

# State Of Maryland

## 2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
McCray		
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Baltimore City	\$300,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts including accessibility improvements		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Stephen Holmes		410-554-8644
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Founded in 1987 with just 14 boys, the mission of The Maryland State Boychoir has remained clear: to foster the boychoir tradition by offering talented boys opportunities to sing and build self-esteem, self-discipline and character. Nearly forty years later, the Boychoir still embraces that goal. Our program has grown to now include over 100 boys and young men with diverse ethnicities, socioeconomic backgrounds, and religions from across Baltimore City and state of Maryland, and an annual operating budget of \$1,047,285. With the purchase of The Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts in the Mayfield Neighborhood of Baltimore in 2006, the Boychoir was able to expand its reach to host multiple arts and community organizations and events in its facilities.</p>		

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

Since purchasing The Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts, a historic building in the Baltimore City's Mayfield neighborhood in 2006, the Boychoir has made extensive and historically sensitive improvements to the facility. These have increased its use and the accessibility to its main level. MSB hosts a day-care center, offices of the 32nd Street Market and Bach in Baltimore, and provides rehearsal, performance and event spaces for arts and community events. However, the basement rehearsal rooms and the offices and meeting spaces on the second floor remain inaccessible to those with limited mobility. Legislative bond bill support would provide for the custom design and initial construction work for an elevator to open these spaces to all. The elevator will also allow the Boychoir itself to be more inclusive, serving choristers of all physical abilities.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	
<b>Design</b>	\$200,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$400,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$300,000
<b>Total</b>	\$900,000

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

France-Merrick Foundation	\$250,000
Boychoir 40th Anniversary Campaign	\$275,000
Existing capital improvement funds	\$75,000
2025 Maryland Legislative Bond	\$300,000
<b>Total</b>	\$900,000

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
10/1/2025	6/30/2025	10/1/2026	9/30/2027
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>		<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>
75000.00	10,000		10,000
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2016 Maryland	\$125,000	First floor accessibility (restrooms and elevator from e	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
The Maryland State Boychoir, Inc.		3400 Norman Avenue Baltimore MD 21403	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	45 - Baltimore City		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	443 932 9400		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
100 S Charles Street Suite 1600 Baltimore MD 21201			

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
15	15	1047285.00	1100000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			Yes
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
All for Kids Daycare	12 months	\$16,200	941
32nd Street Farmers' Market	6 months	\$3,000	170
Bach in Baltimore	12 months	\$5,000	400
St Matthew United Church of Christ	12 months	\$12	250
City Sanctuary Ministries	3 months	\$450	170
Short-term event rentals	Various	\$12,000/yr	Various
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	34,942		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	Approximately 1,500 between 3 floors		
<b>New GSF</b>	Unchanged		

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

1921

**28. Comments**

The Maryland State Boychoir was designated as "Maryland's Goodwill Ambassadors" by the late Governor William Donald Schaefer, a role which we take very seriously. We are proud to represent Baltimore City and the State of Maryland when we perform regionally, nationally, on international tours and with professional musical groups. We are also proud of the achievements of our boys and young men as, along with the discipline of making world-class music, they learn to make good choices and use their talents to encourage others. Our students have a 100% high school graduation rate and most go on to higher education. The Maryland State Boychoir has thrived through having a beautiful facility and sharing it with others who support our mission through their lease and rental payments. Increasing access to these spaces will also enhance our visibility, helping with recruitment of new students and forging additional partnerships with prestigious ensembles. It will also allow more Marylanders and community organizations to benefit from our facilities. We are grateful for your consideration of our request and look forward to a positive outcome.