

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Low Power FM Radio Education Project		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Muse		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County	\$100,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Low Power Radio Education Initiative property		
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
Henry Harris		301-442-1646
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Strategic Music Partnerships (SMP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit established in 2016 as a collaborative network of musicians, artists, and industry professionals. SMP fosters partnerships that drive knowledge sharing, professional training, and performance opportunities while raising awareness of legislative and technological advancements in the music industry. Through broadcast radio, streaming TV, and low-powered radio, SMP empowers artists and underserved communities by providing essential resources and tools. Its mission includes developing innovative programs like the SMP & EMA Training Initiative, which emphasizes merit-based recognition and skill development to elevate artists' careers. SMP is dedicated to leveling the media playing field for disadvantaged communities, inspiring an appreciation for music arts education, technology, and collaboration.</p>		

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

Reason for the Project: Low Power Radio Education Initiative (LPREI) addresses the growing need for accessible and comprehensive music education, especially in the areas of radio station operations, music business ventures, and artistic expression. By partnering with Strategic Music Partnerships (SMP) and the Low Power FM Radio platform, LPREI aims to equip artists with skills and knowledge to succeed in the competitive music industry while fostering a culture of inclusivity and diversity. The project not only enriches the local music community but also creates opportunities for workforce development, collaboration, talent development, and cultural enrichment.

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	\$250,000
Design	
Construction	
Equipment	\$45,000
Total	\$295,000

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

2024 Legislative Bond Initiative	\$100,000
Prince Georges County Local Development Grant 2024	\$10,000
Prince Georges County Grant (Pending)	\$35,000
2025 Legislative Bond Initiative	\$100,000
SMP Fundraising Initiative 2025 (Pending)	\$50,000
Total	\$295,000

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
TBD	TBD	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
	45		26,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2024	\$100,000	Low Power FM Radio Education Project Phase 1	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
STRATEGIC MUSIC PARTNERSHIPS, INC P.O. Box 1075, Oxon Hill, Maryland 20750		11108 Fort Washington Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744. (Tower Site) 2007 High Timber Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744 (Temp. Studio Site)	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	26 - 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:		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
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			
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

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

Strategic Music Partnerships (SMP), a Maryland-based 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, has received a construction permit from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish a Low-Power FM (LPFM) Community Radio Station. Prince Georges County has granted preliminary approval for the placement of our antenna on the Fort Washington Road Tower, located at 11108 Fort Washington Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744. To successfully launch this initiative,

SMP Low Powered Community Radio requires access to tower shelter space, tower access, and studio training space is a strategic investment in community empowerment, education, and local media development. This partnership will ensure the successful launch of a valuable community resource while demonstrating the state's commitment to supporting innovative, educational, and culturally enriching projects. SMP respectfully requests bond grant approval to proceed with this project that will maximize the impact of its LPFM Community Radio Station for Fort Washington and surrounding communities.