

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Havre de Grace Living War Memorial and Museum		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
James	S. Johnson	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Harford County	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Havre de Grace Living War Memorial and Museum		
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
Jason Robertson		484-459-5683
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The American Legion Post No 47 is a veterans service organization dedicated to the betterment of our community, state and nation. Post 47 exemplifies each of the four pillars of the American Legion: veterans affairs and rehabilitation, children and youth, national security, and Americanism. The Post is a meeting place for 11 different organizations including 3 Scout troops, 1 Cub Pack, the Vietnam Veterans of American, and the Disabled American Veterans. The facility owned by the American Legion dates back to 1834 and was established post-WW2 as a living war memorial. This fact was cemented publicly via resolution by the City of Havre de Grace in 2022. The Havre de Grace Living Wart Memorial is a 501C3 that operates a museum in the historic building, holding artifacts and telling the stories of local veterans.</p>		

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

To restore the historic building foundation & chimneys; renovate decrepit rooms to create additional meeting space; make the building more energy efficient by adding insulation and replacing windows and doors; reduce the energy burden of the facility by adding solar panels and updating electric. This work is much needed to save the historic structure, expand the mission of the museum, and successfully complete the mission of the American Legion and its partner organizations.

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	\$5,000
Construction	\$400,000
Equipment	\$160,000
Total	\$565,000

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

Harford County (proposed for windows)	\$50,000
City of Havre de Grace	\$15,000
State of Maryland	\$500,000
Total	\$565,000

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
5/4/2026	8/28/2026	1/4/2027	9/3/2027
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
9000	14000		21000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2023	\$100,000	Repair/ replace pier	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Joseph L Davis Post No 47 The American Legion 501 Saint John Street Havre de Grace, MD 21078			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	34A - Harford 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:	Jason Robertson	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	484-459-5683		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
414 Bourbon Street Havre de Grace, MD 21078			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
14	16	27000	78000
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?			Yes
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
The Havre de Grace Living War Memorial &	NA	NA	1100
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	11747		
Space to be Renovated GSF	11747		
New GSF	11747		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	1834
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28. Comments	
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This building is one of the oldest and the most unique to host an American Legion in the country. The foundation was of the old ferry crossing tavern where George Washington and Lafayette crossed the Susquehanna during the Revolution. That building was destroyed when the British made landfall, on the the shore of what's now the American Legion, during the War of 1812. The home was built on the foundation in 1834. The building was then an inn, and then used as part of the newspaper industry before being given to the American Legion in 1947.