

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Public Works Experience		
2. Senate Sponsor		3. House Sponsor
Ferguson		Clippinger
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)		5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City		\$100,000
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the former Baltimore Public Works Museum into a state of the industry experiential and educational facility		
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#
Rachel A. Ellis		443.924.4671
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The 501(c)(3) non-profit Public Works Experience showcases the faces and places, and the technology and infrastructure that society depends on every day to deliver vital public health, environmental, and civil services to communities large and small - 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Our mantra is Above, Below and Beyond - because public works are everywhere, yet most people, young and old, hardly know about what the industry is or how these vital services happen all around us. The Public Works Experience is here to demonstrate the value and importance of public works through engaging exhibitions and educational programs. Our vision is to provide an increased awareness of public works and the wide variety of career paths within the industry while demonstrating the vital nature of public works infrastructure in sustaining our quality of life, health, and environment.</p>		

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

Our outdoor Streetscape exhibit provides visitors with a real look at public works infrastructure above and below ground. Originally built by the Baltimore DPW in 1982, the full-scale displays of public works infrastructure systems including municipal water, drainage, sewerage, natural gas, electric distribution, signalization and roadways have had limited maintenance and updates over its 40-year lifespan. This project will address critical deficiencies as part of necessary work to modernize and enhance the entire exhibit, including:
 Painting: remove peeling paint from railings, ceiling, stairs and re-paint. Electrical: replace and repair broken and outdated wiring, lighting fixtures and street light/traffic signal exhibits. Interpretation/signage: updating and adding new signage for improved interpretation within the exhibit and engaging public interaction from outside the exhibit yard along the adjacent harbor promenade.

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	\$0
Design	\$17,000
Construction	\$100,000
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$117,000

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

LBI Request	\$100,000
PWE admin - via Founding Members Campaign	\$7,000
PWE Engineering/PM - In-Kind by Board of Directors	\$10,000
Total	\$117,000

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
1/1/2024	12/31/2024	9/1/2025	12/1/2025
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	
17000.00	3,000	100,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
n/a			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Public Works Experience PO Box 26174 Baltimore, MD 21210		751 Eastern Ave. Baltimore, MD 21202	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	46 - 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:	Howard Stevens	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443.863.5748		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Pascale Stevens, LLC 2700 Lighthouse Point E #500 Baltimore, MD 21224			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
		105000.00	105000.00
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?			Lease
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
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	
City of Baltimore	5 year	3 @ 5/year (now in term 3	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	12,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	12,000		
New GSF	0		

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

1982

28. Comments

On March 26th, 2024 the main span of our Francis Scott Key Bridge collapsed, sacrificing the lives of six Maryland public works workers. This tragic event brought to light the essential purpose of infrastructure, and the story of the people who support it. This story and many others are the focus of The Public Works Experience (PWE).

PWE is the rebirth of the Baltimore Public Works Museum, located in the historic Eastern Avenue Pumping Station on Baltimores Inner Harbor. Since its closing in 2010, passionate efforts have been made to reimagine and reopen the museum, and in 2018 a new vision was announced to repurpose the museum. Recognizing the bigger picture and cross-germinating value of Public Works for our civilization, this new energy has focused on creating a one-of-a-kind exhibition facility that will provide hands-on connection to the key elements of infrastructure, the environment and sustainability, and the people of Public Works through STEAM-focused exhibits and programs.

To advance the Experience vision and its implementation, we have embarked on an ambitious and exciting journey to renovate the historic and beautiful Eastern Avenue Pumping Station with the installation of three floors of exhibits and multi-purpose space that will draw visitors of all ages and backgrounds from the region, the state and the world to this unique experience. To date, the PWE Board has engaged the design firm Gallagher & Associates to develop a master plan establishing the conceptual design for the redevelopment of the facility. In addition, the PWE Board has worked closely with the Baltimore DPW to execute a City commitment of \$750,000 for the design to upgrade building systems to make our plans possible. The Board has also secured an in-kind donation of LIDAR drone scanning of the entire site from local Public Works consulting engineers RK&K Engineers to assist with design efforts for the Public Works Streetscape renovation and the planned American Public Works Association (APWA) installation of a national Public Works Fallen Heroes Memorial on the PWE site. All in addition to the yearly financial and work effort contributions of dedicated and energetic leadership to manage day-to-day operations, the Big Truck Day fundraiser, and to open every Saturday for tours, and deliver educational seminars and special events like Mr. Trash Wheel's Birthday and Baltimore Waterfront Partnership special events.

This project will set the stage for Baltimore and the State of Maryland to become the educational center for public works professionals from all over the world. Baltimore, Maryland is home to one of the world's most innovative and influential water quality engineers of modern history, Dr. Abel Wolman, without whom the Port of Baltimore, the magnificent Inner Harbor and one of the most productive and beautiful waterways in the world, the Chesapeake Bay, would not exist as they do today. The Public Works Experience tells that story, placing the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland at the nexus of our history and our future - particularly important as we approach the 250-year commemoration of our nation in 2026.

Our Public Works Experience will highlight the essential value of Public Works and support infrastructure funding for the essential services that support health, sustainability and environmental stewardship. It is said that we value what we understand and we understand what we experience. Today and so much more so when we achieve our vision, The Public Works Experience will create this chain of appreciation for the role and benefits of Public Works in our daily lives for the individual visitors and for all society.