State Of Maryland 2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project					
Gwynns Falls Elementary School					
2. Senate Sponsor	nate Sponsor 3. House Sponsor				
Hayes	Amprey				
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount				
Baltimore City	\$160,000				
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative					
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Gwynns Falls Elementary School property including the design and build of a new playground					
7. Matching Fund					
Requirements:	Туре:				
Grant					
8. Special Provisions					
[] Historical Easement	[X] Non-Sectarian				
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address			
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10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)

KABOOM! is a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to end playspace inequity in communities around the country. Over the course of our 28-year history we have built over 17,000 playspaces in different neighborhoods throughout the United States. Since our launch in 1997, we have worked extensively in Maryland and specifically Baltimore. During this history, we have invested over \$11 million and built over 60 new playspaces. Currently, we are working with Baltimore City Recreation and Parks and Baltimore City Public Schools on ending disparities in their playground infrastructure through our national 25 in 5 initiative. Baltimore City was the inaugural partner in this national campaign to highlight and end racial disparities in playspace access.

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

Gwynns Falls Elementary School serves students from Pre-K through the 5th grade. There are currently 234 students enrolled. 77% of students are Title I eligible and 23% of students currently have some type of disability. Less than 5% of students demonstrate the skills necessary to start kindergarten according to the states start of school year assessment. The surrounding area has a childhood poverty rate of 28.8% which is 15-points higher than the national average. Only 46.9% of individuals own their homes. Approximately 1 in 3 children in Baltimore City are considered obese and suffer from dietary related illnesses. Active play can have a significant positive impact in improving those health statistics, as well as other improvements in students mental and physical health. A new playground at the school will encourage more students to play and be outside. It will also create an outdoor learning space teachers can use to engage students.

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	\$61,000				
Construction	\$80,000				
Equipment	\$80,000				
Total	\$221,000				
13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding sources and amounts.)					
LBI Funding	\$160,000				
Private Donation Match	\$61,000				
Total	\$221,000				

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)									
Begin Desi	egin Design Complete Desi		e Design	Begin Construction		n	Complete Construction		
1/5/2026		3/1/2	2026	.6 6/1/2		026		7/1.2026	
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised			S	16. Current Number of Pe Served Annually at Project Site			Serve	umber of People to be ed Annually After the ect is Complete	
0			2	235		235			
18. Other	State (Capit	al Gr	ants to Re	cipien	ts in the Past	15 Yea	ırs	
Legislativ	ve Sess	ion	А	Amount			Purpose		
2023				\$250,000 For the p		e purpose of b	e purpose of building playgrounds in Baltimore		
2024				\$750,000 For the		e purpose of b	uilding	playgrounds in Baltimore	
19. Legal N	Name a	and A	ddro	ess of Grai	ntee	Project Add	ress (If	f Different)	
KABBOM! 7200 Wisconsin Ave. Ste. 400 Bethesda, MD 20814			•	2700 Gwynns Falls Parkway Baltimore, MD 21216					
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located40 - Baltimore									
21. Legal S		of Gr			Theck C				
Local Govt. Fo		For	or Profit		Non Profit		Federal		
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22. Grantee Legal Representative					23. If Match Includes Real Property:				
Name:	Lysa I	Ratlif	f		Has An App Been Done?		raisal	Yes/No	
Phone:	202-6	59-02	215	15					
Address:			If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value						
7200 Wisconsin Avenue Ste. 400 Bethesda, MD 20814									

24. Impact of Pro	oject on Staffing and	Operati	ng Cost at Proje	ct Site			
Current # of Employees	June la contra de			Projected Operating Budget			
20	20						
25. Ownership of	f Property (Info Requ	ested by	Treasurer's Offic	e for bond	purposes)		
A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?							
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?							
C. Does the grante	No						
D. If property is o	wned by grantee any sp	pace is to	be leased, provide	e the follow	ing:		
	Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	0			
E. If property is le	eased by grantee - Prov	ide the fo	llowing:				
Na	ame of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew				
26. Building Squ	are Footage:						
Current Space GSF 2,500							
Space to be Rend		2,500					
New GSF		0					

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed	2026
for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	

28. Comments

The Gwynns Falls Elementary School playground renovation project is scheduled to be completed next year. KABOOM! is committed to raising private funds to match a public investment to accelerate the pace of BCPSs schoolyard playground improvement project. We are currently raising funds to undertake other projects throughout the district through a combination of public and private funding, with the goal of renovating at least 5 playgrounds in Baltimore in 2026.

KABOOM! is working with a number of community partners across Baltimore to ensure that the new playground reflects the design preferences of the children, parents, teachers, and staff. Our community driven design process has been shown to increase childrens engagement with the playground, which results in a wider distribution of the playgrounds health benefits.

This will be KABOOM!s third year in working in Baltimore through a combination of LBI and private funding. Because of the General Assemblys investment KABOOM! has opened over a dozen new playgrounds since the beginning of our 25 in 5 initiative work and the City and School District administrations have invested millions more to improving their outdoor recreation infrastructure.