

# State Of Maryland

## 2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Salisbury Fire Department Fire Training Building		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Carozza	Beauchamp	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Wicomico County	\$250,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Salisbury Fire Department Fire Training Building		
<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>
Randolph Taylor		410-548-3100
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Salisbury Fire Department provides fire and emergency medical services to the citizens, communities, and visitors to the greater Salisbury area. The Department responds to over 15,000 calls for service annually with a career staff of 102 personnel and a volunteer complement. The calls for service are varied and include cooking fires, building fires, auto accidents, technical rescues, various medical calls, and other assorted services.</p>		

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

A live fire training area located in our district would allow for more in-depth, focused training for Department members, with reduced overtime coverage costs and less travel wear and tear on our equipment. Having a dedicated training center with "live fire" capabilities provides a controlled, realistic environment where personnel can practice critical skills such as fire suppression and search and rescue. Live-fire simulations and scenario-based exercises help build decision-making abilities, teamwork, and confidence under pressure without the risks of uncontrolled real-world conditions. By offering ongoing training and certification opportunities, a fire training center ensures compliance with safety standards, improves operational readiness, and reduces injuries and property loss within the community. Ultimately, it strengthens public safety by equipping first responders with the hands-on experience and up-to-date knowledge needed to protect lives and property.

*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>	\$286,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$110,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>	\$446,000

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

LBI Grant	\$250,000
City of Salisbury	\$196,000
<b>Total</b>	\$446,000

<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>
Complete	TBD	TBD	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>	
	100	TBD	
<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>	
City of Salisbury 115 South Division St Salisbury, MD 21801		Goddard Parkway Salisbury, MD 21801	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	38B - Wicomico 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>	Randolph Taylor	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	410-548-3100		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
115 South Division St Salisbury, MD 21801			

<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>
N/A	N/A	500.00	5000.00
<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>	0		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>			
<b>New GSF</b>	8000		

<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>	
<b>28. Comments</b>	
<p>Currently, the Salisbury Fire Department does not have the ability to conduct live-fire training within our jurisdiction. As a result, both career and volunteer members must travel to facilities located more than twenty minutes away, which are shared with numerous other agencies. This creates significant scheduling and logistical challenges and often results in increased overtime costs to ensure our personnel receive the training necessary to safely perform their duties.</p> <p>Live-fire training is one of the most critical components of firefighter preparation. Without consistent access to this type of training, departments are limited in their ability to fully prepare personnel for the hazardous conditions they encounter during emergency incidents. Establishing a local training facility would allow us to provide more frequent, realistic training opportunities that enhance firefighter safety and operational readiness.</p> <p>A live-fire training center in Wicomico County would also serve as a regional asset for our mutual aid partners. Providing shared access to this facility would strengthen regional coordination, improve interoperability among neighboring departments, and enhance overall emergency preparedness across Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore.</p> <p>Additionally, improved training capabilities can positively influence the City's Insurance Services Office (ISO) rating. Enhanced training resources contribute to stronger fire protection capabilities, which may help lower insurance costs for residents and businesses within our community.</p>	