

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Restoring Our History - Paving a Way to Franklin's Future		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Henson	Howard	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Anne Arundel County	\$172,235	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Franklin U.M. Church, the hub for outreach programs for the communities of Southern Anne Arundel County		
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
Darlene M. Washington		410-507-7397
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
Franklin United Methodist Church, a 160-year-old historical landmark and spiritual heart of Churchton, MD. is an African American worship place, serving the needs of the population of Churchton and surrounding areas. It is the hub for outreach programs for the communities of Southern Anne Arundel County. Franklin's Drive-thru Food Pantry provides one of the largest food distributions in Anne Arundel County, a soup kitchen, pop-up fresh vegetables, and the home of the Blue Crab Community Fridge program which supplies an outdoor refrigerator of free food sources available 24/7 to help fight food insecurity. Franklin also provides the only six-week Summer Educational Enrichment Program free of charge to children of the community, ages 4-13, youth retreats, scholarships, Back-to-School BBQ, Santa's Brunch and Trunk and Treats programs. I.		

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

This facility is in urgent and dire need of a new parking lot by replacing and resurfacing the parking lot with asphalt paving, which has widespread areas of hazardous potholes and cracks and is subject to accidental falls and damage to vehicles. Public restrooms in the multi-purpose hall need renovations . Railings for the front door entrance are needed to provide a safe and accessible entrance to the church. The back door needs to be replaced to provide a handicapped accessible entrance to the multi-purpose hall. Pressure clean the exterior of the building to clean and sanitize the exterior surfaces, The purpose of the project is to provide a safe environment for our volunteers, elderly members, children and families attending our community outreach programs. All activities require a safe parking lot, meeting ADA requirements for accessibility to the entrances of the building.

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	
Construction	\$172,000
Equipment	
Total	\$172,000

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

Application for the State of Maryland Bond grant	\$172,000
Total	\$172,000

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
N/A	N/A	TBA	TBA
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	250	250-275	
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)	
Franklin United Methodist Church 5345 Deale-Churchton Road Churchton, MD 20733			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	12B - Anne Arundel 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:	Pearlene Collins	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-703-1952		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
5423 Deale-Churchton Road Churchton, MD 20733			

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	100000.00	156000.00
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
N/A			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	7225		
Space to be Renovated GSF	7225		
New GSF	7225		

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

2025-2026

28. Comments

Franklin United Methodist Church has benefited the public and local community since its inception in the greater Churchton community serving not only as a historical African American religious house, but as the hub of the community. Its greatest legacy has been a source of leadership, provided stability and continuity, and has been a positive influence in the religious, social economic and political arenas in Southern Anne Arundel County. This long-standing institution embodies a rich history and culture that continues to shape and inspire its congregation and broader community. Multiple resources including interviews with elderly members of the church and the review of the church's history and recorded documents, tell the compelling story of how Franklin operated and navigated within the culture of its time. It also offers an exciting opportunity to teach young people about the sacrifices, groundwork and contributions that were made to establish Franklin. Understanding and embracing the church's unique and amazing culture allows for a deeper appreciation of its role as an anchor in the community and ensures that the legacies of its ancestors will continue to be honored and celebrated. It is also the home of the historic Tanyard Burial Ground, that houses the remains of former area slaves. The heart and soul of Franklin are deeply intentional, demonstrating how members have always expressed concern for each other and the community were proficient in creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.

The requested capital funds for the renovation project are essential to meet ADA requirements and a safe environment for the continuation of our drive-thru food distribution, soup kitchen, outdoor community fridge program, and a safe play area for our summer educational program and other outreach services.

Opening doors to the future, Franklin's integration of technology and social media into its operations, reflects its willingness to evolve and to stay connected with its supporters. Franklin looks forward to further building stronger more viable civic relationships, improving lives and spreading hope to the marginalized and vulnerable families it serves. It continues to expand its outreach for communal success and growth. The church's charitable endeavors and efforts to make a difference in local issues, to address injustices and promote societal change, are central to its mission. The history and culture of Franklin go far beyond its physical structure and are embedded in the lives it has touched over the years. Its forward-thinking approach makes it a vital establishment, dedicated to supporting and advocating for justice and change.

Please Note: Although our insurance company does not have a record of appraisal, the property is insured at an amount of \$1,000,000.00