

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
MWE Critical Control Room and Studio		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Smith	Moon	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$36,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the MWE critical control room and studio		
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
Nora Hart		571-232-8632
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>MWE is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization providing access to news, information, the arts and independent living skills training for blind residents of Maryland. Our services which operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week reduce isolation, depression and help people maintain self-sufficiency and stay engaged with their family, their community, and the working world. We have 4 major services: a radio service, a telephone dial-in service, an independent living skills clinic and audio description of live theater. Our radio focuses on the production of live and recorded programs hosted by members of the blind community that meet the needs of the blind population in Maryland by addressing topics such as transportation, disability rights, employment and public benefits. Through these services, MWE seeks to promote equity of access for people with vision loss.</p>		

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

The purpose is to modernize the MWE critical control room & studio with much needed technology upgrades. The project's scope ensures that the facility will meet current technological standards. The main objectives of the project include acquisition of assets, ensuring that all necessary resources & materials are gathered for the renovation and modernization of the critical control room & studio. Through careful planning and design, MWE seeks to ensure our critical control room functions efficiently. We aim to update any outdated or damaged equipment & renovate the space, needed to continue broadcasting. The project will improve & redesign certain elements to meet current needs & accommodate new technologies. It aims to enable high-performance operations that are essential for broadcasting & production. The project seeks to create a modern, efficient, and fully equipped space for MWE that will support its needs.

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	
Design	
Construction	\$5,000
Equipment	\$31,000
Total	\$36,000

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

No other source of funding for this project.	
Total	\$0

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
07/01/2025	08/31/2025	09/01/2025	02/28/2026
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	
0.00	5400	5940	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
None			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Metropolitan Washington Ear 12061 Tech Rd. Silver Spring, MD 20904			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	20 - Montgomery 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:	Reverend Raymond Raysor, Sr.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-377-6468		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	
5	7	409912.00	479597.00	
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		4871		
Space to be Renovated GSF		1871		
New GSF		4871		

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

2008

28. Comments

This much needed technology upgrade to the MWE radio broadcast equipment will ensure this critical broadcast service will continue. This investment will allow for the delivery of this vital service, for at least an additional 15 years.