

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Washington County MD Visitor Welcome Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Corderman	Schindler	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Washington County	\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Washington County Maryland Visitor Welcome Center		
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
Daniel P. Spedden		301 991 0521
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc. is incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland and is a 501-C6 nonprofit corporation. . The Mission of the Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau is to accelerate the economic development of Washington County, Maryland, by promoting travel and tourism. The Bureau shall promote attractions, events, accommodations and visitor services and develop new products to establish our community as a preferred destination to travelers.</p>		

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

The Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau (Visit Hagerstown) operated a downtown visitor welcome center in Hagerstown for 20 years until the center was closed in 2020 during the pandemic. The lease was up, and the location lost. Visit Hagerstown has been operating without a visitor welcome center since 2020. A new downtown visitor welcome center is needed. The site is close to a new minor league baseball stadium and event center, new parking deck, and adjacent to the Arts and Entertainment District, Cultural Trail, and City Park. Opportunities for visitors to spend in this area are abundant with attractions, food and beverage, events, transportation, performances, and the arts.

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	\$0
Design	\$150,000
Construction	\$789,775
Equipment	\$850,225
Total	\$1,790,000

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

Appalachian Regional Commission Grant	\$500,000
2024 MD Capital Grant Allocation (match above)	\$500,000
2025 MD Capital Grant Allocation	\$540,000
2026 MD Capital Grant Request	\$250,000
Total	\$1,790,000

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
3/15/2026	8/15/2026	11/15/2026	3/15/2027
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
500000.00	5 staff members		15 staff members 2,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2024	\$500,000		
2025	\$540,000		
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Hagerstown/Washington County Convention and Visitors Bureau 16 Public Square Hagerstown MD 21740		SAME	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	2B - Washington 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:	Dan Spedden	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301 991 0521		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Dan Spedden 16 Public Square Hagerstown MD 21740			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
5	15	1700000.00	1900000.00
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?			Lease
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	
Bowen Property Management (301) 745-9988	5 years	1 renewal	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	2,300		
Space to be Renovated GSF	2,300		
New GSF	0		

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

circa 1900

28. Comments

MEDCO is the project manager for this project. MEDCO will negotiate a new 20 year lease agreement as part of the renovation.

The CVB will operate the visitor welcome center over the course of its expected lifetime spending an estimated \$270,000 annually for 20 years (\$5.4 million).