

# State Of Maryland

## 2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Federal Hill Park Playground		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Ferguson	Edelson	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Baltimore City	\$29,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Federal Hill Park Playground		
<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>
Delegate Mark Edelson		mark.edelson@house.state.md.us
Jimmy Iannuzzi		610-639-0210
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>South Harbor Renaissance (SHR) is a 501(c)3 focused on restoring, preserving, and enhancing Federal Hill Park as a resource for the diverse communities of Baltimore City and its visitors. Since 2011, SHR has been working with partners including Baltimore City Recreation and Parks (BCRP), the Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation, the Baltimore Tree Trust, the Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance, Federal Hill Neighborhood Association, the Waterfront Partnership, and South Baltimore Gateway Partnership to support the Park. Between 2011 and 2019, SHR successfully executed \$800,000 in projects, including the construction of a children's playground in 2014. SHR is committed to restoring the playground as a safe place for the next generation of children and families to play, learn, and enjoy.</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>
1/5/2024	1/8/2024	9/3/2024	9/13/2024
<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	35,978 residents and visitors		35,978 residents and visitors
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2010-2011	\$240,000	State of Maryland Program Open Space (Federal Hill	
2012	\$270,000	State of Maryland Program Open Space Funds (Feder	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
South Harbor Renaissance, Inc. 411 E Hamburg St Baltimore, MD 21230		300 Warren Avenue Baltimore, MD 21230	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	46 - 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>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Jimmy Iannuzzi	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	(610) 639-0210		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
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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>
7	7	0.00	0.00
<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>			
<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>
<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>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>			
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>			
<b>New GSF</b>			

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

2014

**28. Comments**

As the City prepares to celebrate the 150th anniversary of Federal Hill becoming a public park, and the nation prepares to celebrate its 250th anniversary, SHR is pleased to submit this Legislative Bond Initiative request to ensure Federal Hill Park remains a valuable public space for future generations to enjoy. The Park, one of the most visited attractions in Baltimore, is the center of life in Federal Hill and is frequently crowded with local families, children from neighborhood schools (including two nearby Title I public schools, Federal Hill Preparatory School and Digital Harbor High School, and numerous other daycares and child care centers that are just blocks away), dog walkers, runners, and visitors from all over the City and beyond. The Park's playground area is especially popular with children of all ages.

Unfortunately, the Park's playground has gradually fallen into disrepair and desperately needs a refresh and revitalization so that it can continue to be a safe place for the next generation of families and children. This request seeks \$29,000 to repair and replace damaged playground tiles, equipment, and features, while also adding a new small reading area for children adjacent to the existing playground. Specific examples of damage include: (1) many of the playground tiles are damaged and disintegrating, while many more are peeling up on the corners and pose a tripping hazard; (2) several of the play features are damaged and have been removed, including three of the historic musical drum-style cannons and a search and find feature for young children; and (3) worn out metal and paint on climbing structures and missing screws/bolts.

Recently, during a series of neighborhood conversations to discuss the future of the Park, SHR heard repeatedly from neighbors about the urgent need to repair the damaged and dangerous playground, as well as very strong desire to have a children's reading area that is calmer and nature-themed to complement the playground area. SHR has contacted Playground Specialists, Inc., which installed the original playground, to obtain a quote.

**Itemized Quote:**

- Replace 3 damaged playground wall panels: \$5,937
- Replace 1 damaged playground interactive feature: \$3,646
- Replace damaged and missing hardware (e.g., missing floor tiles, missing bolts, etc.) throughout playground area: \$2,500
- Pressure wash and clean all playground equipment: \$3,000
- Create small children's reading area next to playground: \$5,150
- Labor for all line items: \$6,263
- Shipping and other costs: \$2,308
- Total Cost: \$28,804 (rounded to nearest thousand: \$29,000)

With the General Assembly's help, residents and visitors of all ages will be able to fully and safely enjoy Federal Hill Park for many years to come. Thank you in advance for your consideration.