

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Rockbridge Academy		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Gile	Schmidt	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Anne Arundel County	\$270,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Rockbridge Academy school property, including the roof in the Community Gym/Fine Arts Hall, Stage, and Music Areas		
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
Michelle Rosela		410-923-1171
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Rockbridge Academy, located in Crownsville, Maryland, provides educational services to over 445 students and employs roughly 80 staff members, with a projected enrollment of 475 students in 2025-2026. The school has offered high-quality classical Christian education in Anne Arundel County, Maryland since 1995. A community-based, 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to nurturing the educational growth and development of children ages 4 to 18, Rockbridge Academy offers general and specialized services in all aspects of education, including performances, community events, athletic practices, while also maintaining space for outside organizations to rent and use the facilities daily. All educational services are Maryland State Certified and approved by the Division of Early Childhood and Maryland State Department of Education.</p>		

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

Rockbridge Academy is seeking to preserve the existing Gym/Fine Arts Hall, Stage, and adjacent Music Room. The roof in this area of the building is over 20 years old. Water damage and the potential for mold are ongoing issues. Currently, there are dedicated receptacles kept in these areas to collect and remediate water damage to the wooden floor. When there is inclement weather, water remediation becomes an issue while hosting events and everyday activities. All areas are used 6 days a week for educational purposes and community activities. The project goal is to make these areas environmentally sustainable, which would allow for expanded use in the future.

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	\$5,000
Construction	\$275,000
Equipment	\$25,000
Total	\$305,000

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

Rockbridge Academy Board - Directed Funds	\$35,000
State of Maryland Bond Initiative	\$270,000
Total	\$305,000

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
Complete	Complete	Notice of Funding	2 Months after Notice
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	
30000.00	1,000	2,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2021	\$500,000	Main Roof Replacement - A different section of the ro	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Rockbridge Academy, Inc. 680 EVERGREEN RD, Crownsville, MD 21032			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	33B - Anne Arundel 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:	Roy Griffith, Headmaster	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-923-1171		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
680 EVERGREEN RD, Crownsville, MD 21032			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
80	83	6500000.00	6600000.00
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	80,000 sq/ft (roof)		
Space to be Renovated GSF	40,000 sq/ft (roof)		
New GSF	80,000 sq/ft (roof)		

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

1973-1999

28. Comments

Funding through other State capital grant and loan programs:

Rockbridge Academy has applied for and been accepted into the Maryland Nonpublic Student Textbook Program for FY25. The program is the gateway to other MSDE programs for nonpublic schools, such as the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today (BOOST) Scholarship Program and the Nonpublic Aging Schools Program (NASP). After participating in the Textbook Program in FY25, we will be eligible to apply for the Aging Schools Program next year in FY26.

Public Access:

The Rockbridge Academy Gym/Fine Arts Hall is used as a 500-seat theatre for over 10 large community events every year while being used almost daily for athletic activities by the school and the greater Anne Arundel County, Maryland community organizations that rent the facility. Unfortunately, if there is inclement weather, water remediation becomes prohibitive for hosting these events.

Rockbridge Academy is committed to making the campus accessible to the greater Anne Arundel County, Maryland community by hosting community meetings, events, regional teacher and administration training for schools all over the United States and internationally, as well as other planned events open to the greater Anne Arundel County, Maryland community. The following organizations are hosted as part of this commitment to community accessibility: Maryland United Soccer, Chesapeake Ballet, Severna Park Green Hornets Basketball, Annapolis Volleyball Club, Discover Summer Camp, Storytellers Theater Arts Academy, Chesapeake Bay Radio Control Club, a national forensics and communication association, various private instrumental groups, Reasonable Scholar Educational Services, and I9 Sports, to name a few.

Project Details:

If not fully funded, the contractor has split the roof project into sections identified as follows: Gym/Fine Arts Hall, Stage, and Music Room, but advises against this due to water damage, the possibility of mold, and economic reasons. This scenario is not ideal due to water damage and the possibility of mold around students, staff, and community members. It is also not advised due to the lack of cost-effectiveness for labor and materials.