

# State Of Maryland

## 2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Belair-Edison School		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
McCray		
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Baltimore City	\$400,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Belair-Edison School including the installation of a VRF system		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Will McKenna		410-736-8980
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The grantee organization, Afya Baltimore Inc. (ABI), operates charter schools in Baltimore City. Afya is a Swahili word that means health. The mission of our schools is to teach children to live healthy, balanced lives: intellectually, physically and socially. The organization was founded in 2007 by 5 Baltimore City Public School employees--4 teachers and 1 school administrator. ABI opened its first charter school in 2009, Afya Public Charter School. In 2010 ABI opened its 2nd school, The Tunbridge School. In 2015 ABI converted a traditional school to a charter school, Brehms Lane Public Charter School. In 2020, ABI merged Brehms Lane and Afya into a dual facility pre-K-8 school, renamed The Belair-Edison School. The location for the work requested in this project is at our middle school, located at 2800 Brendan Ave. The word Afya is a Swahili for health.</p>		

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

The purpose of the project is to upgrade the schools current HVAC system, which is several decades old, to a more efficient, easier to use system that will supply 12 classrooms and 4 offices with both heating and air conditioning. The current system is a hydronic 2-pipe system that struggles to provide consistent heat throughout the building; there are also no room controls for the system, meaning the heat in the building has to be manually controlled by our building supervisor. In addition, when we have extreme cold, as we have for the last few weeks, we are forced to provide additional heat through supplemental wall-mounted space heaters. Air-conditioning is provided by window units, which are loud and disruptive to teaching and need to be replaced every few years. The new system is a VRF system that will be much more efficient, effective, and quiet, allowing for a better instructional environment.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	\$0
<b>Design</b>	\$50,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$500,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>

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

Afya Baltimore, Inc. Facility Reserves	\$450,000
Bond Initiative	\$400,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$850,000</b>

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
7/1/2026	7/31/2026	TBD	TBD
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>		<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>
450000.00	385		385
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
N/A			
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Afya Baltimore, Inc. 5504 York Rd. Baltimore, MD 21212		2800 Brendan Ave. Baltimore, MD 21213	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	45 - Baltimore City		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Will McKenna	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	410-736-8980		Yes
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
5504 York Rd. Baltimore, MD 21212		2020	4100000.00

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
50	50	12000000.00	14000000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
N/A			
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
N/A			
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	44,500		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	22,000		
<b>New GSF</b>	N/A		

<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>	1956
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<b>28. Comments</b>	
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We were unsure of the timing of the grant award and so this impacts the timing of the project. We can do the project design this summer, but it's most likely that, given school will be in process, we would have to move this construction to June 2027 and then into the summer months.