

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Oak Hill Cemetery		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
McKay	Hinebaugh	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Allegany County	\$100,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Oak Hill Cemetery, to include resetting fallen stones, repairing collapsing walls, and to improve the appearance of the cemetery		
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
John Nightingale		
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Oak Hill Cemetery Association of Allegany County, Inc., was incorporated September 16, 1884. Oak Oak Hill Cemetery was established to provide a proper and respectful resting place for the deceased. At this point, there 3,400 individuals interred in the cemetery grounds. Oak Hill Cemetery is managed by all volunteers who manage and direct repairs and maintenance to keep the grounds in a clean, appealing environment for those so interred and visiting relatives. Our volunteers range in age from 78 to 92 years. Our sources of revenue are community fundraisers and donations from relatives of the deceased interred there. Our largest expense is for the mowing of grass which cost \$14,000 - \$16,000 annually depending on rainfall. The mowing of grass is completed by an independent contractor who supplies all necessary equipment.</p>		

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

All funds received by Oak Hill Cemetery Association will be used to reset fallen stones, of which there are now about eighty (80) stones in need of being reset. Grant money will also be used to repaved the road IN THE CEMETERY GROUNDS, which is in terrible condition. Grant funds will enable Oak Hill Cemetery to restore a deteriorating stone wall which exists between the lower sections of the cemetery grounds, and the upper sections.

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	\$1,000
Design	\$1,000
Construction	\$140,000
Equipment	\$1,000
Total	\$143,000

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

State of Maryland Bond Initiative	\$100,000
Community fundraisers	\$10,000
Donations	\$33,000
Total	\$143,000

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
N/A	N/A	09/2025	12/2025
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
5000.00	3,400		3,400+
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)	
Jack Nightingale, 32 Allegany St., Lonaconing, MD. 21539		16000 Oak Hill Cemetery Road, Lonaconing, MD 21539	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	1B - Allegany 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:	Jack Nightingale	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	3014636776		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
32 Allegany St., Lonaconing, Md 21539			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
NONE	NONE	16000.00	18000.00
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
N/A			
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	NA		
Space to be Renovated GSF	NA		
New GSF	NA		

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

NA

28. Comments

If approved, this grant from the Maryland Bond Initiative will allow Oak Hill Cemetery Association to make badly needed improvements to the cemetery grounds. We have wanted to make these repairs for the past twenty years, but lack of funds has always prohibited us from completing these projects.

Without grant funds, the desired improvements will not be done as the funds received in the form of donations and fundraisers are needed to keep the grass cut in the cemetery grounds annually.

During Memorial Day weekend we are at the cemetery grounds to welcome visitors and assist them in locating the graves of their loved ones. Every year, visitors that have been to other cemeteries, always compliment us on the appearance of Oak Hill Cemetery. To quote some of them; "Oak Hill Cemetery is the nicest looking cemetery we have visited today", and some have visited several other local cemeteries on that particular day.