

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
American Legion Post 171		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Hester	Ziegler	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$385,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the American Legion Post 171 property		
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
Anita Trotter		301-661-6904
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Damascus American Legion is dedicated to serving veterans (members and non members), their families, and youth in our community while promoting patriotism, national pride and security. Rooted in a commitment to God and Country, the Damascus American Legion supports youth programs, donates to charitable needs, and hosts activities that honor and assist those who have served. Through these efforts, we ensure that our American values, freedom, and national pride are preserved for future generations.</p>		

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
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	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
None			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Damascus American Legion Post 171 P.O. Box 171, Damascus, MD 20872		10201 Lewis Drive, Damascus, MD 20872 SDAT3 Parcels under "DAMASCUS AM LEG POST 171 Parcels P303, P400, and P635	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	9A - Howard and Montgomery 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:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

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 (see below)	0	0.00	0.00
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
None			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
None			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	7000 sq ft		
Space to be Renovated GSF	3000		
New GSF	7000 (renovated, not expanded)		

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

partly 1946 and 1954

28. Comments

This Legion Post does not have employees, as we don't have a bar or restaurant or other need for full time workers. Our Executive Board and all activities are led by volunteers and Post members. Our operating budget is under \$50,000 year for building maintenance, utilities, etc. Our income is limited to fundraising from space rentals and public bingo events. Charitable giving and community services are paid for via the funds raised and not spent on maintenance needs.

The Executive Board desires to make the Post more relevant to the needs of our community, including today's veterans and their families. Specific interior renovations include:

- Handicapped Accessible Toilets/Upgrade (2nd Level) Replace and reconfigure stalls, doors, fixtures, and finishes to ensure accessibility.
- Handicapped Accessible Main Front Door Enlarge the main entry door and install automatic opening switches.
- Install exterior lighting. Run electrical lines to the parking area and install light poles and fixtures.
- Renovate First-Level Party Room and Adjacent Rooms Strip existing wall coverings and flooring, perform mold abatement and prevention, refinish walls, and install new flooring. Create a computer/video gaming room (not including equipment and technology). This is the 3000 sqf of renovation me named above.

Exterior Renovations: The Post owns 12 acres of land near the center of Damascus. Currently it is forest area and unused. We would like to partner with the state or Montgomery County to build space that we and the community can use. We began with this idea:

- Build a Pavilion (Back Lot) including installation of electrical lines to the back lot; build a covered open pavilion on a concrete pad with a fixed BBQ grill, fire pit, horseshoes, and walking trails.
- Deck/Gazebo (Second Level) Construct a deck or gazebo across the second level; provide shade for lower-level doorways.

And now we have also considered a public meadow park, dog park, handicap accessible nature trail, or ball park for youth activities.