

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Morningstar Tabernacle No 88 Moses Cemetery and Hall		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Love	Korman	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$240,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Morningstar Tabernacle No. 88 Moses Cemetery and Hall, including access driveway		
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
Charlotte Troup Leighton, Board Treasurer		202-739-1751
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Friends of Moses Hall, Inc. is a Maryland nonprofit dedicated to protecting, restoring, and stewarding the historic Morningstar Tabernacle No. 88 Moses Cemetery and Hall, an African American sacred burial ground and community landmark in Cabin John. Our mission is to safeguard graves and historic landscape features, halt decades of erosion and stabilize the site, and ensure respectful public access for descendants, neighbors, researchers, and students. We work with descendant families, preservation partners, historians, engineers, and public agencies to advance planning, permitting, and phased capital improvements that prevent further deterioration and support long-term preservation, education, and community stewardship.</p>		

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

Phase I begins a three-phase restoration to rebuild safe, historically consistent access to the Morningstar Tabernacle No. 88 Moses Cemetery and Hall from Seven Locks Rd., including ADA-compliant parking and roadway shoulder improvements. Today there is no paved driveway and no safe pedestrian route into the steep, eroding site for visitors, volunteers, or maintenance crews. Without reliable access, hundreds of graves and fragile historic features remain at risk of irreversible damage. Phase I delivers the enabling work for later construction: planning and design; permits/approvals; demolition; excavation; grading; stormwater management; and required utility relocations and entrance improvements at Seven Locks Rd. This phase creates the buildable conditions needed for the future driveway and ADA parking in Phases Two and Three. Full project buildout will support grave stabilization, interpretive signage, restoration, and public access to historic site features.

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	
Design	\$25,000
Construction	\$215,000
Equipment	
Total	\$240,000

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

Maryland Legislative Bond Initiative	\$240,000
Private Funds and Pledges Raised to Date	\$25,000
Total	\$265,000

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
6/1/2026	12/31/2026	4/1/2027	9/30/2027
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
25000.00	150		900
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)	
Friends of Moses Hall, Inc. 7550 Seven Locks Road Cabin John, MD 20818		Morningstar Tabernacle No. 88 Moses Cemetery and Hall 7550 Seven Locks Road Cabin John, MD 20818	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	16 - Montgomery 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:	Alexandra Jones, President	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	202-277-5557		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
12309 Foyette Lane Upper Marlboro, MD 20772			

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		
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?			
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			
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	1.1 acres		
Space to be Renovated GSF	1.1 acres		
New GSF	0		

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

1885

28. Comments

Field 12 is limited to estimated capital costs to complete Phase I of this project.

Field 16 is an estimate of annual on-site users based on volunteer cleanups/workdays, descendant/family visits, partner and community group visits, and professional/technical site visits (engineers, archaeologists, historians, contractors, press, and agency staff). Because the site does not currently have public operating hours or ticketed access due to site conditions and challenging pedestrian access, FMH relies on event sign-ins, site visit appointments, and observation-based counts. Improved access will increase safe stewardship, as well as community and educational visits.

Field 17 (900) reflects anticipated annual use after completion of safe access improvements and planned programming. It includes (i) on-site users such as descendants and family visitors, volunteers and stewardship teams, guided school/community groups, researchers, and preservation/maintenance personnel, all whose access will be enabled by a safe, reliable driveway; and (ii) participants in education and community outreach programs directly tied to the site and its history. Because the site will be open to the public after project completion, projections are based on anticipated event participation and conservative assumptions about visitation made feasible by reliable site access.

Field 25 is left intentionally blank because the Grantee does not own or lease the property. The property is owned by The Board of Trustees of Morningstar Tabernacle Number 88, Incorporated. Friends of Moses Hall, Inc., as Grantee, works with the property owner in stewardship of this historic African American site.

Field 27 includes the year that this site's Moses Hall was constructed. The site holds the only extant remains of a Moses Hall foundation in Montgomery County.