

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
The HAVEN		
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 The HAVEN, a healthy food eatery		
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 and health disparities in Baltimore. In response, we launched nutrition education programs and partnered with local food distributors to increase fresh produce availability in underserved neighborhoods, addressing disparities through projects and weekly food giveaways.</p>		

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

The HAVEN project is a four-story development designed to address Baltimores critical needs by boosting economic growth and access to healthy food. The first floor features a healthy food alternatives kiosk and pantry, helping combat local food insecurityan issue that impacts nearly 23.5 million Americans, especially in urban food deserts like Baltimore. The second floor houses a high-end restaurant, while the third and fourth floors offer office, conference room rentals, and an open event space. Besides improving food access, HAVEN is expected to create jobs, offer job training, and attract over 1,000 visitors monthly, supporting small businesses and community engagement.

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	\$100,000
Construction	\$150,000
Equipment	
Total	\$250,000

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

2026 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	
	24,000	48,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2023	\$500,000	Pre-project planning, environmental studies, acquisiti	
2024	\$75,000	Architectural designs, pre-demolition costs, and MHT	
2025	\$100,000	Equipment, demolition, site preparation.	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
L.A.M.B., Inc. 1263 E. North Ave. Baltimore, MD 21202		1259 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	675000	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	6,836 SF		
Space to be Renovated GSF	6,836 SF		
New GSF	6,836 SF		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	2026
28. Comments	
<p>The structure currently occupying the property was originally built in 1920. It's current state is dilapidated and partially caved in.</p> <p>Once the building is demolished The HAVEN will be a newly constructed building, handicapped accessible, and include green space to beautify the area.</p> <p>The HAVEN Project will be a fourstory, mixeduse community hub designed to expand healthy food access, strengthen local business infrastructure, and create pathways to economic mobility in East Baltimore. As the project description states:</p> <p>The HAVEN will serve as a stabilizing anchor in a corridor long impacted by disinvestment, offering residents and partners a safe, vibrant, and accessible space for nourishment, learning, and economic growth.</p> <p>East Baltimore faces persistent disparities in food access, employment, and smallbusiness support. Many families rely on corner stores or fast food as their primary food source, while local entrepreneurs and service providers struggle to find affordable, professional space. The HAVEN Project directly addresses these gaps by combining healthy food, workforce development, business support, and community gathering space under one roof.</p> <p>The HAVEN Project is designed with multiple revenue streams restaurant operations, event rentals, office leasing, and food kiosk sales ensuring longterm financial stability and reducing reliance on grants over time.</p> <p>The HAVEN Project offers funders and partners a powerful opportunity to invest in a healthier, more equitable Baltimore. Together, we can build a community anchor that nourishes families, strengthens local businesses, and expands opportunity for generations.</p> <p>The HAVEN will be a beacon of hope along the North Avenue Corridor.</p>	