

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
American Legion Mannie Scott Post 193		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Mautz	Caroline County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Caroline County	\$670,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the American Legion Mannie Scott Post 193		
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
Lakia Pierce		410-443-6148
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
The American Legion's purpose is to improve the lives of veterans, their families, and the military. The Legion also advocates for patriotism and national security, and works to educate and mentor new generations.		

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

The rebuild of the American Legion Mannie Scott Post 193 is an effort to restore and preserve a pivotal historical landmark for the African American community. Established to honor the service and sacrifice of African American veterans, this post has stood as a center for camaraderie, advocacy, and community engagement for over four decades. The project aims to revitalize the facility, ensuring it continues to serve as a place of honor, support, and education for veterans and their families. This rebuild will not only safeguard the rich history of Post 1983 but also provide a modern space to support ongoing programs, outreach, and services that empower local veterans, foster community partnerships, and preserve the legacy of African American military service.

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	\$10,000
Construction	\$920,000
Equipment	
Total	\$930,000

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

African American Heritage Preservation Grant	\$250,000
Veterans Trust	\$10,000
LBI- 2025 (State Capitols Grant FY 2025)	\$670,000
LBI-Proposed 2026 (State Capitols Grant FY 2025)	
Total	\$930,000

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
07/01/2025	12/2028	01/2026	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
		8	70
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
African American HP	\$250,000	Capital Grant	
Maryland Veterans Tr	\$10,000	Capital Grant/Design	
		LT Gov visited in 2018. Could not located a finding s	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
American Legion Mannie Scott Post PO BOX 352 22909 Saathoff Rd, Denton, Md 21629		American Legion Mannie Scott Post 22909 Saathoff Rd, Denton, Md 21629	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	37B - Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot, and Wicomico 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:	Lakia Pierce Post Judge Advocate	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	4104436148		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
12095 School St Ridgely, MD 21660			

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	20-50	8500.00	30000.00
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	2,800GSF		
Space to be Renovated GSF	10,000GSF		
New GSF	12,800GSF		

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

Lt Gov visited and delegates 2018

28. Comments

The American Legion Mannie Scott Post No. 193 is currently vacant and inaccessible to the public. Prior to American Legion Mannie Scott Post No. 193s current state, the property was used as an African American-centered meeting space and community recreational facility for wartime veterans, their families, and the surrounding African American community members of Caroline County, Maryland. The American Legion Mannie Scott Post No. 193 project is an urgent priority because the property is currently experiencing persistent development pressures from local communities within Caroline County, Maryland. Post No. 193s building structure is currently deemed uninhabitable and has become a seriously deteriorated and habitually vacant property in critical need of new construction. Mannie Scott Post No. 193 was chartered in 1947 by the American Legion - a United States Veteran association and nonprofit organization created to enhance the well-being of American veterans, their families, military members, and their communities. Post No. 193 is Caroline County's only African American-serving post dedicated to those who have served in active military duty in all branches of Americas Armed Forces.

For the last 20 years, Post No. 193s African American wartime veteran members and the surrounding African American community have made several attempts to rehabilitate the building. In 2018, Former Lieutenant Governor of Maryland, Boyd Rutherford, and the Former Secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, George Owings, visited Post No. 193 to discuss how the state could help its African American veteran members fund the buildings much-needed critical repairs. Despite Post No. 193s previous community efforts to repair and renovate the building, the property is still in very poor condition with severe exterior and interior damage due to a lack of secured funding. If the Mannie Scott Post No. 193 project does not proceed, local African American veterans and all veterans would lack the resources needed to access social service benefits including employment and business guidance, educational advice, health care resources, and personal financial resources. Historically, Post No. 193 has provided African American veterans a sanctuary to build personal bonds with those who have similar shared wartime experiences. Studies have shown that creating safe spaces for veterans increases their mental-health and wellbeing (U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 2022).

African American veterans and African American residents of Caroline County, Maryland have lacked access to a safe-space to host educational and recreational community-building activities For many African Americans, the quality of where they live and commune largely shapes their self-perceptions (Pew Research Center, 2022). Additionally, Mannie Scott Post No. 193s members are largely senior citizens who are experiencing a dwindling membership due to its longtime members becoming deceased. Post No. 193 once had more than 100 members and has since dropped to a current roster of about 35 members. New construction will promote an increased membership interest and continue its legacy and community impact to a new generation of local African American veterans.