

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
American Legion Post 248		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Charles	Roberts	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County	\$433,500	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the American Legion Post 248 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
Eddie Banks		202-409-6636
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The American Legion is one of the nation's largest and most influential veterans service non-profit organizations providing service to veterans, service members, and their families. We are committed to providing community service to the local neighborhood, schools and other organizations. The Mission of American Legion Post 248 is to work collectively with our Sons of the American Legion Squadron and our American Legion Auxiliary advocating for veterans and their needs, and to strengthen the public through community esprit de corps.</p>		

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

We have multiple maintenance and operability issues within our post which are potential safety hazards. Roof leaks, exterior structural damage, electrical shortages, plumbing backups, inoperable HVAC, bathroom and kitchen concerns, flooring, securing the premises, and faulty appliances. The purpose for these fixes is to ensure veterans, service members, and their families have somewhere clean, operable and safe to enjoy their leisure time in the center of the community.

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	\$0
Construction	\$418,700
Equipment	
Total	\$418,700

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

Complete Roof Replacement / Structural Cracks	\$39,000
Electrical Rewiring / Security System Movement	\$28,000
Plumbing and Gas Repairs	\$156,000
HVAC Upstairs/ HVAC Downstairs	\$35,500
Bathroom Repairs	\$24,000
Steel Sec Door Replacement/Repair & hardware	\$5,700
Security Fencing / Security Stairs	\$44,000
Flooring	\$33,000
Ceiling Tiles and Painting	\$21,000
Signage	\$13,000
Appliance Replacements	\$19,500
Total	\$418,700

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
6/2/2025	TBD	6/23/2025	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	
5200.00	217	217	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
None		N/A	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
N/A		N/A	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	22 - Prince George's 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:	Eddie Banks	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	202-409-6636		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
N/A		N/A	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
5	7		
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
N/A	N/A	N/A	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	3,456 Sq Ft		
Space to be Renovated GSF	3,456 Sq Ft		
New GSF			

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

2025

28. Comments

Our post, originally a barn was built in 1900s and donated by a local member to convert over to and establish the American Legion Post 248 clubhouse in the late 50s. Recent inspections have revealed significant issues at our post.

* Roof damage: leading to a massive crack in our upstairs banquet hall, resulting in a major leak at the main entrance downstairs; leading to mold within the structures and insulation, and damaged ceiling tiles.

* Structural exterior damage: emergency exit stair beam has rusted and deteriorated making this a safety violation.

* Electrical: wires dry rotted, causing shortages in plugs and outlets.

* Security System: movement security systems need to be relocated to be inaccessible to patrons.

* Plumbing pipes: leaks, backups and mold. Original piping emits a foul odor to the common area.

* Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC): malfunctioning; no heat upstairs and no air downstairs. HVAC has had maintenance over the years but its old and need replacement.

* Bathroom Repairs: floors and bathroom fixtures are outdated, rusting and leaking.

* Steel Security Doors: frames are not aligned causing drafts resulting energy inefficiency issues and some need painting.

* Security Fencing: suspicious activities, unauthorized parking and dumping of trash from public happens after closing hours. These activities could result in loss of liquor license, unexpected criminal activity, and trash pickup rates have increased due to trash overage beyond our control; install a wrought iron gate around 50% of the parking lot to prevent mentioned.

* Flooring: worn flooring becoming tripping hazard, possible asbestos to be pulled up, removed and replaced. Possible asbestos due to the age of the flooring. Outdated, worn, peeling and becoming a fall/tripping safety hazard.

* Paint and damage ceiling tiles: peeling, the building has not been painted since it was converted to a Post.

* Appliances: kitchen gas stove and vent have been brought up to safety code but needs a major renovation to maintain. Refrigerators needs replacing due to electrical outages - no longer being covered under warranty or they were provided as donations. Outage has resulted in discarding spoiled foods.

* Outside Fixtures: due to not being in direct sight from the main road a digital signature board will help us stand out, inform the community of upcoming activities.

Majority of the above-mentioned pose safety concerns and require immediate attention to prevent further deterioration and safety hazards. These issues would require us to temporarily close hence preventing the Post from serving the community. We have had multiple estimates completed by licensed, bonded, and insured companies. All who have the capabilities of securing necessary permits prior to beginning any work.