

State Of Maryland 2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Anonymous Immigrant Statue in Little Italy Piazza		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Ferguson	Lewis	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$100,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of an Anonymous Immigrant Statue in Little Italy Piazza		
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 Pica		410 446 4600
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
Raise funds for charity; support efforts in Little Italy to improve quality of life. And to assist Little Italy in civic and community events.		

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

Erect a 6-foot tall statue of an anonymous immigrant. The statue will be installed on top of an existing pedestal in Little Italy Piazza in Little Italy.

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	\$20,000
Construction	\$140,000
Equipment	\$80,000
Total	\$240,000

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

Capital campaign	\$100,000
Legislative Bond Initiative (2023)	\$40,000
Legislative Bond Initiative (2026)	\$100,000
Total	\$240,000

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
2/1/2026	3/20/2026	7/01/2026	8/01/2027
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	
100000	40,000	40,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2023	\$40,000	Statue	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
14 State Circle			
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:	John Pica	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	4104464600		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
N/A	N/A	60000.00	180000.00
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	Statue-6 feet height		
Space to be Renovated GSF	Ready for installation		
New GSF			

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

The marble statue will be a source of pride for Italian Americans and the people of Little Italy. We are also dedicating bronze plaques to the inhabitants of Little Italy before the Italians moved in, namely the Jews, African Americans, and Native Americans. Additionally, we are installing a plaque honoring former mayors Thomas D'Alesandro, Jr., Thomas D'Alesandro, III, and former speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi.