

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

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| 1. Name Of Project | | |
| Accident Volunteer Fire Department | | |
| 2. Senate Sponsor | 3. House Sponsor | |
| McKay | Hinebaugh | |
| 4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City) | 5. Requested Amount | |
| Garrett County | \$100,000 | |
| 6. Purpose of Bond Initiative | | |
| the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Accident Volunteer Fire Department, including Front-line Equipment | | |
| 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 |
| Jess Carey, Vice President | | 615-410-8064 |
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| 10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area) | | |
| <p>The Accident Volunteer Fire Department is a nonprofit volunteer emergency services organization serving Accident, Maryland and the surrounding areas of Garrett County. The Department provides fire suppression, rescue, and emergency medical response services to residents, visitors, and a significant seasonal tourist population. Staffed entirely by trained volunteers, the Department responds to structure fires, vehicle accidents, medical emergencies, and other public safety incidents. The Department plays a critical role in protecting life, property, and the local economy, including residential communities, commercial properties, and the regions thriving tourist industry.</p> | | |

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

The purpose of this project is to acquire and equip essential front-line fire department equipment to enhance emergency response capabilities and firefighter safety. Funds will be used toward the purchase, mounting, and certification of firefighting equipment, hose, tools, and related apparatus components necessary for modern fire suppression and rescue operations. Much of the Departments current equipment is aging or approaching the end of its service life, increasing maintenance costs and operational risk. This project will ensure reliable response capability, improve operational efficiency, and enhance public safety for residents and visitors throughout Garrett County.

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

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| Acquisition | |
| Design | |
| Construction | |
| Equipment | \$600,000 |
| Total | \$600,000 |

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

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| MD State Legislative Bond | \$100,000 |
| Accident Volunteer Fire Department General Fund | \$500,000 |
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| Total | \$600,000 |

| 14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete) | | | |
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| Begin Design | Complete Design | Begin Construction | Complete Construction |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| 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 | |
| 500000.00 | APPROX 5,000 | APPROX 5,000 | |
| 18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years | | | |
| Legislative Session | Amount | Purpose | |
| N/A | | | |
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| 19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee | | Project Address (If Different) | |
| Accident Volunteer Fire Department 109 S South Street Accident, MD 21520 | | | |
| 20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located | 1A - Garrett and Allegany 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: | Jess Carey | Has An Appraisal Been Done? | Yes/No |
| Phone: | 615-410-8064 | | |
| Address: | | If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value | |
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| 24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site | | | |
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| Current # of Employees | Projected # of Employees | Current Operating Budget | Projected Operating Budget |
| Volunteer | | | |
| 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 |
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| E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following: | | | |
| Name of Leaser | Length of Lease | Options to Renew | |
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| 26. Building Square Footage: | | | |
| Current Space GSF | | | |
| Space to be Renovated GSF | | | |
| New GSF | | | |

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| 27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion | |
| 28. Comments | |
| <p>The Accident Volunteer Fire Departments front-line fire apparatus and supporting equipment are aging and approaching the end of their serviceable life. Continued reliance on outdated equipment will result in increased maintenance costs, reduced operational reliability, and elevated safety risks to firefighters and the public. Replacement is necessary to ensure uninterrupted emergency response capability and compliance with current safety and performance standards.</p> <p>This investment will improve firefighter safety, enhance operational readiness, reduce long-term maintenance expenses, and ensure reliable fire protection and emergency response services for residents, businesses, and visitors within the Departments service area. In addition, the upgraded equipment will strengthen the Departments ability to effectively assist in high-traffic tourism areas, supporting public safety during peak visitor seasons and special events.</p> <p>This project supports essential emergency services and public safety infrastructure serving residents and visitors of Garrett County.</p> | |