

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Bailey		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
St. Mary's County	\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department including a new rescue vessel		
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
John A. Nelson		301-904-9623
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department is an all Volunteer Fire Department located in Avenue, St. Mary's County, Maryland. The department has 50 active Volunteers and responds to emergency incidents throughout St. Mary's County and surrounding jurisdictions. The department was founded in 1949. The department is also responsible for waterway coverage of a large portion of the Potomac River, all of the Wicomico River and all of the St. Clements Bay along with their creeks and tributaries. In those waterways include St. Clements Island (the birthplace of Maryland) and Jefferson Island (home of the Jeffersons Island Club).</p>		

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

The purpose of this project is to replace our 2001 fire boat. The current fire boat has reached the end of its life span and is in dire need of upgrade and replacement. We have had to cut out portions of the bottom of the boat due to metal corrosion. The department needs to design and build a modern fire boat to continue serving the citizens of our community and surrounding areas. The new fire boat will include an upgraded fire pump, electronics, controls and emergency equipment. Our boat responds to water related incidents throughout St. Mary's County along with Charles County, Calvert County and portions of Westmoreland and Northumberland Virginia. We respond to all waterway types of incidents which include fires, medical emergencies, boaters in distress, and drownings among other incident types. The boat responds to approximately 100 emergency waterway incidents annually and is one of three in the county.

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	\$400,000
Equipment	\$180,000
Total	\$580,000

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

Department Funds	\$250,000
DNR Waterway Grant	\$80,000
Bond Initiative	\$250,000
Total	\$580,000

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
3/1/2026	4/1/2026	7/1/2026	5/1/2027
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	
50000.00	114,000	114,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Seventh District Volunteer Fire Department 21660 Colton Point Road Avenue, Maryland 20609			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	29A - St. Mary's 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:	John Nelson	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-904-9623		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
21660 Colton Point Road Avenue, Maryland 20609			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
50	50	485000.00	485000.00
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	
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28. Comments

While the department has been saving funds for this project due to its significant need, the rising cost have not allow us to proceed with the project. Being able to receive these funds would allow our community members to be served by modern and reliable apparatus while using our waterways or visiting St. Clements Island. This funding would greatly assist our department with this highly needed fire boat.