

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Rosa's House		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
	Addison	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Rosa's 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
Celeste Hand-Cunningham		443-824-6867
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>L.A.M.B., Inc., founded in 1995 as a 501(c)3, is committed to improving quality of life for all ages in Baltimore. Our mission is to drive positive change and empower individuals and families toward self-sufficiency. We promote literacy and equitable learning for adults and families, recognizing education as essential for community advancement. To address health disparities, L.A.M.B., Inc. works to increase access to healthy food choices, supporting community well-being and growth. L.A.M.B., Inc. identified a gap between healthy food access, health disparities, and rampant violence in Baltimore. In response, we launched nutrition education, programs and partnered with local resources to provide hands-on assistance for families in need.</p>		

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

We seek support to establish a 24/7 emergency shelter for women and children in Baltimore's 21202 ZIP code area with some of the city's highest rates of poverty, housing instability, and unmet need for safe, trauma-informed crisis housing. This shelter will provide immediate safety, short-term housing, and a pathway to long-term stability for families experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, or sudden displacement. Your support will create a lifeline for women and children who currently have nowhere safe to go in their own community. This shelter will not only meet an urgent need; it will transform long-term outcomes for families by providing safety, stability, and hope at the moment they need it most.

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	\$50,000
Construction	\$200,000
Equipment	
Total	\$250,000

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

State of Maryland Bond Grant	\$250,000
Total	\$250,000

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
90 - 120 days	Secure City	120 days after receipt of	Secure City Approval
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	0	48,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
NA			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
L.A.M.B., Inc. 1263 E. North Ave. Baltimore, MD 21202		1271 E. North Ave. Baltimore, MD 21202	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	46 - 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:	Celeste Hand-Cunningham	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	4438246867		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
6502 Cedonia Ave. Baltimore, MD 21206			

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	500	250000	10000000
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
NA			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
NA			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	7,097		
Space to be Renovated GSF	7,097		
New GSF	7,097		

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

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28. Comments

Three dilapidated buildings presently occupy the property that will be used for the Rosa's House project. These buildings are causing blight and unsafe conditions for the residents in the neighborhood.

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The Need in 21202...

- * High poverty and instability: Nearly 24% of residents live below the poverty line, and 79% of households are renters, making families highly vulnerable to eviction and homelessness.
- * Documented gaps in shelter capacity: Baltimore's most recent Point-in-Time Count identified more than 2,000 individuals experiencing homelessness, including hundreds of families. Domestic violence programs statewide report hundreds of unmet requests for safe shelter each year.
- * Geographic inequity: While Baltimore has several shelters, 21202 lacks a dedicated emergency shelter for women and children, forcing families to travel across the city often unsafe or impossible during crisis moments.
- * High concentration of vulnerable families: 21202 includes neighborhoods with elevated rates of domestic violence, child poverty, and housing displacement.

Rosa's House will provide:

- * 100 beds for women and children in crisis
- * Low-barrier, trauma-informed intake available 24/7
- * Case management, safety planning, and connections to mental health and medical care
- * Rapid rehousing support, employment assistance, and benefits navigation
- * Child-centered supports, including school enrollment help, tutoring connections, and developmental screenings
- * A safe, dignified environment that centers healing, stability, and empowerment

Rosa's House will impact the community:

- * Reduce the number of families sleeping in unsafe conditions, cars, or overcrowded temporary spaces
- * Increase access to survivor-centered services for women fleeing domestic violence
- * Stabilize children, reducing school absences and trauma exposure
- * Strengthen Baltimore's Continuum of Care by filling a critical geographic and demographic gap
- * Provide families with a clear pathway from crisis to stability through coordinated wrap-around services