

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

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| 1. Name Of Project | | |
| Doleman Black Heritage Museum | | |
| 2. Senate Sponsor | 3. House Sponsor | |
| | Schindler | |
| 4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City) | 5. Requested Amount | |
| Washington County | \$413,000 | |
| 6. Purpose of Bond Initiative | | |
| the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Doleman Black Heritage Museum | | |
| 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 |
| Alesia Parson | | 240-899-0551 |
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| 10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area) | | |
| <p>The Doleman Black Heritage Museum (DBHM) is a nonprofit cultural and educational institution dedicated to preserving, interpreting, and presenting the history of Black life in Washington County, Maryland, with a particular focus on the Jonathan Street neighborhood. DBHM serves the public through exhibitions, educational programming, intergenerational learning, community partnerships, and cultural events that promote historical understanding, civic engagement, and inclusive storytelling. The organization operates with a commitment to public access, historical accuracy, and long-term community benefit.</p> | | |

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

This project supports the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of an existing structure to serve as the future permanent home of the Doleman Black Heritage Museum. Phase I advances the project from preconstruction into construction readiness through architectural and engineering design, permitting, building stabilization, rehabilitation planning, and site preparation. New construction activities are limited to essential site infrastructure, including the development of an access road and the securing of the building to ensure safety, accessibility, and long-term public use. The project addresses the need for a permanent, accessible facility to house collections, host exhibitions, and provide year-round educational and cultural programming.

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

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| Acquisition | |
| Design | \$401,000 |
| Construction | \$625,000 |
| Equipment | \$100,000 |
| Total | \$1,126,000 |

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

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| Federal Funds (Awarded) | \$563,000 |
| Maryland Legislative Bond Initiative (Awarded) | \$150,000 |
| Maryland Legislative Bond Initiative (Requested) | \$413,000 |
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| Total | \$1,126,000 |

| 14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete) | | | |
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| Begin Design | Complete Design | Begin Construction | Complete Construction |
| Complete | 9/30/2026 | 4/30/2026 | 11/1/2026 |
| 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 | Approximately 6,000 | | Projected 15,000 or more |
| 18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years | | | |
| Legislative Session | Amount | Purpose | |
| 2024 | \$150,000 | During the 2024 legislative session, the Doleman Blac | |
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| 19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee | | Project Address (If Different) | |
| Doleman Black Heritage Museum, Inc. 33-35 W. Washington Street, Room 210 Hagerstown, MD 21740 | | 465 Pennsylvania Avenue Hagerstown, MD 21740 | |
| 20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located | 2B - Washington County | | |
| 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: | Mr. William C. Wantz | Has An Appraisal Been Done? | Yes/No |
| Phone: | (301) 733-7972 | | No |
| Address: | | If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value | |
| 123 W. Washington Street Hagerstown, MD 21740 | | | |
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| 24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site | | | | |
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| Current # of Employees | Projected # of Employees | Current Operating Budget | Projected Operating Budget | |
| 3 | 5 | 250000.00 | 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 |
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| E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following: | | | | |
| Name of Leaser | | Length of Lease | Options to Renew | |
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| 26. Building Square Footage: | | | | |
| Current Space GSF | | 11,000 | | |
| Space to be Renovated GSF | | 8,000 | | |
| New GSF | | 19,000 | | |

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| 27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion | The project involves the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse |
| 28. Comments | |
| BUDGET NARRATIVE / ADDITIONAL COMMENTARY | |
| <p>Phase I funding supports the transition of the Doleman Black Heritage Museum from preconstruction to construction readiness by rehabilitating and stabilizing an existing structure and developing essential site infrastructure. Architectural and engineering costs support the final design, construction documentation, and permitting required to proceed with rehabilitation work. Building rehabilitation and stabilization costs address structural integrity, safety, and preparatory work necessary for adaptive reuse.</p> | |
| <p>Site preparation and access road construction ensure safe and accessible entry to the property and support future public use. Building security and structural securing costs address temporary and permanent measures required to protect the building and site during rehabilitation. Capital equipment costs include durable, non-expendable items with a useful life of fifteen years or more that support museum operations once construction begins.</p> | |
| <p>Project management costs reflect the owners representative services required to coordinate consultants, manage schedules, oversee compliance, and ensure fiscal accountability throughout Phase I. The budget leverages \$563,000 in awarded federal funds, along with the requested State investment. Prior State bond funding authorized in 2024 supported early readiness activities and is not proposed as matching funds for this request.</p> | |
| <p>Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ms. Alesia Parson at DBHM.</p> | |