

# State Of Maryland

## 2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
City of Frederick - Splash Pad		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Lewis Young	Fair	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Frederick County	\$200,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a Splash Pad at Baker Park		
<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>
Allen Etzler		240-549-4380
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Simon Turner Memorial Fund is a component fund of the Community Foundation of Frederick County, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to strengthening the quality of life in Frederick County through strategic philanthropy. The Fund was established to support the creation of The Splash PoinT at Baker Park, a permanent, inclusive water-play amenity honoring Simon Turners legacy. In partnership with the City of Frederick and community donors, the Fund raises and stewards private capital to construct and support this public improvement, ensuring transparency, accountability, and long-term community benefit.</p>		

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

The Splash Point at Baker Park is a fully ADA-accessible, interactive splash pad to be constructed within the existing playground area of Baker Park in the City of Frederick. Designed as a free, public heat-relief amenity, it will serve residents and visitors of all ages and abilities. Currently, no comparable free public splash feature exists in Frederick County. The project enhances an aging playground, preserves green space, avoids the floodplain, and integrates native plantings, seating, shade, and gathering areas. Inspired by Simon Turners love of water play, the Splash Point creates a safe, welcoming environment where families can connect and build lasting memories.

*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>	\$200,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$1,250,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$150,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</b>

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

Turner Family Donation	\$50,000
Frederick County Association of Realtor	\$20,000
Tourism Council of Frederick County (FY25 TRIPP)	\$13,750
Ausherman Family Foundation	\$500,000
Additional Private Contributions	\$816,250
State LBI	\$200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,600,000</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>
Complete	Complete	Immediate upon full	9 months after start
<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>	
1400000	300,000	350,000	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2023	\$250,000	City spires clock restoration	
2023, 2025	\$212,500	Frederick Youth Center	
2023	\$500,000	Traffic calming	
2023	\$100,000	Westside health services	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
The City of Frederick 101 N. Court Street		Baker Park (Second Street area) Frederick, MD 21701	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	3 - Frederick County		
<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>
[ X ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Allen Etzler	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	2405494380		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	

<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>
900	900	163000000	163000000
<b>25. Ownership of Property</b> (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
<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>
<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>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	N/A outdoor park		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	Approx. 8,00010,000 SF (playground		
<b>New GSF</b>	Approx. 3,0004,000 SF splash feature area		

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

Various phases; primarily late 20th century installations.

**28. Comments**

The Splash PoinT is a community-driven project with strong private philanthropic support and City partnership. With \$1.4M already secured, this State investment would complete the funding gap and allow construction to begin. The project provides the only free public splash amenity in Frederick County, enhances an iconic regional park, and honors the memory of a local child by creating a safe place for families to gather for generations.