

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Manchester Volunteer Fire Department		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Ready	Tomlinson	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Carroll County	\$1,300,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Manchester Volunteer Fire Department renovations		
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
Andrew Franklin		443-829-5672
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The organizations purpose is to provide reliable, high-quality fire protection and emergency services while fostering volunteerism and public service. Its goals are to strengthen response readiness, improve firefighter safety and retention, and ensure sustainable operations. Transitioning to four assigned career personnel on duty 24/7 has improved reliability and increased volunteer participation, as members are more willing to spend time at the station knowing a qualified driver is present. This growth has exceeded current facility capacity. The project will renovate and expand sleeping quarters and upgrade the kitchen to support meal preparation, enhancing morale, recruitment, retention, and overall effectiveness.</p>		

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
2/18/2026	TBD	TBD	TBD
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
75000.00	90		130
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
None			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Manchester Fire Engine and Hook and Ladder Company No. 1 3209 Main Street Manchester, MD 21102			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	5 - Frederick and Carroll 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:	Andrew Franklin	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443-829-5672		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
3209 Main Street Manchester, MD 21102			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
20 Career / 70 -----	30 Career / 100 -----	289000.00	304000.00
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	6,500		
Space to be Renovated GSF	3,050		
New GSF	0		

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

1984

28. Comments

The department explored financing options through Carroll County; however, the county does not currently have a loan program in place. As a result, we are relying heavily on fundraising efforts to bridge the gap between county reimbursements and the actual daily operational costs of staffing and maintaining the station. The portion of the building included in this project has not been upgraded since it was constructed in 1984, and the opposite side of the station dates back to the 1930s, still operating with much of its original plumbing and electrical systems. These aging systems underscore the urgent need for modernization to ensure safety, reliability, and code compliance.