

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Washington Grove Playground		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
King	Wims	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery 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 Grove Playground		
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
Mayor John Compton		240-432-5700
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Town of Washington Grove, chartered in 1937, celebrated its 150th anniversary as a residential community in 2023. The Grove is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is governed by an elected Town Council and Mayor. Our forests, parks, and playground occupy 115 acres and are enjoyed by town residents, as well as by our neighbors in Gaithersburg and the rest of Montgomery County. Eleven volunteer committees provide the majority of town staff who maintain town facilities. The Playground Committee is implementing a playground modernization plan with a goal to sustain a beautiful and accessible playground that honors the unique aesthetic and historic features of the town, while maintaining a natural space that supports an attractive community hub that fosters recreation and interaction for all ages.</p>		

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

The Town of Washington Grove, the grantee organization, will use the LBI grant to fund the Washington Grove Playground Comprehensive Plan for the modernization of the Town's playground space and equipment, most of which haven't been updated in over 30 years. Our Plan has been conceived as a multi-year project with a 3-5 year completion timeline. Under the Plan, the Town will reorganize the 1.5-acre playground grounds. We will purchase and install new equipment, including a playground set for children, ages 5-12; a multi-car train set; a set of huts for a village; enough picnic tables and benches to double our seating capacity; new shading; a music playset; and a playset for children, ages 2-5. We will repave our basketball court and restore vintage equipment (some over 50 years old). We will also modernize play-area floor materials and accessibility routes in order to meet ADA regulations and will re-landscape to improve drainage and to plant native pollinators.

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	\$0
Construction	\$75,000
Equipment	\$280,000
Total	\$355,000

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

LBI State of Maryland Grant	\$250,000
Town of Washington Grove	\$90,000
Private fundraising	\$15,000
Total	\$355,000

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
Underway	6/30/2026	7/1/2026	6/30/2028
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	
0.00	13,500 visitors, children	16,200 visitors, children	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
None.			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Town of Washington Grove 300 Grove Ave. P.O. Box 216 Washington Grove, MD 20880		312 Center St. Washington Grove, MD 20880	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	39 - Montgomery 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:	John Compton	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	240-432-5700		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
300 Grove Ave. P.O. Box 216 Washington Grove, MD 20880		N/A	

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	0	20000.00	20000.00	
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		No buildings. Land area - 60,000 sqft		
Space to be Renovated GSF		No buildings. Land area - 60,000 sqft		
New GSF		N/A		

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

N/A

28. Comments