

# State Of Maryland

## 2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Heritage Center II		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Mautz	Ghrist	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Caroline County	\$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 Heritage Center II		
<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>
Richard R Schwab		410-991-2588
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Caroline County Historical Society is a national leader in building preservation, saving many buildings county-wide from collapse or demolition, to include: Linchester Mill, James Webb Cabin, William Still Interpretive Center, Tuckahoe Meeting House, Marble Head, Castle Hall, Annie Taylor House, to name a few. Our research is of national significance, particularly on the UGRR. We have no paid staff; own and maintain many buildings (see above); operate a museum and research repository/archive, and preserve unique artifacts; prepare interpretive signage/brochures; conduct Student Discovery days for elementary school children; and make our own heritage films. Again, we are an all-volunteer organization. Our purpose is discovery and education for the present generation, plus preservation for future generations.</p>		



<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>
August 2019	April 2023	Summer 2026	Fall 2028
<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>	
0.00	0	10,000	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
USDA	\$37,500	Building Reports i.e Architectural Engineering	
MHAA Phase 1 Part	\$50,000	2023 Feasibility Study-Update Architectural Plan	
MHAA Phase 1, Part	\$82,700	2023 Completed. Repair/Replace Front Facade	
Bond Bill #24-485	\$75,000	New Roof/1st fl Demo. Awaiting '26 Bond Result	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Caroline County Historical Society, Inc. P.O. Box 514 Denton, MD 21629		134 N. 3rd Street Denton, MD 21629	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	37B - Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, and Wicomico Counties		
<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>	Robert Jarrell	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	410-479-1000		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
Mr. Robert Jarrell P.O. Box 600 Denton, Md 21629			

<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>
0	0	0.00	11500.00
<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>			Lease
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			
<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>	
Town of Denton	99 Years	Yes	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	5,800		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	2,900		
<b>New GSF</b>	2,900		

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

1927 (Built by Town Volunteers)

**28. Comments**

As with all Society projects, the first step of the overall project commenced by the retention of a professional land historians review of the history of the structure. Interestingly, it turned out to have not been a government project of 1927, but rather a community project involving hundreds and hundreds of small private donations over the years until 1927 when the first part of the structure was erected by the Denton Volunteer Fire Company. Unfortunately, no licensed architect was involved, which saved money, but resulted in the several structural defects that this current project is addressing.

Basically, the engineering firm traced structural defects in both the roof and brick of the front facing facade. They found that poorly executed bottom chords of the roof trusses installed in 1927 were the source of all the structural problems. This makes our project URGENT so that we can move forward.

Phase II is where we are now, we will address and remedy any structural problems, such as the roof trusses, identified previously in Phase I. The completion of Phase II will mean that the structure has a new roof with structural concerns addressed. We have recently experienced some leakage and minor damage to the 2nd floor. While the leak has been repaired, it is ADAMANT that the roof be replaced to ensure to secure the building before moving forward with the demolition/resoration of the inside.

When all future phases are completed, visitors will learn how the unique landscape and people of the area have helped shape history and continue to change with different agricultural practices, business opportunities, new immigrant communities, women, LBGTO, Native Americans & the local Algonquin Indian history, first colonists, various religious communities, and shipbuilders, who have all helped shape this county; plus how the land and waters of the Bay & Choptank River have played a major part in all the changes. This will address diverse or inclusive historical narratives that will highlight under-told narratives about Carolines past.

Finally, Sustaining regional identity thru Economic Development. When completed, this Heritage Center will provide an excellent starting point for group tours and individuals by promoting and interpreting other areas, businesses and places for entertainment in the county. Increased tourism in Caroline will benefit other counties when visitors are encouraged to explore further along the Harriet Tubman UGRR Byway, Civil War Trail & the expanded Chesapeake Country Scenic Byway of the Eastern Shore.