

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Baltimore Urban Leadership Foundation Community Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
McCray		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$300,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Baltimore Urban Leadership Foundation Community 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
Tehma Smith Wilson		410-303-0700
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Baltimore Urban Leadership Foundation aka The Door is located in East Baltimore. We have served our city with community-based programming for over 40 years. Our mission is to facilitate the transformation and holistic growth of youth, families and communities through collaborative partnerships, direct service, capacity-building and resource development. We fulfill our mission through many programming initiatives that aim to help the citizens of our community overcome poverty through increased assistance and personal development opportunities. Our programming consists of 1) Food and Resource Distribution, 2) Youth Outreach, 3) Baltimore City Resiliency Hub capability and 4) Community Safe Space. Our goal is to help the residents throughout Baltimore City to become more self-sustaining.</p>		

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

The Door has owned its building located at 219 N. Chester St., Baltimore, MD 21231 since 1984. Although it has been maintained over the years, there are repair and renovation projects that need to be done to make our facility more efficient and sustaining. The Doors most urgent need is a total roof replacement which has not been done in over 30 years. Once the roof is completed, we will check our plumbing, electrical and HVAC systems to make sure they have the capacity to meet our current building and programming needs. The Door will then focus on renovating our programming spaces (classrooms, cafeteria, kitchen, offices, activity hall) and waterproofing certain basement area. These renovation projects will allow us to use our building and programming spaces more resourcefully and make our facility available for use by other organization in our community.

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	
Design	
Construction	\$300,000
Equipment	
Total	\$300,000

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

State Legislative Bond Initiative	\$300,000
Total	\$300,000

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	TBD	TBD
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	
0.00	400	800	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A	\$0	N/A	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Baltimore Urban Leadership Foundation 219 N. Chester St. Baltimore, MD 21231 (Mailing Address)		Baltimore Urban Leadership Foundation 213 N. Chester St. Baltimore, MD 21231 (Premises Address)	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	45 - 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:	Tehma Smith Wilson	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	4103030700		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
2	6	290300.00	400000.00
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	N/A	N/A	N/A
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A	N/A	N/A	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	10,603		
Space to be Renovated GSF	10,603		
New GSF			

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

1900 and 1984

28. Comments

Organizational Programming

Food and Resource Distribution

The Door is located in what is considered a food desert. Our goal is to continue to increase healthy food access in underserved areas to underserved families. Twice a week we provide fresh produce, meat, dairy, ready to eat meals, bakery items and much more to our community. Our partners in this effort are Baltimore City, the Maryland Food Bank, many neighborhood grocery stores (Giant, Safeway, Aldis, Target and Harris Teeter), and other non-profit organizations that are a part of the Johns Hopkins East Baltimore Initiative.

During our distributions, we also provide the opportunity for other organizations to table and share their program information and services to our residents. These services include, but are not limited to, educational, financial, health, employment, and house buying opportunities.

Youth Programming

In our community, The Door recognizes that many children, youth, and families lack access to supportive environments and opportunities for positive transformation. Our Youth, Family and Community Conversation (YFCC) programs mission is centered on creating educational, employment, and enrichment opportunities that encourages youth to expand their learning, achieve financial stability, and embrace diverse opportunities. The goal of our YFCC workshops is to empower all participants with practical daily knowledge, a strong work ethic, valuable life skills, and character-building values.

Resiliency Hub

The Door is also a Resiliency Hubs in Baltimore City. Community organizations have long been running trusted spaces that serve residents in various capacities. Baltimore Citys Resiliency Hubs partner with government agencies and other local stakeholders to collect and distribute real-time information needed to make community decisions, serve as a staging place for first responders, serve as an emergency center for residents, and strengthen overall community readiness among other things.

Community Safe Space

The Door opens its doors to the community by providing a safe space for community and family events. The Doors serves as a meeting place for other local community organizations and provides space for community residents to host family events.

Our organization is one of a kind and we implement programs that directly address the needs of the families in our community. Working in and with the community, we aim to address and eventually help remove the root causes of systemic barriers to health, safety, shelter and opportunity in the area where we work and live.