

State of Maryland

2010 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project	
lr3536	sb1069	lr3289	hb1313	Parsonsborg Volunteer Fire Company Community Center	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors	
Stoltzfus				Conway	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount		
Wicomico County			\$300,000		
6. Purpose of Bill					
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Parsonsborg Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, and construction of the Parsonsborg Volunteer Fire Company Firehouse and Community Center.</p>					
7. Matching Fund					
Requirements:		Type:			
Equal		The matching fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, 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 Phone		Email Address	
Steve White		410-726-1372		swhite@parsonsborgfire.com	
Carol Fisher		410-430-8159		cfisher@parsonsborgfire.com	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)					
<p>The Parsonsborg Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. (PVFC) serves the Parsonsborg and surrounding communities with fire, rescue, and emergency medical service. We are located just east of Salisbury in Wicomico County and respond to approximately 800 calls for emergency service per year. Last month we placed our Special Operations trailer in service, the only one of its kind in through a volunteer fire company in our county. In addition, we provide a service that cannot be overstated - a sense of community, pride, and self respect imparted among our youth. In our small community where resources and activities are few, we provide a safe haven for youth to build self esteem and develop a sense of purpose that many of our youth do not receive in their homes. Our new facility will provide opportunities for enhancement of everything we do now. We will be able to house and better maintain our current equipment that now sits outside. We will be able to provide community outreach programs, including joining with Wicomico County Partnership for Families to start an after school anti-drug program. We will serve as an unofficial shelter in times of weather related emergencies and provide a venue for community organizations to meet.</p>					

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit Length to Visible area)

At our current 1940s facility, 3 pieces of fire apparatus sit out in the weather because we have no place to house it. We have limited parking areas with poor lighting, making every function we sponsor a safety concern for members, citizens, and visitors. The only meeting room we have is located on the second floor and therefore inaccessible to physically handicapped individuals.

Our new firehouse/community center will house all of our current equipment in the 6500 sq. ft. engine bays, with an additional 8600 sq. ft. available for public meetings and classes. We will have the luxury of having safe and well lit parking areas, and our facility will be handicap accessible to allow our more senior population to enjoy our events and activities. We are located directly on a Hurricane evacuation route and will provide shelter in the event of disaster. With state-of-the-art technology, we will provide the latest information, amber alerts, and weather alerts in an attempt keep the 19,000 citizens and numerous commuters of our community safe.

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	\$207,000
Design	\$92,000
Construction	\$2,000,000
Equipment	\$100,000
Total	\$2,399,000

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

Source	Amount
sale of current property	\$249,000
capital campaign goal	\$500,000
secured low interest mortgage from Maryland State Firemens Asso.	\$1,000,000
secured second mortgage Farmers Bank of Willards	\$650,000
Total	\$2,399,000

14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
June 2007	December 2008	August 2009	August 2010
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
\$310,000		approx. 19,000 residents	same
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2009	\$250,000	for the same project - New Firehouse/Community Center	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Parsonsburg Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. 32960 Old Ocean City Rd. P.O. Box 160 Parsonsburg, MD 21849		33030 Old Ocean City Rd.	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			38
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:	D Nicole Green	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-860-9331		yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
300 East Main Street Salisbury, MD 21801		January 25, 2010	\$174,000

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
2	2	\$385,000	\$400,000
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance 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 and 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	7000		
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	15,000		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			n/a

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

We are a volunteer organization committed to excellence, with a clear vision and passion for delivering outstanding results in response to the ever-expanding emergency needs of our community. We are dedicated men and women from all walks of life with a common goal - the desire to protect the people and property of our community - and neighboring communities when necessary - during their emergencies. We will offer educational opportunities for our citizens and provide a place to come together with ideas for the betterment of our community.

With this new facility, we will have ample meeting space to enhance the service we already provide to our rural community, and further develop a community outreach, harnessing the boundless energy of our youth into the positive role of becoming responsible citizens. We will continue to encourage, inspire, and mentor our younger members to attain better educations and achieve exceptional decision making skills. We challenge them to be all they can be.

We will continue to partner with local community organizations in their fund raising efforts to promote and maintain our rural heritage and encourage tourism. We will support local businesses so that soon they will flourish and thrive again here on the Eastern Shore.

We assure you that any assistance we receive will be paid many times over by the children we help raise, the community spirit we cultivate and promote, and the precious lives we save.

On behalf of every officer and member of the Parsonsburg Volunteer Fire Company, Inc., we thank you for your consideration in this application, and for all you do for the citizens of Maryland to make this a great place to raise our families!