

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Thomas Kennedy Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Corderman	Schindler	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Washington County	\$75,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Thomas Kennedy Center ADA Museum Accessibility Initiative		
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
Stephen Hummel		301-988-0947
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Thomas Kennedy Center, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization established to celebrate Washington County Delegate Thomas Kennedy's pioneering efforts advancing religious liberty and inclusiveness in early 19th century Maryland. The Center's mission is to teach and apply Kennedy's legacy of liberty and inclusiveness across religious, racial, gender, and national differences. Located in downtown Hagerstown at 53 East Baltimore Street, the organization provides educational programming and community outreach to promote these values. Through its work, the Center aims to translate historical lessons of religious freedom and civil rights into contemporary understanding and practice.</p>		

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

The Thomas Kennedy Center seeks funding to enhance accessibility and functionality of its historic building in downtown Hagerstown. The project includes installing an ADA-compliant entrance with canopy from the parking lot, removing an interior wall to create a larger educational space, and renovating both men's and women's restrooms to meet ADA compliance standards. These improvements will transform the facility into a more accessible and effective educational center. The renovations will allow the Center to better serve its mission of teaching Thomas Kennedy's legacy of inclusiveness by making the physical space itself more inclusive and accommodating to all visitors. The architectural plans have been developed by David L. Moats Architect LLC to ensure professional execution while preserving the building's historic character.

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	\$2,600
Construction	\$185,000
Equipment	\$12,400
Total	\$200,000

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

CDBG Grant Request	\$25,000
Fletcher Foundation (Secured)	\$15,000
Maryland State Legislative Bond Initiative (Pending)	\$75,000
Maryland Heritage Areas Authority (Proposed)	\$50,000
Mary K. Bowman Foundation (Proposed)	\$15,000
Fundraising	\$20,000
Total	\$200,000

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	TBD	TBD
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	
35000.00	0	1,000 or more	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2018	\$300,000	Thomas Kennedy Memorial Park, Senate Bill #186	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Thomas Kennedy Center, Inc. 53 E. Baltimore Street Hagerstown, MD 21740			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	2B - Washington 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:	Stephen L. Hummel	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-988-0947		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
1029 Potomac Avenue Hagerstown, MD 21742-3927			

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	TBD	12000.00		
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?			Lease	
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	
Congregation Bnai Abraham				
26. Building Square Footage:				
Current Space GSF		11,300		
Space to be Renovated GSF		~2,000		
New GSF		11,300 (no addition to total square footage)		

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

1925

28. Comments

Historical Significance: Project preserves and activates a historic 1925 building while honoring Thomas Kennedy's legacy of religious freedom and civil rights in Maryland.

ADA Impact: Renovations transform an inaccessible space into a fully inclusive facility, particularly benefiting elderly and disabled visitors who currently face barriers to participation.

Educational Value: Enhanced classroom space and ADA compliance will increase capacity for school groups and educational programming, especially benefiting Title I schools.

Demonstrated Success: Organization has proven ability to manage significant projects, evidenced by completion of Thomas Kennedy Memorial Park and established educational programs reaching hundreds of students.

Strong Partners: Project leverages committed local partnerships including B'nai Abraham Congregation's building use agreement and Fletcher Foundation's financial support.

There is no formal lease drafted for the property use as of yet. We can supply email agreements between the Thomas Kennedy Center and the property owner, Congregation Bnai Abraham, demonstrating our use of the space and their agreed upon wishes to see the space revitalized.