## State Of Maryland 2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project						
Peerless Rens Club Outdoor Restoration	Peerless Rens Club Outdoor Restoration					
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor					
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<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount					
Anne Arundel County	\$40,000					
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative	6. Purpose of Bond Initiative					
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Peerless Rens Club Outdoor Restoration project						
7. Matching Fund	7. Matching Fund					
Requirements:	Туре:					
Grant						
8. Special Provisions						
[ ] Historical Easement	[X] Non-Sectarian					
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address				
Briayna Cuffie		443-623-8925				
10 Description and Purpose of Organizat	tion (Limit larget	h to visible area)				

The Peerless Rens Club (PRC) building is a monument to the culture, heritage and achievements of African Americans in Eastport; once its own incorporated town and now a neighborhood in Annapolis, the presence of its Black community goes back to 1870, and at its height was 40% of the population. The Peerless Rens Club is a historic social club founded and built by a group of African American men in 1948, the sons and nephews of the original group of men/friends that began in 1919 as a neighborhood basketball team. Two generations of military members, U.S. Naval Academy workers, watermen, boat builders, and tradesmen. The location has been a hub for civic engagement, camaraderie, fellowship, and - with the completion of the 2nd floor in 1955 - safe, chaperoned children's activities.

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

The Peerless Rens Club Outdoor and Facility Enhancement Project is designed to upgrade and revitalize the Clubs outdoor space and supporting infrastructure, enabling the organization to expand its event offerings and better serve the Eastport community. By creating a more functional, safe, and welcoming environment, this project will enhance the ability to host a variety of gatherings, educational programs, and cultural events that support its mission of uplifting and maintaining community. A new perimeter fence and gated entryways will provide increased security and privacy, new deck and patio flooring will create a more durable, ADA-stable foundation for outdoor programming, a cleared and restored outdoor shed will allow for proper storage of event equipment and emergency shelter, and electrical updates will mitigate potential overload of the property's electrical grid.

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	\$1,000			
Construction	\$38,000			
Equipment	\$1,000			
Total	\$40,000			
13. Proposed Funding Sources - (List all funding sources and amounts.)				
Individual Donors (Donation/Fundraising)	\$1,000			
Total	\$1,000			

14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)								
Begin Design	Com	Complete Design Be		Begi	Begin Construction		<b>Complete Construction</b>	
12/2024	04/20	025		10/20	)25		04/2026	
15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised			16. Current Number of Peop Served Annually at Project Site			17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete		
675.00			300			1,000+		
18. Other State	Capita	al Gra	ints to Re	cipien	ts in the Past	15 Yea	ırs	
Legislative Sess	sion	Ar	nount		Purpose			
21-314			\$70,000	Foundation repairs, roof repair, simple exterior and i				
23-332			\$75,000	Restoration of 1st level bathr			hrooms, office and storage	
			0.0		-			
<b>19. Legal Name</b> Peerless Rens Clu			ss of Grai	ntee	Project Add	ress (If	f Different)	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located 30A - Anne Arun						_		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)   Local Govt. For Profit Non Profit Federal							Federal	
			Non Profit					
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22. Grantee Legal Representative					23. If Match Includes Real Property:			
Name:					Has An Appraisa Been Done?		Yes/No	
Phone:								
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 EmployeesCurrent Operating BudgetProje			Projec	cted Operating Budget			
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25. Ownership of	<b>f Property</b> (Info Requ	ested by	Treasurer's Offic	e for bond	purposes)			
A. Will the grante	A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved? Own							
B. If owned, does t	B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?							
C. Does the grante	No							
D. If property is o	wned by grantee any sp	pace is to	be leased, provid	e the follow	ing:			
	Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	0				
				-				
E. If property is le	ased by grantee - Prov	ide the fo	llowing:	1				
Name of Leaser			Length of Lease	Options to Renew				
26. Building Squ	are Footage:							
Current Space G	_			6560				
Space to be Rend		2200						
New GSF			6560					

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed	1948
for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	

## 28. Comments

The membership of PRC work constantly to preserve the community's 150+ year old history, partner with surrounding organizations who meet additional needs of the following generations, and nurture genealogical and kinship ties that span half a dozen counties and hundreds of years. As a part of their efforts to "bring Peerless into the 21st century," they also face an uphill battle in addressing a generation's worth of maintenance lapse due to population (and trade/skill) loss. By starting "from scratch" on multiple fronts, the club will be better suited to have a reserve analysis completed and follow a regimented maintenance plan that is proactive rather than reactive.

As descendants and remaining original members come together to configure how to maintain the character of the early gatherings and essence of Black Eastport culture, they are also working to expand what Peerless Rens is known for; in this new era, we aspire to serve as an ancillary site for entrepreneurs, local businesses, civic organizations, and after school programs. Neither ward 8 nor ward 7 in the City of Annapolis have a multi-purpose venue fit for community use. Given the increasing longevity of the demographic changes of the residential blocks surrounding Peerless Rens, it is important now more than ever, that there continue to be a place that reminds District 30 residents of the future to honor the past as they enjoy the present.