

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Mill Pond House		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Lewis Young	Fair	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Frederick County	\$180,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Mill Pond House		
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
Allen Etzler		240-549-4380
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The City of Frederick is a municipal corporation and charter government serving more than 90,000 residents in Maryland's second-largest city. The City provides core public services including public safety, infrastructure, water and sewer utilities, parks and recreation, housing and human services, economic development, and community engagement. Guided by adopted comprehensive plans and strategic priorities, the City invests in projects that strengthen neighborhoods, expand opportunity, and support sustainable growth. Through partnerships with state, county, nonprofit, and private-sector partners, the City works to enhance quality of life and ensure Frederick remains a vibrant, inclusive, and economically competitive community.</p>		

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
Summer 2026	TBD	1Q 27	TBD
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	25,000	25,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2023	\$250,000	Restoration of City clock	
2023, 2025	\$212,000	City Youth Center	
2023	\$500,000	Traffic Calming	
2023	\$100,000	Westside health center renovations	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The City of Frederick 101 N. Court Street		2509 Mill Race Road, Frederick, Maryland	
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:	Allen Etzler	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	2405494380		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
0	0	0	0
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	About 600 square feet		
Space to be Renovated GSF	About 600 square feet		
New GSF	About 600 square feet		

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

1746

28. Comments

The Mill Pond House Project represents a rare opportunity to preserve one of Maryland's earliest surviving structures at a moment when intervention is both urgent and achievable. Built circa 1746, the Mill Pond House is the oldest known European-style dwelling in Frederick County, predating even Schifferstadt.

What remains today the vaulted stone cellar, foundation walls, and chimney offers a tangible link to early German colonial settlement in Maryland. However, the engineering assessment makes clear that deteriorated mortar, structural voids, moisture intrusion, and localized wall instability place the structure at risk of continued deterioration and potential collapse.

This request is a targeted investment to stabilize and preserve irreplaceable historic fabric before it is permanently lost.

For a total estimated cost of \$187,000, the State has the opportunity to protect a 280-year-old cultural asset located on City-owned parkland and adjacent to a public trail, where it can serve residents, students, and visitors for generations. The project builds upon prior Maryland Historical Trust-supported archaeological work, ensuring earlier public investment is safeguarded rather than allowed to deteriorate. With City ownership secured and engineering assessments completed, the project is positioned for implementation upon funding approval. This is a modest but high-impact preservation effort that protects Maryland's colonial heritage, strengthens heritage tourism, and reinforces the State's longstanding commitment to historic preservation.