

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
International Black Fire Fighter Museum and Safety Education Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
McCray	Smith	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the International Black Fire Fighter Museum and Safety Education Center		
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 Stephanie Smith		stephanie.smith@house.state.md.us
George Collins		410-258-7546
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The African American Fire Fighters Historical Society's mission is to collect, preserve and disseminate historical data, and information relating to the contributions made by fire fighters of color, and others who have made a contribution to such history; to be used for the purpose of education, fire prevention and mentoring. The purpose of this project is for the renovation of the Historic Oliver Community Firehouse aka Truck Company #5. This project will convert a 120-year-old 25-year vacant property to a fire museum and fire safety education center. The funds requested are to be used to assist in building stabilization and address environmental issues.</p>		

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

The Historic Oliver Community Firehouse is an approximately 25-year vacant property which is in urgent need of structure stabilization to avoid continued deterioration. The poor condition of this building has been caused by a dilapidated roof generating damage to the original ceilings and floors of this historic building. The first phase of the project is stabilization, demolition and abatement of all environmental hazards. This has been estimated at \$1,000,000.00. The aforementioned dollar amount is the only confirmed funding sources for this phase of the project so far. We were able to use previous bond bill funding for the architectural and engineering design of this historic property. Based on the full drawings we will seek estimates for phase II of the project's site improvement, renovation and construction to this historic firehouse.

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	
Design	
Construction	\$1,000,000
Equipment	
Total	\$1,000,000

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

LBI capital grant	\$200,000
non-LBI funding	\$800,000
Total	\$1,000,000

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
2023	2024	January 2025	June 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		100,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2016	\$50,000		
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
African American Fire Fighters Historical Society, Inc. 2901 Druid Park Drive, Suite #402 Baltimore, MD 21215		1220 E. Oliver Street Baltimore, MD 21202	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	45 - 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:	George Collins	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-258-7546		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
2901 Druid Park Drive, Suite #402 Baltimore, MD 21215			

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 - only	5	50000.00	250000.00
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?			
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	7,800		
Space to be Renovated GSF	7,800		
New GSF	7,800		

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

c. 1900

28. Comments

The African American Fire Fighters Historical Society (AAFFHS), has a mission to collect, preserve and disseminate historical data, and information relating to the contributions made by fire fighters of color, and others who have made a contribution to such history; to be used for the purpose of education, fire prevention and mentoring. AAFFHS is a 501C (3) Charitable Organization, whose Annual Salute Dinner is the only event in the world, that regularly honors African Americans contributions to fire service history. All honorees over the last 15 years were very deserving of their recognition and most have never had their contributions acknowledge. These individuals are humble men and women, who just were doing what needed to be done.

The International Black Fire Fighters Museum & Safety Education Center is the evolution of The African American Fire Fighters Historical Society. It will be phenomenal to fill the void of valuable contributions made by African Americans in fire service history with a permanent exhibition showing African American Marylanders determination to provide fire service protection for their community.

With residential rehabs happening in the neighborhood, we look for our museum project to show that there is an interest in the commercial development of East Baltimore's Oliver Community. The African American Fire Fighters Historical Society has a volunteer staff of board members that run our organization, with no salary staff. Our main project is our annual salute dinner which draws approximately 200 people per year. This fire museum project will require paid staff which is mentioned in this application. The estimation of 100,000 people to be served by our museum is based on The National Great Blacks in Wax attendance of 150,000 people, located within a quarter mile of our location.