

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Sandy Spring Museum		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Zucker	Mireku-North	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Sandy Spring Museum		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements: Grant	Type:	
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Allison Weiss		301-774-0022
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
Sandy Spring Museum connects diverse audiences and advances social equity through programs, events, and shared experiences rooted in regional heritage. As the state-designated Regional Folklife Center of Montgomery County, the Museum supports living traditions by providing platforms for artists, cultural practitioners, and community members to share their stories and skills. In addition to about 150 programs held each year, the museum is known for its Strawberry Festival - one of the longest-continuously running festivals in the region, which brings thousands together each year in a vibrant, multicultural celebration shaped by volunteers, vendors, performers, and visitors. The museum serves as a gathering place where contemporary community life and cultural expression thrive.		

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

For the planning, design, and construction of the museum's master plan and associated repairs and renovations. This grant would go towards Phase III of the museum's five-phase master plan, whose intent is to broaden the impact and utilization of the museum and its campus, enhance the quality and broaden the range of the visitor experiences and the efficient operation of the museum. The plan is a consolidation of discrete elements, most of which can be executed independently. Key elements and issues addressed include: (1) Provide additional parking; (2) Clarify the extent of the museum's grounds as seen from Route 108; (3) Create gathering areas of various sizes; (4) Increase the number of studios available to artists. (4) Replace stand-alone storage sheds that are unattractive and impede foot traffic flow. (5) Attract people to explore the property. (6) Improve circulation & flow around the site.

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	\$200,000
Construction	\$1,300,000
Equipment	
Total	\$1,500,000

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

Bond bill	\$500,000
Montgomery County	\$250,000
Maryland State Arts Council	\$250,000
Individual donors	\$500,000
Total	\$1,500,000

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
1/4/2027	6/1/2027	10/1/2027	3/1/2028
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
360000		15,000	17,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session		Amount	Purpose
2025		\$200,000	Trails
2023		\$1,500,000	Folklife Addition
2022		\$100,000	Capital equipping
2022		\$150,000	Capital equipping
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Sandy Spring Museum, 17901 Bentley Road, Sandy Spring, Maryland			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		14 - Montgomery County	
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.		For Profit	Non Profit
[]		[]	[X]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Allison Weiss	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	3017740022		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
17901 Bentley Road, Sandy Spring, Maryland			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site					
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget		
10.1 FTE	11.5	1500000.00	1650000.00		
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?			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	15,160				
Space to be Renovated GSF	1650				
New GSF	16,810				

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	2017
28. Comments	