

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Heroes Park		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Elfreth	D. Jones	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Anne Arundel County	\$70,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Eastport Heroes Park		
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
Senator Sarah Elfreth		sarah.elfreth@senate.state.md.us
Matthew Baker		908-625-0076
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
Friends of Eastport Volunteer Fire Company.		

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

We are applying for this grant to complete the construction of a community park. The park will be utilized by several constituents: nearby residents in low income housing complexes, school children attending Eastport Elementary school, patrons of several local restaurants, members of local churches and friends and family of honored heroes.

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	\$3,529
Construction	\$103,971
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$107,500

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

2024 Bond Initiative	\$70,000
City of Annapolis	\$2,500
Donations	\$31,000
Unity Gardens	\$1,500
CBT	\$2,500
Total	\$107,500

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	7/1/2024	12/31/2024
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
32500.00		100	2000
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)	
Friends of Eastport Volunteer Fire Company PO Box 3332 Annapolis, MD 21403		914 Bay Ridge Ave Annapolis, MD 21403	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	12B - 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:	Lee Downing	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	3014553847		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
1277 Creek Dr. Annapolis, MD 21403			

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	0	138490.00	138490.00
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?			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	
City of Annapolis	1000	Yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	0		
Space to be Renovated GSF	0		
New GSF	0		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
28. Comments	
<p>Eastport Volunteer Fire Company was started in 1886 as a bucket brigade team to put out fires in the town of Eastport, Maryland. As the town grew, the Company eventually became a part of the Anne Arundel County Volunteer Firemen's Association around 1930. The town of Eastport was annexed by the city of Annapolis around 1951 and the fire company reported to the city. The current station 36, and proposed location of Hero's Park, was opened in 1961. Over time, the Eastport Volunteer Fire Company has evolved. The fire trucks are far more advanced than 100 years ago. Regulations require only the highest level of carriers be allowed to operate the machines. They also have stringent testing for life saving skills like CPR and AED. As such, Eastport has decided to bifurcate its operations into two parts: the carriers who are young and brave, and the volunteers who have become the administrators and fund raisers. For decades, the volunteers operated under a 501c4 umbrella. In 2021, we launched a parallel 501c3 in order to qualify for grants like yours. In most aspects, the two operate as a single entity with the same members, board, work space, etc... However, they are different legal entities with separate EINs.</p> <p>Our activities fall into three broad categories. First and foremost is directly supporting Station 36 (Eastport) financially. We buy the trucks and any equipment needed that exceed the city budget. Fire trucks are quite expensive and we appreciate the generosity that the citizens of Eastport have shown for well over 100 years. Second, we are the champions of health and safety. We run Fire Prevention Day, Sprinkler Safety Day, Blood Drives, Covid vaccination clinics and provide safety marshals for city parades. Finally, we are about fun! We run or help run the children's 4th of July parade, Eastport-A-Rockin music festival (we staff the beer truck!), the Annapolis/MRE tug-of-war, the brutal .05K bridge race, 911 Travis Manion 5K, the Chocolate Bing and the ECA picnic to name several. We are looking to expand our activities into such areas as providing fire extinguisher and smoke alarms, CPR and AED training and boating safety (our team operates the rescue boats that save drowning sailors).</p> <p>Hero's park will primarily serve as a safe and secure recreation area for local residents of Eastport and greater Annapolis. However, the park will be open to all and we expect tourists coming to Annapolis will also utilize the facility. Importantly, the park will be located on the grounds of the Eastport Fire Department and will thus be safe and secure 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.</p>	