

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
White Marsh-Sacred Heart Cemetery Restoration Project		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Watson	Boafo	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County	\$160,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the White Marsh-Sacred Heart Cemetery		
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 Adrian Boafo		adrian.boafo@house.state.md.us
Rev. Michael A. Russo		301-262-0704
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Sacred Heart Catholic Church Bowie, Inc. is a Catholic parish serving 860 families in the Bowie area. In addition to being an active parish community that provides Sacraments and faith formation, we are also the custodians of a rich history. Our property is the location of the former White Marsh Plantation that was previously owned and operated by the Society of Jesus. The parish is committed to the preservation and telling of the history of the early Catholic Church in the United States, the early history of Maryland, and the sad history of slavery. We have partnered with the descendant community to restore and preserve the historic cemetery and provide opportunities for public access and education.</p>		

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

Sacred Heart parish is the site of the White Marsh Jesuit plantation. Over 900 burials (many of the formerly enslaved or their descendants) have been rediscovered on parish grounds. The project's goals are to discover lost burials, research who should be buried here, and to outreach to the descendant community. While still an active church site the project is not religious in essence. The next step is to continue to clear land to find additional lost burials, to maintain the site and make necessary improvements to prevent future overgrowth and erosion. These clearing and maintenance efforts will enable us to design public access to the site, educational signage, and provide new information and possible burial locations to the descendants of those who were enslaved at White Marsh.

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	\$50,000
Design	\$55,000
Construction	\$180,000
Equipment	\$100,000
Total	\$385,000

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

Parish funds and capital savings	\$50,000
Donations from the Society of Jesus	\$150,000
Private donations to the parish	\$25,000
LBI request	\$160,000
Total	\$385,000

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
2/20/2024	3/20/2024	3/20/2024	7/20/2024
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	
180000.00	250	1,000	
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)	
Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Bowie Inc 16501 Annapolis Road Bowie, MD 20715			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	23 - Prince George's 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:	Mr. Chris Anzidei, Esq.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-853-5342		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Mr. Christ Anzidei, Esq General Counsel Archdiocese of Washington 5001 Eastern Avenue, Hyattsville, MD 20782			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site				
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget	
20	20	0.00	0.00	
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?			No	
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		7.5 acres of overgrown cemetery		
Space to be Renovated GSF		7.5 acres of overgrown cemetery		
New GSF				

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
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28. Comments	
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This project is being led completely by volunteers from the parish and the descendant community, as such it has no impact on the operating expenses and staff employed by the parish. We have applied for and not received grants from the MHAA, MHT, and AAHPP. We are committed to preserving the last resting places of over 900 people, the majority of whom were enslaved or are their descendants. We are working very closely with the descendant community and their organization the White Marsh Historical Society (whitemarsh.org) to survey, to preserve and to maintain this cemetery going forward, and to provide information to the descendants and general public to tell the history of what happened at and who labored at White Marsh. The parish community, using private donations, funding from the Jesuits, and its own resources has been working on this project for over a year. We have completed nearly 2,000 volunteer hours to clearing the cemetery 7.5 acres site, but now we need professionals to ensure this important work is done correctly. We have additional searching and clearing to do, and we need professionals to advise us on burial locations, site preservation, and appropriate designs for public access. We hope that this next phase of this project will make us a stronger applicant for state and private grant funds in the future. This project is ongoing and we are ready to use any funds received immediately for our stated goals.