

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Greensboro Volunteer Fire Company		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Hershey	Ghrist	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Caroline County	\$50,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Greensboro Volunteer Fire Company, including replacement of outdated extrication equipment		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
Charles Totaro		(443)336-6304
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Greensboro Volunteer Fire Company (GVFC) is a non-profit fire protection agency responsible for providing fire suppression, rescue, and emergency services to the entire Greensboro, Maryland community, as well as mutual aid support to Denton, Ridgely, and Goldsboro, Maryland. GVFC responds to approximately 350 emergency calls annually and operates as a 100% volunteer organization, providing 24-hour, 7-day-a-week emergency response. Despite being a volunteer-based department, GVFC maintains the same operational readiness and response expectations as career agencies. Of the 350 annual responses, approximately one-third involve automotive rescue-related incidents, underscoring the critical need for reliable, modern rescue equipment capable of handling today's vehicle construction and extrication challenges.</p>		

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

The purpose of this project is to modernize GVFC's rescue equipment in response to increasingly rigid and complex vehicle construction. Advances in the automotive industry have outpaced our current hydraulic rescue tools, creating operational limitations during extrication incidents. Updating this equipment is critical to ensuring responder safety, reducing rescue times, and improving patient outcomes.

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	
Equipment	\$50,000
Total	\$50,000

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

Howell Rescue Equipment	\$45,904
Increase per Howell for inflation since original quote.	\$4,096
Total	\$50,000

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
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)	
Greensboro Volunteer Fire Company 116 N Main St P.O. Box 307 Greensboro, MD 21639			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	36 - Kent, Queen Anne's, Cecil, and Caroline 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:	Charles Totaro	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	(443)336-6304		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
105 Church St P.O. Box 738 Greensboro, MD 21639			

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		130000.00		
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
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				
Space to be Renovated GSF				
New GSF				

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
28. Comments	
<p>GVFC is seeking \$50,000 to purchase new, state-of-the-art rescue equipment to better serve our community and meet the demands of modern vehicle extrication.</p> <p>We are proposing the acquisition of the Genesis EForce rescue tool platform, which utilizes Milwaukee M18 batteries. This platform provides exceptional versatility, reach, and power while remaining fully compatible with GVFC's existing equipment. GVFC already operates exclusively on the Milwaukee M18 battery system for all powered tools, including scene lighting, saws, drills, and impact tools. Selecting Genesis allows us to maintain cross-platform compatibility, ensuring operational efficiency and uninterrupted service during extended or complex rescue incidents.</p> <p>Currently, GVFC operates Hurst Gold Series hydraulic rescue tools, which were considered industry-leading technology between 2005 and 2015. However, significant advancements in the automotive industry have rendered these tools increasingly inadequate. Modern vehicles are now constructed using Ultra-High Strength Steel (UHSS) and boron-reinforced components, particularly within A, B, and C pillars, dramatically increasing structural rigidity.</p> <p>The Hurst Gold Series tools operate at 5,000 PSI, while modern vehicle pillars now require at least 10,000 PSI to achieve a successful cut on the first attempt. This discrepancy places unnecessary strain on our equipment and can delay critical rescue operations. The Genesis EForce tools exceed the 10,000 PSI threshold, delivering the power necessary to safely and efficiently operate on today's vehicles.</p> <p>In addition to increased cutting force, the Genesis EForce platform offers faster operation, increased strength, and complete freedom from hydraulic hoses, eliminating distance limitations from the apparatus and significantly improving scene flexibility and firefighter safety.</p> <p>GVFC's current rescue tools were purchased in 2008 and are now approximately 18 years old. While they have served us well, they are beyond their expected service life. Investing in this new equipment will position GVFC to meet rescue challenges for the next 1520 years, ensuring we remain capable, efficient, and prepared. The Genesis EForce platform adheres to the most modern "NFPA Rating A8-B9-C7-D9-E9-F4."</p> <p>GVFC is respectfully requesting assistance with this critical project. This investment will directly enhance our ability to overcome the challenges presented by modern vehicle construction while allowing us to continue responsibly planning and saving toward the future construction of a new fire station. Most importantly, it will help us continue our mission to protect lives and serve our community with the highest standards of safety and professionalism.</p>	