

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Heartly House		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Lewis Young	Simpson	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Frederick County	\$900,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Heartly House Facilities Expansion		
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
Niki Thrash		301-461-0510
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Heartly House restores hope and mobilizes a network of support to empower survivors, strengthen our community, and prevent power-based violence through advocacy, education and compassion. For more than 45 years, Heartly House has been the only provider in Frederick County, of comprehensive services including 24/7 crisis hotline, crisis intervention, lethality assessment program training and coordination, medical accompaniment, emergency shelter, case management, individual and group counseling, legal representation, and advocacy. In addition, our work to end power based violence includes community education, outreach and prevention programs and trainings as well as English and Spanish speaking abuse intervention programs.</p>		

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

The Heartly House Renovation Project aims to significantly expand the organizations ability to serve survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. The proposed renovation will transform the existing two-story facility, increasing space for direct client services including crisis intervention, counseling, case management and shelter operations. Renovations will maximize space in the existing building that is fully owned by Heartly House. The redesign will update our shelter with ADA-accessible suites, ensuring all clients regardless of mobility issues have access to safe and supportive housing. Space to accomodate the supervision of children in a child friendly space as well as a client work area and enhanced privacy features will ensure that the shelter is welcoming and sensitive to clients, needs.

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	\$50,000
Construction	\$1,100,000
Equipment	\$675,000
Total	\$1,825,000

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

State of MD 2025 Legislative Bond Bill	\$750,000
State of MD 2026 Legislative Bond Bill	\$900,000
Other contributions to be identified	\$175,000
Total	\$1,825,000

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
1/1/26	5/1/26	11/1/26	5/1/27
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
		156 (shelter)	200
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Heartly House, Inc PO Box 857 Frederick, MD 21705		Location is confidential	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	3 - Frederick 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:	Niki Thrash	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	240-329-9600		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
14	16	1074619.00	1421083.00
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
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	11,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	11,000		
New GSF	11,000		

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

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28. Comments

Heartly House has not yet launched a capital campaign for its renovation project. However, the Ausherman Family Foundation is conducting a pro-bono feasibility study to assess the projects needs, develop a plan, and establish a formal budget. For projects of this nature, the Foundation often provides continued support, positioning the initiative for success as fundraising efforts progress.