

State Of Maryland 2016 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr1911	sb0489	lr3757	hb1567	Orchard Street Church
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Pugh				B. Robinson
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City				\$25,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Orchard Street Church				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of in kind contributions.	
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address
Estelle Young			410-523-8150	eyoung@gbul.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>The Greater Baltimore Urban League (GBUL) was founded in December 1924 to assist migrants from the rural south to successfully adapt to urban life, address discrimination, and overcome civil and human rights challenges. The Baltimore Urban League led multiple efforts to open opportunities and integrate institutions, including the Baltimore City Fire Department, The University of Maryland, Baltimore Medical Society, and the Baltimore Emergency Relief Commission, among others.</p>				

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

We at the Greater Baltimore Urban League (GBUL) respectfully request \$25,000 to complete roof and gutter repairs as well as finishing our HVAC system restoration, in order to arrest damaging water penetration to the interior and exterior of the historic Orchard Street Church. Our restoration project is a long-term, phased plan that prioritizes visitor viability, structural integrity, and long-term support over aesthetic concerns. Arresting the water damage is vital to protecting our building. Damaged roof drains allow water to flow into the masonry, causing mortar joints to deteriorate, bricks to loosen, and window sills to crumble. Water passes through the brick and pools behind interior walls causing major damage.

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	\$50,000
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$50,000

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

BNHA (actual amount \$7500)	\$7,000
in-kind	\$18,000
Bond Bill	\$25,000
Total	\$50,000

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
complete	complete	7/5/2016	1/29/2016
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	1350	2,656	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Baltimore Urban League, inc.			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	40 - 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:	J. Howard Henderson	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410 523 8150		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
512 Orchard St.			

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	7	534450.00	834450.00
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	17434		
Space to be Renovated GSF	3410		
New GSF	17434		

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

1837/1887

28. Comments

The Orchard Street Church is the oldest structure built by African Americans in the City of Baltimore. The Church is a major destination for tourists interested in Baltimore's Black History. In addition to tours of the Church and its tunnels, living history presenters portraying Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass teach students the history of slavery and emancipation. The Orchard Street Church is a place that most completely represents the story of Black churches in the United States. Whether visitors come for field trips and reenactments, tours, or social services, they come to the Orchard Street Church to strengthen and uplift themselves.

In 1989, the Greater Baltimore Urban League (GBUL) bought the property of the Orchard Street Church due to request from the surrounding community and the site's importance in the Underground Railroad. Having been vacant for nearly two decades; time, weather, and vandalism had nearly destroyed the historic beauty of this important structure (when the GBUL purchased the building it was slated for demolition by the city). For the next two years, the Orchard Street Church would undergo massive restoration, returning the structure to its state in 1882, the time of its most recent expansion. The GBUL moved into the building in 1992, where it would become host to program space, offices, classrooms, an auditorium, and a piece of living history offering tours and visits. Today, this historic building is once again in dire need of renovation and maintenance work. Our phased project is designed to address three major needs facing the Orchard Street Church. The phases are as follows:

(1) Arrest water penetration in the roof, exterior and interior corners; and clean and repair the gutters. (2) Restore the HVAC system to 100% functionality. (3) Repair the interior stairwells and the sanctuary hall ceiling while making upgrades to the windows and electrical system.

We humbly ask the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates to assist us with the first two phases of our restoration. These repairs will not only contribute to the longevity of the structure, but to the GBUL as well; by allowing programs and administrative work to operate at higher capacity while allowing for an improved overall experience for visitors and tourists.

The Baltimore City community, and in particular the African American community, will benefit from these repairs, and accessibility to the Church will be greatly improved. A restored and consistently inhabitable building will enhance the quality of experience of our Black history tours, living history presentations, and active humanitarian programs (college readiness, job training, and technology classes) geared towards African American participants.

In 2011 our HVAC system was vandalized and stripped of mechanical components, copper and electrical parts by thieves, since then our building has become extremely vulnerable to temperatures during the summer and winter months. Our staff works in offices heated only by space heaters in winter and cooled only by fans during the summer. With fewer opportunities for visitors and program development, we and the community lose chances to share the Orchard Street Church's history and GBUL's humanitarian services. The fluctuating temperatures and high humidity also put our building, artifacts, historical documents and photographs at risk. As of today, \$17,500 of soft match work has been utilized to render the HVAC to a minimum functioning level.

The Orchard Street Church is open year round, Monday through Friday from 9AM until