

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Maryland State Boychoir Center for the Arts		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
McCray	Smith	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$300,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
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		
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
Stephen Holmes		410-554-8644
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (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

Acquisition	
Design	\$200,000
Construction	\$400,000
Equipment	\$300,000
Total	\$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
Total	\$900,000

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
10/1/2025	6/30/2025	10/1/2026	9/30/2027
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	
75000.00	10,000	10,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2016 Maryland	\$125,000	First floor accessibility (restrooms and elevator from e	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Maryland State Boychoir, Inc.		3400 Norman Avenue Baltimore MD 21403	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	45 - Baltimore City		
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:	Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443 932 9400		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
100 S Charles Street Suite 1600 Baltimore MD 21201			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
15	15	1047285.00	1100000.00
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?			Yes
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
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
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	34,942		
Space to be Renovated GSF	Approximately 1,500 between 3 floors		
New GSF	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.