

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Laurel Cemetery Memorial Project		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
McCray		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$400,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Laurel Cemetery Memorial Project		
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
Laura Connelly		410-448-5663
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Parks & People is a nonprofit working in Baltimore City to spark wonder through play, education, and nature. Founded in 1984, the organization has a history of investment in Baltimore's public spaces through a community lens. Parks & People works with stakeholders to implement greenspace projects for the benefit of Baltimore City.</p>		

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

In 1962, developers built a shopping complex on top of Laurel Cemetery, Baltimores first nondenominational cemetery for African Americans. Laurel Cemetery was a resting place for thousands of African Americans, including veterans, community leaders, and everyday citizens who helped shape the city's history. Research has determined only about 600 of 25,000 graves were relocated before construction. Parks & People will assist Coppin State University in an effort to design and erect a monument on two acres of green space to acknowledge the community's loss, educate the public about the site's significance, and serve as a powerful act of remembrance and justice. Funding for this project will ensure that this long-overdue recognition of Laurel Cemetery's legacy becomes a reality before the opportunity for coordinated community and institutional action passes.

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	\$75,000
Construction	\$325,000
Equipment	
Total	\$400,000

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

2026 Legislative Bond Initiative (this ask)	\$400,000
Total	\$400,000

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
7/1/2026	6/30/2027	9/1/2027	12/31/2028
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	estimated 10,000	estimated 100,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2024	\$250,000	Betty Hyatt Community Park design and construction	
2024	\$180,000	Leith Walk Elementary/Middle School playground ren	
2023	\$180,000	Johnston Square Elementary School playground renov	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Parks & People, Inc. 2100 Liberty Heights Ave Baltimore, MD 21217		2401 Belair Rd Baltimore, MD 21213	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	40 - Baltimore City		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Dr. Franklin Lance	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	4104485663		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	
3	5	50000.00	100000.00	
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?			Lease	
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	
See 28. Comments				
26. Building Square Footage:				
Current Space GSF		87120		
Space to be Renovated GSF		87120		
New GSF		87120		

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

n/a

28. Comments

25E. The property is privately owned and Coppin State University has secured legal consent from the owner to conduct improvement to the space.