

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Frederick Sports Mural		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
	Simpson	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Frederick County	\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Frederick Sports Mural		
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 Karen Simpson		Karen.Simpson@house.state.md.us
Yemi Fagbohun		240-409-5728
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Community Arts Inc is the nonprofit behind the creation of the Frederick Sports Mural. It consists of a Board of Directors and a pool of dedicated volunteers, plus the artist Yemi Fagbohun. The concept of the mural was generated a number of years ago with the initial project limited to 10 athletes. REsearch began and soon revealed a surprising number of over 1,000 athletes of note for their college and/or professional careers, which was scaled down to the 250 of the best and brightest. The Board has been working with the City of Frederick on the MOU and site plan, with Morgan Keller on construction plans and costs, and establishing relationships with community groups and funders to secure funds.</p>		

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

Construction of the Frederick Sports Mural by Community Arts Inc will begin as soon as construction cost funding is achieved . We estimate that will be in FY25 with the implementation of a 7,700 square foot public art project. The mural will celebrate 125 years of history and honor 250 athletes from over 30 sports in Frederick County in Maryland. Budget funds will be utilized to create and install the mural that can be seen by drivers on MD 355 and Interstate 70 from its location on the grounds of Harry Grove Stadium. The mural will be a tourism driver and have an economic impact on Frederick County.

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	\$0
Design	\$37,730
Construction	\$1,925,503
Equipment	
Total	\$1,963,233

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

Grants	\$132,500
State of Maryland	\$400,000
Frederick County Government	\$100,000
Public Campaign	\$1,330,733
Total	\$1,963,233

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
7/1/2019	7/1/2023	TBD	TBD
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	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
	\$50,000	Pre-construction	
	\$150,000	Pre-construction	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Community Arts Inc 14036 Tower Road Smithsburg , MD 21783		21 Stadium Drive Frederick, MD 21703	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	3 - Frederick 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:	Yemi Fagbohun	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	240-409-5728		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

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	0	1963233.00	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?			Lease
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
Community Arts Inc			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
City of Frederick, MD	MOU	MOU in perpetuity	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF			
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
28. Comments	
<p>The Frederick Sports Mural is a transformative public art project situated at Harry Grove Stadium in Frederick. As one of the largest murals in the world, measuring 550 feet in length, 14 feet in height, and covering 7,700 square feet, it aims to celebrate the rich athletic history of Frederick County over the past 125 years. The mural includes Olympians, Paralympians, professional players, elite collegiate athletes, and even a Preakness-winning horse all with direct Frederick County ties. Presented in a time-line fashion, the mural will visually depict the evolution of Frederick Countys population through sports representation.</p> <p>The mural showcases diversity with a historic instillation that weaves the tale of opportunity, the legislative equality process and accessibility of opportunity. We believe art lovers, history buffs and sports enthusiasts will all find meaning within the mural's story.</p> <p>The research and selection process for the honorees is notable for its inclusivity, reaching beyond the local school system to include athletes such as a charter member of the International Jousting Hall of Fame, reflecting the diversity of sport, race, gender, decade, and mobility. The process of selection was rigorous and done over a 5-year period. Thousands of local athletes were considered, researched and reviewed by a panel of national experts. The list is comprised almost exclusively of individuals who were professional, international athletes, NCAA division I all-American and major conference all-stars. We have one animal - a horse that won the Preakness and was National Horse of the Year. You can find the full list on our website at www.fredericksportsmural.org</p> <p>The project aligns with the national conversation on diversity and inclusion, serving as a visual representation of the varied tapestry of Frederick's sports history. It not only contributes to the vitality of the local arts community but also catalyzes economic recovery. According to the American for the Arts study on Arts & Economic Prosperity, arts-centered events attract non-local attendees, who spend significantly more, thus fostering economic rewards for local businesses.</p> <p>The Frederick Sports Mural is more than a static piece of art; it represents a dynamic engagement with the community. The project actively involves local businesses, employing Frederick County residents in construction, engineering, design, website creation, fundraising, accounting, and project management. The engagement with the Guinness Company to certify the mural as the "World's Largest Sports Mural by One Artist" adds a unique and prestigious accolade that can further boost the local economy. This accolade may be awarded once the mural is completed.</p>	