

State Of Maryland

2019 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
West Laurel Swim Club		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Rosapepe	Lehman	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County	\$75,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the pool at the West Laurel Swim Club		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements: Equal	Type: The matching fund may consist of real property or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.	
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Vanessa van der Have	301-332-5327	vanderhavepr@gmail.com
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The West Laurel Swim Club (WLSC) is a non-profit, member-owned organization managed by an elected Board of Directors. This summer marks the clubs 50th anniversary. As the largest private pool in Prince Georges County, our mission is to provide a clean, safe swimming facility where people can exercise, relax and socialize. WLSC membership includes families from West Laurel, the greater Laurel area, as well as Montgomery, Howard and Anne Arundel counties. To continue serving the community, we must address some significant capital improvements. 80% of the pools plaster coating needs replacement, leaking in the baby pool requires attention, and the shower/changing/toilet areas of our bath houses need to be brought up to code for those with disabilities. Addressing these improvements would have a long-lasting impact on not just the pool, but the entire community.</p>		

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

To meet the operating standards of the MD Health Dept, our pool needs to be re-plastered (white coated) and repaired in some areas where the walls/stones/tiles are compromised. Due to budget constraints, we've taken a piecemeal approach to pool updates, fixing sections at a time. This approach costs us more money in the long run and leaves us in a perpetual state of repair. In order to pay for some of the necessary repairs, reluctantly, the Board voted to increase dues by \$70 and charge an additional \$100 assessment fee. This steep 40% increase over the prior years costs is prohibitive to some of our families who want to return and risks pricing out new members. To further cut costs, we are moving to self-management this summer. This will allow us to create up to 10 jobs in the form of pool managers and lifeguards. Support from the state would allow us to take a more comprehensive, strategic, and cost-efficient approach towards our capital improvements.

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	
Construction	\$75,742
Equipment	
Total	\$75,742

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

Maryland Bond Bill	\$75,000
WLSC Member Assessment Fees	\$25,000
Total	\$100,000

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
N/A	N/A	5/1/2019	5/23/2020
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	
15000.00	1,900	2,500	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
West Laurel Swim Club, Inc. P.O. Box 217 Laurel, MD 20725-0217		West Laurel Swim Club, Inc. 7203 Brooklyn Bridge Rd. Laurel, MD 20707	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	22 - Prince George's 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:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
		Appraisal pending	

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	8-10	120000.00	140000.00
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	11,000 sq ft		
Space to be Renovated GSF	11,000 sq ft		
New GSF	N/A		

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

1969

28. Comments

Since opening in 1969, the West Laurel Swim Club (WLSC) has been a summer sanctuary for thousands of local residents. In today's digital age when so much time is spent in front of screens, we believe that it is critically important for people, especially children, to spend more time outside, getting exercise and enjoying the company of friends. The social, health and wellness benefits that our swim club offers the community are immense. To continue serving the community for the next fifty years, our facility must address some significant capital improvement requirements.

As mentioned in the project description, because of our budget constraints, we have taken a piecemeal approach to pool updates and repairs. Instead of fixing the whole pool at once, we have been only been able to fix small sections at a time. This approach winds up costing us more money in the long run, leaves us in a perpetual state of repair, and frustrates members.

In order to afford critical repairs, the Board has made several difficult budgeting decisions:

1. **Increased Fees:** The Board voted to increase membership dues by \$70, as well as charge an additional \$100 assessment fee for the 2019 swim season. This steep 40% increase over the prior years costs is weighing on many of our families who want to return. It is also making it harder for us to attract new members who may find the dues to be cost-prohibitive as well. As a non-profit, we would like to keep the costs down to make our pool affordable for more families - not price people out!
2. **Self-Management:** In order to save money and improve customer service, the Board decided to move to self-management for the 2019 swim season. This decision will save us an estimated \$20,000 in staffing and operating expenses, compared with hiring a management company as we have done in the past. It will also allow us to create between 8-10 jobs in the form of lifeguards & pool managers.
3. **Postponing Other Improvements:** In addition to increasing fees and moving to self-management, we have been forced to cut costs by postponing or forgoing other improvements and offerings that would help us to better serve our existing members and attract new members. For example, we would like to make our pool more accessible and enjoyable for people with physical and developmental disabilities. Because of the age of our bathhouses, we have not been held to the same accessibility standards as newer buildings. One of our members told us that she is hesitant to rejoin the pool this year because it is not accommodating to her daughter who is disabled. We want to remedy this, but our budget constraints have precluded us from doing so.

Securing a bond bill from the state would allow us to take a more comprehensive, strategic, and cost-efficient approach towards tackling our critical capital improvements while giving us the flexibility to address other improvements that would help us to retain members and attract new ones.

The results would have a long-lasting impact on not just the pool, but the entire community. On behalf of the West Laurel Swim Club, we'd like to thank you for your consideration!