

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Park Avenue Median Park Capital Improvement Project		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Hayes	Wells	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$190,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Park Avenue Median Park Capital Improvement 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
Chris Ryder		301-602-3080
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>>>>The purpose of the Bolton Hill Community Association (BHCA) is to facilitate activities that enhance the quality of life of the Bolton Hill community and to take action on matters affecting the interests of its residents. BHCA serves as the liaison between Bolton Hill and elected officials, government agencies, institutions, organizations, and other communities.>>>The Park Avenue Median Park is a historic one-acre Baltimore City green space within Bolton Hill, in the medians of Park Avenue just south of North Avenue and Reservoir Hill, near BCPS Mt. Royal Elementary/Middle School.>>>BHCA's purpose in providing capital refurbishment and critical safety improvements in this vital community Park is to support neighborhood cohesion in Bolton Hill and to strengthen community stability north of downtown Baltimore and along the West North Avenue Corridor.</p>		

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

The purpose of the project is to repair, refurbish and make urgent safety improvements to the Park's eight 19th-century monumental cast-iron urns and two historic fountains, and to bring the Park's plumbing, electrical and lighting systems and fixed amenities to current functional and safety standards. The Park and its fountains currently suffer from outdated and broken electrical and lighting systems and outdated and cracked plumbing lines, and its monumental cast-iron urns are unstable, with cracked and corroded necks and bases.>>>The objective of the project is to restore and provide a more safe, functional and appealing public space that can continue to serve its thousands of regular users and remain a cultural and historic asset for Bolton Hill, Baltimore City and the State of Maryland.

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	
Construction	\$200,000
Equipment	
Total	\$200,000

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

State of Maryland Legislative Bond Initiative	\$190,000
Bolton Hill Community Association, Inc.	\$10,000
Total	\$200,000

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
	Complete	7/1/2026	5/30/2027
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	
10000.00	Please see estimate in box 28.	Please see estimate in box 28.	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
None		None	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Bolton Hill Community Association, Inc. 1819 Bolton St. Baltimore, MD 21217		Park Avenue Median Park 1600 & 1700 Block Medians of Park Avenue Baltimore, MD 21217	
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
[]	[]	[X]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Lee Tawney	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-952-3174		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
233 W Lanvale St. Baltimore, MD 21217			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
Please see box 28.	Please see box 28.		
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
Please see box 28.			
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	N/A		
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

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

N/A

28. Comments

Collaboration with Baltimore City Agencies; response for boxes 24 and 25

The Park Avenue Median Park is Baltimore City property under the jurisdiction of the Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BCDOT), which under an intra-City agency agreement provides mowing and other maintenance services to the Park.

BCDOT manages the Park in collaboration with the Baltimore City Recreation and Parks Department (BCRP), which historically managed and provided extensive support to the Park and the Parks fountains (including the last major renovations, which took place in the 1960s). BCRP lists the Park as a mini park among its assets, and continues to provide certain maintenance services to the Park, including its fountains.

The Bolton Hill Community Association (BHCA) and its predecessors, members, and collaborating organizations have for decades collaborated with these and other City agencies in funding and/or providing on a volunteer basis tree planting, tree wells, gardening/landscaping and unmet maintenance needs in Bolton Hill green spaces, including extensive work over the years in the Park Avenue Median Park and its fountains, urns, gardens, trees and lawns.

BHCA currently hosts and supports a neighborhood stakeholder group for the Park, the Friends of the Park Avenue Medians (FOPAM), which has provided over \$15,000 in funding and hundreds of hours in volunteer effort improving and maintaining the Park.

BHCA believes very strongly in the need for these capital improvements and is prepared to commit the necessary resources to manage and partially fund this project. BHCA, a 501(c)(3) organization, has a track record of neighborhood improvement, recently implementing \$100,000 in State DNR and DHCD grants.

Before applying for this grant, BHCA representatives briefed representatives of both BCDOT and BCRP on its proposals to fund and implement the needed capital improvements to the Park. BCDOT and BCRP representatives each expressed support for these proposals, provided standard Agency review processes are followed. We expect a decrease in maintenance burden after this refurbishment.

BHCA expects to implement this project using appropriate contractors with relevant experience working for public agencies on fountains, park infrastructure and historic decorative iron restoration.

Response for box 16: As many as 1,000 people traverse the Park each day, including hundreds of nursery through eighth-grade students and families each morning and afternoon during the school year, as well as many MICA students and faculty. Hundreds of dog walkers visit each day year-round, together with numerous senior citizens, students and others who sit, meet or picnic around the Park's fountains and lawns.