

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Barton Hose Company		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
McKay	Hinebaugh	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Allegany County	\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Barton Hose Company Upgrades		
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
Eric Mowbray, Assistant Fire Chief		301-707-2000
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Barton Hose Company No 1. (BHC), Inc. is a dynamic volunteer organization, deeply entrenched in traditional hometown values, who on a daily basis, protect lives and property by offering exemplary, prompt, and skillful Fire/Rescue/EMS life saving services. Of particular and vital note is: Serving all citizens in the immediate and surrounding communities along Georges Creek South West Allegany and Garrett County for 106 years, our serves ever increasing needs (367 response calls in 2025 from 160 in 2021). BHC is distinguished by choosing to remain an all volunteer force of Fire/Rescue service. The traditional, pioneering, and multi- generational spirit of volunteerism that created BHC will be extended</p>		

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

With new healthier space, the company will have an even more positive impact on the region as a whole. The Garage will be used for fire apparatus storage, disaster housing, back-up command center; Kitchen & Bathrooms to be functional increasing the size of apparatus bays; having the ability to house emergency apparatus under the same roof, reconstruction will decrease response times, saving life & property, Provides isolated PPE storage, space for volunteers to train, also the location of community meetings and emergency/disaster planning; renovation of existing station to accommodate but not limited to; living quarters replacement of leaking roof nonfunctional plumbing/electrical increase of additional apparatus storage, replacement of garage floor slabs, drainage systems

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	
Construction	\$1,100,000
Equipment	
Total	\$1,100,000

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

This Legislative Bond Initiative 2026	\$250,000
Total	\$250,000

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
6/22/2026	7/13/2026	7/27/2026	11/19/2027
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	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Barton Hose Company No 1 19202 Legislative Road POB 277 Barton, MD 21521			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	1B - Allegany 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:	Eric Mowbray	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	3014636163		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
19202 Legislative Road POB 277 Barton, MD 21521			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
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?			
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			
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	2800		
Space to be Renovated GSF	2800		
New GSF			

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

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28. Comments

Completing the Barton Fire Department building project is not just a matter of convenience, but an urgent necessity to ensure the fire department can fulfill its critical mission. The current facility is grossly inadequate to meet the operational demands of modern fire stations, creating significant challenges that jeopardize efficiency, safety, and service delivery. The limited space severely restricts the department's ability to store essential equipment, house personnel, and accommodate modern technology. This deficiency not only impacts response times, reduces firefighting readiness, and creates an unsafe work environment, but also takes a toll on the volunteers morale. Without proper facilities, members lack access to critical amenities like properly draining floor drains, sufficient lighting, heating & cooling, exposure to mold, lead and asbestosis, proper training spaces, kitchen, appropriate rest rooms training room and rest areas. These inadequacies contribute to low morale, increased turnover, and operational inefficiencies. Inadequate space also compromises community engagement and public accessibility. The absence of designated areas for community meetings, outreach programs, and members services undermines the department's ability to build trust and foster positive relationships with residents. Modern fire station requires facilities to support technology integration, emergency coordination, and data-driven strategies. Without a properly equipped and expanded facility, the department cannot implement these best practices, hindering its ability to adapt to the community's evolving needs. The current building constraints leave the department ill prepared to manage emergencies, coordinate large-scale responses, or handle public safety's growing administrative and operational demands. Failure to rectify will not only result in the Barton Fire Department's inability to function effectively, but it will also place the safety and well-being of the VOLUNTEERS & community at significant risk. This investment is critical to ensuring the department can meet its mission to protect and serve the Town of Barton and surrounding committees.