

State of Maryland

2006 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
3614	SB1057	3612	HB1684	Creation of a State Debt – Calvert County - Volunteer Fire Department Training Center at North Beach
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Sen. Miller				Del. Kullen
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Calvert County				\$200,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of North Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for the construction, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of the training center section of the North Beach Volunteer Fire Department station.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
This bill requires a standard match.				
8. Special Provisions				
None				
9. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)				
<p>The North Beach Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. was the first volunteer fire department established in Calvert County providing fire, emergency medical and rescue services to the citizens of Calvert and the surrounding counties of Anne Arundel and Prince Georges since 1926. The objective of our department is the protection and the preservaton of life and property and to render aid in case of fire, accident or natural disaster in our jurisdiction or wherever an authorized authority may request our support. It is also our objective to prevent the loss of life and propery through the elimination of fire and accident hazards in residences, buildings, field and forest and water ways; also to provide a comfortable meeting place and educational facilities for our members. Our current department is approaching its 30 year mark and when built in 1977 did not include a training center. In todays world of terrorism and the new fire fighting challenges we are faced with due to the rapid growth of multi-story commercial structures and increase in hazardous material usage a place to train our members is critical.</p>				

10. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)

Our current department was built in 1977 and when it was built it focused on meeting the needs of the fire and EMS service that it faced at that time. When built it had one bunkroom because females were not part of the fire service at that time. Now however they make up a key part of our membership. There was only one office and a meeting room. With today's computer technology and requirements that all reports and statistics be maintained on a data base we do not have the space to accommodate this equipment in a suitable environment. Our membership has continued to grow and due to the increase in administrative functions required to operate a department the meeting room was converted to an office for use by our 12 fire line officers. With new fire fighting equipment and the need to ensure fire fighter safety which 30 years ago was not given the priority it should have we need space to store the equipment and medical supplies needed to support our approximately 2000 calls a year which has almost doubled since 1977. Training of our members to face the new challenges of the fire service is critical to our safety especially since 9/11. Unfortunately due to our lack of a training center the Maryland Fire & Rescue Institute does not schedule training classes at our department because we do not have the appropriate accommodations to conduct training which is why this is a critical part of our renovation project. Thus our members have to travel to various counties to receive the training they need. The overall department renovation is to construct separate sleeping quarters for the male and female members, a new training center, additional office and storage space and renovate the dayroom and radio room. Due to significant cost increases as a result of Hurricane Katrina we have experienced a funding shortfall and are continuing to seek additional support from the County government.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 11 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 12 (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.

11. Estimated Capital Costs

Acquisition	0
Design	\$65,000
Construction	\$1,350,000
Equipment	\$50,000
Total	\$1,465,000

12. Proposed Funding Sources – (List all funding sources and amounts.)

Source	Amount
State Grant	\$200,000
Calvert County Government	\$500,000 currently with an additional \$400,000 requested for 2007 with an additional request to be placed for 2008
Total	\$1,100,000

13. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
1/04	2/06	Projected 5/06	11/07
14. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2006		15. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	16. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
\$500,000		75 members	75 + members
17. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
None			
18. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
NorthBeach Volunteer Fire Department Inc.		8536 Bayside Road Chesapeake Beach, Maryland	
19. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address
Bill Freesland Chief		410-257-3709	bill.freesland@constellation.com
Ricky Cress President of the Board		410-286-8441	calvertcanine@yahoo.com
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			27B
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Tom Pelagatti	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-257-9431		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
306 Merrimac Ct.			
Prince Frederick Maryland 20678			
24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
75	75+	\$225,089	\$225,089
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)			
A. Will the grantee <u>own</u> or <u>lease</u> (pick one) the property to be improved?			No
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 and any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
N/A			

E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF		4140	
Space to Be Renovated GSF		4140	
New GSF		6618	
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		2006	
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			
Based on our initial plans to renovate the department which includes adding a training center the costs of this project have escalated to where the completion of this project is in jeopardy. Maintaining our volunteer fire and EMS service is difficult enough as the demands on our time to protect the citizens of our community continues to increase thus impacting our ability to raise funds. We have spent approximately \$100,000 dollars in repair costs last year for our function hall which the department used its own funding to build. Because of this and the escalating costs of construction materials since Hurricane Katrina we need additional funding support to get this project completed.			