

# State Of Maryland

## 2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Peerless Rens Club		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
	D. Jones	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Anne Arundel County	\$300,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Peerless Rens Club Safety and Accessibility Improvements project		
<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>
Briayna Cuffie		443-623-8925
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Peerless Rens Club (PRC) building is a monument to the culture, heritage and achievements of African Americans in Eastport; once its own incorporated town with a Black community since 1870 which was at its height 40% of the population. The Peerless Rens Club is a historic social club founded and built by a group of African American men in 1948, the sons and nephews of the original group of men/friends that began in 1919 as a neighborhood basketball team. Two generations of military members, U.S. Naval Academy workers, watermen, boat builders, and tradesmen came together to create a place for themselves when the racial sentiment and legal restrictions made it such that they had no other place to go. The location has been a hub for civic engagement, camaraderie, entertainment, fellowship, and safe, chaperoned children's activities.</p>		



<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>
5/2025	12/2025	9/2026	TBD
<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>
0.00	400		1,000+
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
21-314	\$70,000	Roof, siding, gutters, and gables replacement	
23-332	\$75,000	Critical HVAC and electrical rewiring and replacemen	
25-477	\$40,000	replacement fence, additional gates, secondary structu	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Peerless Rens Club, Inc.		406 Chester Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	30A - Anne Arundel 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>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>Phone:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	

<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>
0	0	45000.00	40000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property</b> (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
<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>	6560		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	2200		
<b>New GSF</b>	6560		

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

1948

**28. Comments**

Over the past year we have made significant progress in building connections with other organizations and businesses, creating standard procedures, training members on proper and proactive building steward actions, and increasing our membership rolls by getting descendants near and far to re-engage. Current members (including some of our newest) have been coming out of pocket personally to meet the building's expenses and address revenue gaps caused by being closed due to lack of heat and inability to approve rental requests. While interest has increased, our most common feedback is about mobility, accessibility, safety, and lack comfort with the current state of the building; hearing "I would love to come to more events, but...those steps!" is a common refrain from those with and without mobility challenges, and across multiple generations.

As we continued to assess what the building and organization needs to be self-sustaining, contractors continue to flag more extensive degradation once they have begun renovation, what would 1) simplify keeping up with proactive maintenance, 2) lower operating costs, and 3) meet current best practices and safety standards in their respective industries. Our request will cover:

Demolition, replacement and ADA mobility upgrade for front steps, landing, guard rails, and walkway

Demolition & replacement of the front 2 retaining walls (that have the grassy areas)

Interior & exterior flood mitigation (e.g. sump pump, drainage/irrigation flow changes)

Adding a driveway (handicap accessibility)

Entry/Exit door expansions and replacements for ADA compliance and added/code-compliant hardware for safety & security

Elevator installation (ADA accessibility)

Upstairs Bar renovation

Downstairs Bar renovation

ADA Overhaul of upstairs bathroom

Complete gutting and renovation of downstairs bathroom (ADA compliance)

Mold & Asbestos abatement downstairs

Resurfacing & restoration of: downstairs office, storage room, and HVAC room