

# State Of Maryland

## 2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
National Great Blacks In Wax Museum		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
McCray		
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Baltimore City	\$750,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the National Great Blacks In Wax Museum		
<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>
Senator Cory McCray		cory.mccray@senate.state.md.us
Dr. Joanne Martin		410.563.3404, ext. 16
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Museum was founded in 1983 by Drs. Elmer and Joanne Martin. In 1988 their philosophy that community development and cultural development go hand in hand prompted them to relocate from their downtown storefront to the low income Oliver community in East Baltimore. The aim was to spur cultural tourism as a catalyst for community revitalization. The Museum has become a nationally recognized institution. It has also evolved into a powerful compendium of wax figures, from the past- like Dr Martin Luther King Jr. and from the present-like President Barack Obama. In 2026, the Museum will open a 12.5 million dollar facility that spans 1601-1611 East North Avenue. The expansion and renovation project is the cornerstone of a vibrant revitalization initiative in the Oliver, Broadway East and Johnson Square Communities.</p>		

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

The Museum will design and construct a 6.8-million-dollar addition that spans 1603-1619 East North Avenue. The expansion, being designed by the architectural firm of RM Sovich Architecture, will be the cornerstone of a vibrant revitalization initiative in the Broadway East, Oliver and Johnston Square Communities. With more than 20,000 square feet of new construction the Museum will have more than tripled its previous square footage. The project will include 17,000 square feet of permanent and changing exhibition areas, an orientation theatre, community event space, a retail shop, outdoor green space including: education and community event spaces.

*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>	\$85,000
<b>Design</b>	\$359,500
<b>Construction</b>	\$305,500
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$750,000</b>

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

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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$750,000</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>
4/1/2024	9/30/2024	3/3/2025	9/7/2026
<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>
215000.00	125,000 annual visitors		200,000
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2019	\$250,000	Acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, ren	
2021	\$750,000	Acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, ren	
2022	\$2,000,000	Acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, ren	
2023	\$1,000,000	Acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, ren	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
The National Great Blacks In Wax Museum, Inc 1601 East North Avenue. Baltimore, MD 21213		1603- 1619 East North Avenue Baltimore, MD 21213	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	45 - Baltimore City		
<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>	Joanne M.Martin	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	4105633404, ext. 16		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
1601 East North Avenue Baltimore, MD 21213			

<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>
12	25	850000.00	1660000.00
<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>	9,600		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	11,000		
<b>New GSF</b>	20,000		

<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>	2025
<b>28. Comments</b>	
<p>The combined impact of Maryland Bond funds received from 2019 to 2024 will be significant. The preservation and rehabilitation of the facades of 1603 and 1605 East North Avenue and the demolition of thee vacant houses at 1607, 1609, and 1611 East North Avenue will ultimately yield 20,000 square feet of new construction for 1603 to 1611 East North Avenue, along with a permeable parking lot, sculpture garden, a landscaped immersed environment for 1613 to 1619 East North Avenue.</p> <p>Thus, five dilapidated rowhouses and a historically significant Firehouse will become the cornerstone of a vibrant revitalization initiative in the Broadway East, Oliver and Johnston Square Communities.</p>	