

# State Of Maryland

## 2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

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| <b>1. Name Of Project</b>  |   |                      |
| Sugarland Ethno History Project - SEHP - and the Dorsey Site   |   |                      |
| <b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>   | <b>3. House Sponsor</b>                               |                      |
| Feldman  | Foley   |                      |
| <b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)  | <b>5. Requested Amount</b>                            |                      |
| Montgomery County  | \$80,000  |                      |
| <b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>   |   |                      |
| the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Sugarland Ethno History Project (SEHP) property and the Dorsey Site  |   |                      |
| <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> |
| Suzanne Johnson  |   | 301-646-4692         |
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| <b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)  |   |                      |
| <p>Our mission is to preserve the history of the African American community of Sugarland in Montgomery County. The Sugarland Ethno-History Project, Inc was established to document this community, started by former enslaved people, in Poolesville. Preserving this rich history serves to educate present and future generations about life in Post Civil War Maryland. Our goals are to (1) create an archive type museum to document the artifacts and genealogy of members of this community from slavery to the present, (2) create outreach programs for students and the general public to learn more about the African American experience from slavery to freedom, and (3) to provide a database and make available educational workshops to facilitate the documenting and tracing of individual genealogy.</p> |   |                      |



| <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> |
| TBD  | TBD   | TBD   | TBD                          |
| <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>         |                              |
| 0.00   | 300   | 500   |                              |
| <b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>                             |   |   |                              |
| <b>Legislative Session</b>   | <b>Amount</b>   | <b>Purpose</b>  |                              |
| Maryland Heritage Ar   | \$50,000  | Repair and Paint Millwork and Siding-St. Paul Comm                                      |                              |
| Heritage Montgomery  | \$2,500   | Interior Painting/Laptops for Research and Document                                     |                              |
| MHAA FY2025  | \$28,000  | Restore Original Hardwood Floors  |                              |
| Mont.Co. Community   | \$3,000   | Security Improvement Grant  |                              |
| <b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>   |   | <b>Project Address (If Different)</b>   |                              |
| Sugarland Ethno History Project, Inc<br>8610 Leslie Ave.<br>Glenarden, MD 20706                      |   | St. Paul Community Church/Dorsey Site<br>14730 Sugarland Lane,<br>Poolesville, MD 20837 |                              |
| <b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>  | 15 - Montgomery County  |   |                              |
| <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>   | Suzanne Johnson   | <b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>  | Yes/No                       |
| <b>Phone:</b>  | 3016464692  |   | No                           |
| <b>Address:</b>  |   | <b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>   |                              |
| 8610 Leslie Ave, Glenarden, MD 20706   |   |   |                              |
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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> |
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| <b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)</b>   |                                 |                                 |                                   |
| <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>      |
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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>         |                                   |
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| <b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>   |                                 |                                 |                                   |
| <b>Current Space GSF</b>  | 1,300 - 1,500                   |                                 |                                   |
| <b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>  | 1,300 - 1,500                   |                                 |                                   |
| <b>New GSF</b>  |                                 |                                 |                                   |

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

1892

**28. Comments**

The St. Paul Community Church, built in 1892, is on the List of Historic Properties for the State of Maryland. The Sugarland Ethno History Project, Inc., is a descendant run, non-profit organization, whose purpose is to preserve this rich history. A book has been written about the Sugarland Community entitled, "I Have Started for Caanan". An educational teaching module has also been created about the work done on the Dorsey Project.

The completion of this project is essential to the future of the building and its valuable historical contents. It will also provide a safe place for visitors, researchers and the many descendants of the Sugarland Community. In past three years at the Dorsey site, we have hosted tours and camp presentations, with new floors we can expand this to include tours of the Sugarland church.