

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Fair Havens African Methodist Episcopal Church		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Ferguson	Lewis	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$57,500	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Fair Havens African Methodist Episcopal Church, including replacement of an outdated HVAC system		
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
Erica Bennett		240-353-9898
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Fair Havens is a nonprofit community-serving organization located in Baltimore City that provides space for neighborhood programs, community meetings, food distribution, and weekly community breakfasts. The facility serves residents of the Curtis Bay area and is used by community partners and local organizations for gatherings and outreach activities. Fair Havens works to provide a stable and welcoming location where residents can access basic resources, build relationships, and strengthen the surrounding community.</p>		

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

This project will replace the aging HVAC system serving the community-use areas of the Fair Havens facility located at 4416 Fairhaven Avenue in Baltimore City. The existing system has exceeded its useful life and no longer provides reliable heating and cooling, creating challenges for safely hosting community programming throughout the year. Replacement of the HVAC system will stabilize the buildings mechanical infrastructure and ensure that spaces used for community breakfasts, food distribution activities, neighborhood meetings, and other gatherings remain safe and accessible year-round. The project will install an energy-efficient system that improves comfort, reduces long-term operating costs, and preserves a key community facility that serves residents of the Curtis Bay neighborhood.

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	\$5,000
Construction	\$105,000
Equipment	\$5,000
Total	\$115,000

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

State Legislative Bond Initiative	\$58,000
MD Energy Comm & Industrial Grant Program	\$57,000
Total	\$115,000

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
June 3, 2026	June 17, 2026	July 1, 2026	August 15, 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	1,500	1,800	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
None			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Fair Havens AME Church 4416 Fairhaven Avenue Baltimore, MD 21226		4416 Fairhaven Avenue Baltimore, MD 21226	
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:	Sis. Lillie "Lil" Hill	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-274-3855		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
4416 Fairhaven Avenue Baltimore, MD 21226			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
3	3	115000	115000
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			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	6,800		
Space to be Renovated GSF	3,400		
New GSF	6,800		

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

1905

28. Comments

This project will stabilize a community facility that hosts weekly community breakfasts, food distribution events, neighborhood meetings, and other community gatherings in the Curtis Bay area. Replacement of the HVAC system will ensure the building remains safe and operational year-round for these activities. Contractor estimates and project specifications are already prepared, allowing work to proceed promptly once State authorization is received.

The project is construction-ready with contractor estimates and system specifications already prepared. The requested State investment will leverage energy-efficiency funding to complete the HVAC replacement and stabilize a heavily used neighborhood facility. Completing this work now will prevent further deterioration of building systems and ensure the space remains reliably available for community programs and gatherings.