

# State Of Maryland

## 2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

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| <b>1. Name Of Project</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                                   |                      |
| Westway Theater and Community Center                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                   |                      |
| <b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <b>3. House Sponsor</b>                           |                      |
| Attar                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Rosenberg                                         |                      |
| <b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>5. Requested Amount</b>                        |                      |
| Baltimore City                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | \$250,000                                         |                      |
| <b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                   |                      |
| the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Westway Theater and Community Center Revitalization                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                   |                      |
| <b>7. Matching Fund</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                   |                      |
| Requirements:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Type:                                             |                      |
| Grant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                   |                      |
| <b>8. Special Provisions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                   |                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian |                      |
| <b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>Contact Ph#</b>                                | <b>Email Address</b> |
| Anthony Scott Rowson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                   | (443) 825-9395       |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                   |                      |
| <b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                   |                      |
| <p>Restoring Individuals for Success through Empowerment (RISE) Baltimore uplifts Baltimore residents through a coordinated network of social programs addressing urgent needs and long-term success. For over 20 years, we have partnered with local for- and nonprofit organizations to launch more than 100 community-driven initiatives, serving over 500 families annually. With support from a legislative bond, RISE will expand a safe, inclusive hub offering before- and after-school enrichment, job readiness training, job placement services, food assistance, and music and theater programs led by local artists strengthening opportunity, stability, and community across Baltimore.</p> |                                                   |                      |

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

RISE Baltimore is committed to the longer-term social and economic sustainability of our community. For the past three years, we headquartered our community-driven programs within the historic Westway Theater. The events garnered growing enthusiasm amongst residents and provided opportunities for RISE to meet our community more salient needs, like before and after school programs. Yet, the theater lacks necessary space to host our ongoing and prospective enterprises. Our proposed capital project is to acquire the property adjacent to the Westway Theater and revitalize it into a thriving community center. Our designs include offices, classrooms, meeting space, and a multipurpose area that will be available to the community and provide ample space for RISE to expand into weekday services for residents. We estimate the development would allow us to serve an additional 100 families weekly and create job opportunities for our community.

*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**

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| <b>Acquisition</b>  | \$200,000        |
| <b>Design</b>       | \$10,000         |
| <b>Construction</b> | \$100,000        |
| <b>Equipment</b>    | \$25,000         |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$335,000</b> |

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

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| Legislative Bond    | \$250,000        |
| Private Fundraising | \$20,000         |
| Corporate Donations | \$65,000         |
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| <b>Total</b>        | <b>\$335,000</b> |

| <b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b> |                        |                                                                     |                                                                                 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Begin Design</b>                                                                                  | <b>Complete Design</b> | <b>Begin Construction</b>                                           | <b>Complete Construction</b>                                                    |
| 07/2026                                                                                              | 09/2026                | 10/2026                                                             | 10/2027                                                                         |
| <b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>                                                    |                        | <b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b> | <b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b> |
| 5000.00                                                                                              |                        | 525                                                                 | 2500                                                                            |
| <b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>                             |                        |                                                                     |                                                                                 |
| <b>Legislative Session</b>                                                                           | <b>Amount</b>          | <b>Purpose</b>                                                      |                                                                                 |
| n/a                                                                                                  | \$0                    | n/a                                                                 |                                                                                 |
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| <b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>                                                         |                        | <b>Project Address (If Different)</b>                               |                                                                                 |
| RISE Baltimore, Inc.                                                                                 |                        | 5300 Edmondson Ave.,<br>Baltimore, MD 21229                         |                                                                                 |
| <b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>                                          |                        | 41 - Baltimore City                                                 |                                                                                 |
| <b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>                                                |                        |                                                                     |                                                                                 |
| <b>Local Govt.</b>                                                                                   | <b>For Profit</b>      | <b>Non Profit</b>                                                   | <b>Federal</b>                                                                  |
| [ ]                                                                                                  | [ ]                    | [ X ]                                                               | [ ]                                                                             |
| <b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>                                                              |                        | <b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>                         |                                                                                 |
| <b>Name:</b>                                                                                         | Anthony Scott Rowson   | <b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>                                  | Yes/No                                                                          |
| <b>Phone:</b>                                                                                        | 443-825-9395           |                                                                     | No                                                                              |
| <b>Address:</b>                                                                                      |                        | <b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>                       |                                                                                 |
| 1350 Tralee Circle,<br>Aberdeen, MD 21001                                                            |                        | n/a                                                                 |                                                                                 |
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| <b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>                 |                                 |                                 |                                   |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Current # of Employees</b>                                                               | <b>Projected # of Employees</b> | <b>Current Operating Budget</b> | <b>Projected Operating Budget</b> |
| 3                                                                                           | 10                              | 75000.00                        | 500000.00                         |
| <b>25. Ownership of Property</b> (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)   |                                 |                                 |                                   |
| <b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>             |                                 |                                 | Own                               |
| <b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>                          |                                 |                                 | No                                |
| <b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>           |                                 |                                 | No                                |
| <b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b> |                                 |                                 |                                   |
| <b>Lessee</b>                                                                               | <b>Terms of Lease</b>           | <b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>    | <b>Square Footage Leased</b>      |
| n/a                                                                                         |                                 |                                 |                                   |
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| <b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>                         |                                 |                                 |                                   |
| <b>Name of Leaser</b>                                                                       | <b>Length of Lease</b>          | <b>Options to Renew</b>         |                                   |
| n/a                                                                                         |                                 |                                 |                                   |
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| <b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>                                                         |                                 |                                 |                                   |
| <b>Current Space GSF</b>                                                                    | 1,200                           |                                 |                                   |
| <b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>                                                            | 1,200                           |                                 |                                   |
| <b>New GSF</b>                                                                              | 1,200                           |                                 |                                   |

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

1935

**28. Comments**