

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Bowie Center for the Performing Arts		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Watson		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County	\$20,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts property including the marquee		
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
Christopher Dwyer		937-902-0109
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Bowie Center for the Performing Arts is the fastest growing and most utilized performing arts facility in Prince George's County. We provide below-market rental rates to local organizations that produce their performing arts projects at our facility. We are the true definition of a "multidisciplinary" facility, partnering with organizations who provide dance recitals, theatrical residencies, musical concerts, comedy, and other arts and professional development conferences. We also produce our own content, providing our Broadway Bound educational series of summer camps and our annual production of A Christmas Carol. Our motto, "so that all may enjoy" encompasses our commitment to celebrating all the cultural arts of Prince George's County.</p>		

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

The Bowie Center for the Performing Arts has embarked on a "Facility Modernization Project," to update our facility's theatrical technology, safety, and lobby. Our first phase is replacing our marquee, which is now twenty years old and out of date. This marquee has two electronic boards that come together at a right angle. One of the boards is no longer working and both operate from a computer twenty-year old computer. (There is no update for this archaic technology.) The request for a bond bill would help finance a new 8mm marquee furnished by Watchfire Signs. This marquee would be one electronic board wrapping around the face of the building, replacing the two electronic boards currently situated there. Watchfire Signs has also agreed to replace our sign above the marquee and provide new lighting for it.

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	\$0
Construction	\$21,000
Equipment	\$42,000
Total	\$63,000

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

State of Maryland Bond Bill	\$20,000
Capital Improvement Project donations	\$8,000
Bowie Center Maintenance and Repair budget line	\$35,000
Total	\$63,000

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
Complete	Complete	7/18/2025	7/19/2025
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
8500.00		56,000	56,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
NA	\$3,500	MSAC Creativity Grant for performance project	
NA	\$4,000	MSAC Creativity Grant for performance project	
NA	\$4,000	MSAC Creativity Grant for performance project.	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Christopher Dwyer 4813 Briercrest Ct. Bowie, MD 20720		The Bowie Center for the Performing Arts 15200 Annapolis Rd Bowie, MD 20715	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	24 - 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:	NA	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			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
35	35	490000.00	490000.00
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	12,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	1,200		
New GSF	12,000		

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

2004

28. Comments

The Bowie Center for the Performing Arts will be able to fund the rest of the marquee project with donations, ticket revenue, and rental income. If we are granted the bond bill, our facility will be able to move immediately on the marquee replacement. Our contractor has informed us that removal of the old marquee and installation of the new electronic board is a one day job and they will be able to schedule the replacement in a matter of weeks, once funding is secure.

Replacing the marquee is Phase 1 of our Capital Improvement projects and once that is complete our organization will be able to move on to Phase 2, which is carpet replacement. Completing Phase 1 will be a positive contribution to our community and will change the face of our aging facility.