

# State Of Maryland

## 2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Company		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
	Buckel	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Allegany County	\$60,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the new Ellerslie Town Park		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
		(301) 777-0959
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Company is proud to move forward with plans for a new Community Park that will serve as a gathering place for residents of Ellerslie and the surrounding communities. This project will feature a covered pavilion, outdoor stage, playground equipment, walking track, kitchen area, and public restrooms creating a welcoming space for events, recreation, and everyday use. More than just a volunteer fire department, Ellerslie VFC has always been the heart of the community. From fundraisers and family dinners to public celebrations and emergency response, the station is where neighbors come together. The new Community Park continues that tradition by providing a safe, family-friendly environment where memories can be made and community spirit can grow for generations to come.</p>		

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

The Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Company is developing a new Community Park to provide a safe, welcoming, and functional gathering space for residents of Ellerslie and surrounding communities. The project will include a covered pavilion, outdoor stage, playground equipment, walking track, kitchen area, and public restrooms. These features will support community events, family gatherings, recreation, educational programs, and fire company fundraisers. The purpose of the project is to strengthen community connections by creating a central place where residents of all ages can come together. The fire company has always been more than an emergency service it is the heart of the community. This park will continue that tradition by promoting fellowship, wellness, and local engagement while supporting the fire companys mission to serve and protect 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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	
<b>Design</b>	
<b>Construction</b>	\$70,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>	\$120,000

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

Allegany County Local Development Council (2024)	\$30,000
<b>Total</b>	\$30,000

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
6/1/2026	7/1/2026	8/1/2026	2/1/2027
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>		<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>
30000.00	1,000 - 2,000		3,000-5,000
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Company Inc 14200 Ellerslie Road Ellerslie MD 1529		14306 Ellerslie Road Ellerslie MD 21529	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	1B - Allegany County		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
[ ]	[ ]	[ X ]	[ ]
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Austin Christner	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	8145850461		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
14200 Ellerslie Road, Ellerslie MD 21529			

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>			
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>			
<b>New GSF</b>			

<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>	
<b>28. Comments</b>	
<p>An important component of the Community Park project is the creation of a safe, secure, and welcoming environment for all residents. The park will include a well-lit, monitored area with security cameras to provide a reliable meeting location for families, children, and community groups. This added level of safety will give parents and guardians peace of mind, knowing there is a designated, supervised public space where people can gather comfortably for recreation, social interaction, and community programs.</p> <p>Currently, the area has limited options for secure, family-friendly outdoor gathering spaces. By developing a centrally located park adjacent to the fire company, the project will provide a trusted location that is regularly maintained, monitored, and supported by volunteers. This will help encourage more outdoor activity, youth engagement, and positive community interaction.</p> <p>The addition of a pavilion, stage, kitchen, restrooms, and open park space will also allow the Ellerslie Volunteer Fire Company to host a wider variety of events. This includes festivals, concerts, community dinners, training programs, fundraisers, childrens activities, and seasonal celebrations. These events will not only strengthen community relationships but also bring more visitors into the area, supporting local businesses and increasing regional engagement.</p> <p>Overall, the secure park environment and expanded event capabilities will create a central gathering place where families feel safe, traditions can grow, and the community can continue to come together.</p>	