

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
William Paca Garden		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Elfreth	D. Jones	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Anne Arundel County	\$75,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the William Paca Garden, including accessibility construction		
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
Delegate Dana Jones		dana.jones@house.state.md.us
Karen Theimer Brown		410-990-4513
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Established in 1952, Historic Annapolis, Inc. (HA) is the leading preservation and history non-profit organization in Annapolis, MD. The mission of HA is to Preserve and Protect the historic places, objects, and stories of Maryland's capital city, and provide engaging experiences that Connect people to the area's diverse heritage. HA manages a portfolio of thirteen historic properties in the Annapolis Colonial District. Twelve of these properties are owned by the State of Maryland and managed by HA through a master lease agreement. HA is proud to be entrusted with the care and management of these cultural treasures, so that we may share them with all the people of our state and its many visitors.</p>		

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

HA is seeking funds to support increasing physical accessibility to the William Paca Garden, one of the twelve State-owned sites under our care, which is open to the public. The 2-acre English garden has been restored to its 18th century configuration, featuring a terraced layout with four levels. These levels are connected by stairs, making the majority of the Paca Garden inaccessible for any individual who cannot navigate steps. HA has completed a design to adapt the layout of this historic site to better accommodate every visitor to the maximum extent possible. Funds would support the construction project to build and install ramps on one side of the garden and resurface the loose pea gravel pathways with a permeable stabilized resin stone. Modifications are designed with sensitivity for the historic character and integrity of the Paca Garden. Through this project, this State asset will become universally accessible and impact a larger, more diverse audience.

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	\$368,000
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$368,000

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

State of MD Bond Initiative FY25 (pending)	\$75,000
State of MD Bond Initiative FY24 (secured)	\$100,000
MHAA Capital Grant FY23 (secured)	\$50,000
Arts Council of AA County Grant, FY23 (secured)	\$4,000
Norman S. Starkey Charitable Trust, FY22 (secured)	\$17,500
Norman S. Starkey Charitable Trust, FY21 (secured)	\$12,500
Private Donor (secured)	\$26,652
To Be Secured (private donors and/or grants)	\$82,348
Total	\$368,000

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	4/1/2023	12/31/2025
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
110946.00		25,000	30,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2023	\$100,000		
2019	\$100,000		
2018	\$125,000		
2017	\$90,000		
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Historic Annapolis, Inc. 18 Pinkney Street Annapolis, MD 21401		William Paca House & Garden 186 Prince George Street Annapolis, MD 21401	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		30A - 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:	Karen Theimer Brown, President/CEO	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-990-4513		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Historic Annapolis, Inc. 18 Pinkney Street Annapolis MD 21401			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
44	46	2320000.00	2390000.00
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?			
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	
Dept of General Services, State of Maryland	40	Master Lease renewed in 2011	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	87,120		
Space to be Renovated GSF	10,000		
New GSF	0		

<p>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</p>	<p>1976</p>
<p>28. Comments</p> <p>HA is requesting a \$75,000 Legislative Bond Initiative (LBI) in 2024 to support an ongoing construction project to increase accessibility to the State-owned historic asset, the William Paca Garden. The Paca Garden is sited behind the William Paca House, a National Historic Landmark in downtown Annapolis, which is open to the public and operated by HA on behalf of the State as a historic house museum. But since its restoration back to its 18th century configuration in the 1970s, the Paca Garden has been virtually inaccessible to anyone who requires mobility accommodations. The four terraced levels are connected by stairs, and only the topmost terrace is fully accessible without assistance. This proposed project would enable increased garden access to all four levels and provide better compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) at the site. The Paca Garden is a venue for many types of activities, including public educational programming, field trips and tours, and private events. And though HA has worked to create alternative experiences when possible, this construction project is needed to eliminate the impediment of inaccessibility that has prevented anyone with mobility disadvantages from exploring the garden, attending HA's public programs, or selecting the Paca Garden as a venue for their event.</p> <p>This proposed construction project aligns with several strategic goals set forth in HA's long-term strategic plan: to cultivate and serve a broader audience base, and to uphold the organization's role as a leader in historic preservation. HA aims to adhere to the highest museum standards and best practices among cultural institutions. HA is fully committed to making all aspects of the historic properties in our care accessible to our visitors. This project will allow for a more expanded appreciation of this important historic asset and will achieve a strategic goal to expand our reach to new audiences.</p> <p>As a State-owned property used for a public purpose, HA is committed to finding solutions to provide access in a thoughtful and dignified way that will preserve, not impede upon, the historic character of the resource. The planning process of this project has been completed and design documents are in hand. HA continues to seek private donors and grantors for this project, but it should be noted that HA has found funding resources for this type of construction to be scarce, and in fact was recently denied three grants for this project. The State's support of this important project is absolutely critical to ensuring its completion, thereby increasing the accessibility for all people to the William Paca Garden as soon as possible.</p>	