

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Second District VFDRS Solar Panels		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Bailey	T. Morgan	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
St. Mary's County	\$100,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Solar Panels for the Second District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad		
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 Todd B. Morgan		todd.morgan@house.state.md.us
Stephanie Boyd		301-481-9879
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Second District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad (SDVFDRS) was formed is to: (1) Protect the life and property in the Second and Ninth Election Districts of St. Mary's County, Maryland and in areas adjacent there to through mutual aid to other fire departments and rescue squads, (2) Provide an adequately trained membership required in order to operate a volunteer fire department and rescue squad, and (3) Continually foster improvements of its members and the community.</p>		

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

In Spring 2022, the SDVFDRS completed the construction of its Fire / EMS station, a \$13M community infrastructure investment as financed by St. Mary's County Revolving and Community Bank loans. With this financial burden, the SDVFDRS evaluated operational expenses in an effort to identify opportunities for infrastructure reinvestment and debt reduction; thus, the decision to invest in solar panels. Solar panels will be located on station roof surfaces with the intent to provide 110%+ efficiency; covering annual electrical costs of \$32K [objective] and \$10-\$20K credit [threshold]. Intent is to receive SMECO over production credits with ownership rights to our Solar Renewable Energy Certificates (SREC), generating additional income from our solar electricity production. Savings and income attributed to solar panel utilization would be redirected to station debt reduction.

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	\$2,000
Construction	\$308,000
Equipment	
Total	\$310,000

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

Capital Investments	\$150,000
Donations / Fundraising	\$10,000
Legislative Bond Initiative	\$100,000
USDA Direct Loan / Grant	\$50,000
Total	\$310,000

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
3/1/2024	4/1/2023	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	
0.00	10,000	10,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
June 2014 (14-G018)	\$75,000	Boat storage facility planning, construction, etc.	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Second District Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. P. O. Box 1 19330 Piney Point Road Valley Lee, MD 20692			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	29C - Calvert and St. Mary's Counties		
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:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
120	120	1000000.00	1000000.00
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
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	25,200		
Space to be Renovated GSF	N/A Rooftop		
New GSF	0		

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

2022

28. Comments

Last year, the SDVFDRS lost Past Chief and Past President, Gregory Adams, who was instrumental in the successful funding and building of our new station. Greg was adamant about continuing to reach out for both Federal and State grant funding for projects that would facilitate the enhancement of our state of the art station and its surrounding environment - green fields and clean waterways. He was confident in the Federal and State governments interest in investing in our Community, our environment, and our children. His optimism, persistence, and concern for the Community were traits we hope will transfer to others as we navigate his priorities.

The SDVFDRS membership and Board of Directors extends their appreciation for this opportunity and for your consideration. The investment in solar panels would provide an opportunity for the SDVFDRS to increase our green footprint while diverting tax payer monies to station debt reduction; thus, ensuring financial security for our future.