

# State Of Maryland

## 2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Historic Mt Vernon German Reformed Church		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Corderman	Wivell	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Washington County	\$100,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Historic Mt. Vernon German Reformed Church property		
<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>
Lisa Riner		301-432-5795
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Town of Keedysville is a municipal government in Washington County, Maryland, responsible for providing essential public services and maintaining a safe, well-functioning community. The Town works to protect the health, safety, and welfare of residents through responsible governance, maintenance of public infrastructure, and enforcement of local ordinances. Keedysville is committed to preserving its historic character, supporting community engagement, and enhancing quality of life for residents and visitors.</p>		

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

Keedysville recently acquired the historic Mt. Vernon German Reformed Church, a landmark central to the Town's Civil War history. Originally built in 1852, the church served as a hospital during the Battle of Antietam, with pews used as hospital beds. Located just four miles from Antietam National Battlefield, the restored church will house a new Town museum and public meeting space, providing a long-needed hub for historic preservation and display. Funding is requested to complete critical restoration work, including slate roof, gutter, and downspout replacement; masonry repair and repointing; exterior and interior painting; plaster repair; electrical upgrades; and HVAC drainage and sump pump improvements. This project will complement existing heritage attractions and strengthen Keedysville's role in regional heritage tourism.

*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>	
<b>Design</b>	
<b>Construction</b>	\$370,000
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	\$370,000

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

Maryland Heritage Areas Authority - Slate Roof	\$84,900
Nora Roberts Foundation - Slate Roof	\$40,000
Town of Keedysville - Slate Roof	\$45,100
Bond Initiative	\$200,000
<b>Total</b>	\$370,000

<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>
N/A	N/A	5/1/2026	12/31/2026
<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>
170000.00		0	300-500
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
None			
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Town of Keedysville 19 S Main St, PO Box 359 Keedysville, MD 21756		64 S Main St Keedysville, MD 21756	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	2A - Washington and Frederick 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>	Lisa Riner	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	301-432-5795		Yes
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
19 S Main St Keedysville, MD 21756		10/29/25	505800.00

<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>
2	2	9000.00	10000.00
<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>			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>	3,696		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	3,696		
<b>New GSF</b>	0		

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

1892

**28. Comments**

Originally built in 1852, the historic Mt. Vernon German Reformed Church served as a hospital during the Battle of Antietam, with pews used as hospital beds. The structure was rebuilt in 1892 after the original foundation was compromised by a burial pit for amputated limbs placed nearby. The well-preserved 1892 building retains significant historic features, including original carpeting and portieres, the chandelier and pews from the 1852 church, and unique interior wood paneling and roll-top walls separating the sanctuary and meeting room. The church is also believed to sit atop a mass grave of soldiers who died there, adding to its historical significance.