

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Anna Murray Douglass Museum and Visitor's Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
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4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Caroline County	\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Anna Murray Douglass Museum and Visitor's Center		
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
Tarence Bailey		915-401-5381
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Bailey-Groce Family Foundation Inc is a family-based nonprofit organization rooted on Maryland's Eastern Shore, particularly in Talbot County. It was launched to honor and preserve the history, legacy, and cultural heritage of Frederick Douglass and African American families from that region, especially those directly related by descent. Honor Frederick Douglass's Legacy: The foundation's mission is to recognize, celebrate, and preserve the legacy of Frederick Douglass born into slavery in Talbot County and later a national leader for abolition and civil rights. Preserve African American History & Culture: It works to preserve the rich history and contributions of African American communities on the Eastern Shore, ensuring stories and cultural heritage are documented and shared.</p>		

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

The Anna Murray Douglass Visitor Center is a planned interpretive and educational facility located at 24872 Meeting House Road in Denton, Maryland. It is designed to honor Anna Murray Douglass, the free Black Maryland native who was the first wife of Frederick Douglass and played a crucial role in his early life and escape from slavery. Tribute to Anna Murray Douglass: The center will serve as a tribute to the life, legacy, and contributions of Anna Murray Douglass, elevating public recognition of her role in American history, particularly along Maryland's Eastern Shore. Educational Experience: The facility is intended to provide educational experiences for students, tourists, and others traveling along the historic *Harriet Tubman Byway, especially in connection with the area's significance as part of Underground Railroad routes along the Choptank River.

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	\$185,000
Design	\$7,500
Construction	\$400,000
Equipment	\$57,500
Total	\$650,000

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

LBI 2025	\$150,000
AAHP	\$250,000
LBI2026	\$250,000
Total	\$650,000

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
03/01/2026	06/30/2026	07/01/2026	3/01/2027
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
25000.00	0		10000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
AAHP 2026	\$250,000	Anna Murray Douglas Visitor Center Acquisition and	
LBI 2025	\$150,000	Anna Murray Douglas Visitor Center Acquisition and	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Bailey-Groce Family Foundation, Inc 4330 Olde Trappe Road Trappe, MD 21673		24872 Meeting House Road Denton, Maryland 21629	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	37B - Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, and Wicomico Counties		
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:	Lykinda Camper	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	4432485947		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
3404 Elgin Avenue Baltimore, Maryland 21216		09/10/2025	208000.00

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
0	2	55000.00	550000.00
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	7500		
Space to be Renovated GSF	10000		
New GSF	10000		

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

2026

28. Comments

The Anna Murray Douglass Visitor Center is conceived as a cultural and educational hub that commemorates the life of Anna Murray Douglass and interprets the local historical landscape connected to the Underground Railroad and African American heritage. Through exhibits and programming, the visitor center will interpret the history of Anna Murray Douglass, her influence on Frederick Douglass's journey, and the broader context of African American history, culture, and abolitionist activity in the region. The center will enhance Community and Cultural Connectivity as it is planned to be part of the newly formed Frederick Douglass Society of African American History, Culture and Affairs, helping connect local heritage efforts with broader cultural and historical interpretation.