

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Thurmont Little League		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Corderman	Valentine	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Frederick County	\$40,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Thurmont Little League property, including the field lighting project		
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
Blaine Young		
Delegate William Valentine		william.valentine@house.maryland.gov
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Thurmont Little League, established in 1952, is a non-profit organization operating under the rules and regulations of Little League International. The league is operated entirely by volunteers, including 100% volunteer umpires. The mission is to be the best Little League in the state of Maryland, providing children the best possible experience through participating in youth baseball and softball programs. Also, to grow and develop youth talents while fostering the Little League values of CHARACTER, COURAGE, & LOYALTY. Over 550 youth participants, 850 parents/guardians, and 500 or more other attendees are served at the league's facility annually. The league hosts tournaments and other activities that increase citizens served by more than 1,000. The local BabeRuth Baseball organization is permitted use of the facility for their many players, coaches, and fans.</p>		

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

Thurmont Little League was granted their property in 1969 from a local resident property owner. Three ballfields are in continuous operation with two of the three fields having new lights installed in 2025 via state grant funding that has covered 2/3 of the cost. Our lighting on those two fields is now up to safe playing standards. Lighting for the largest field is a goal for the league but payment completion for the recently completed project requires sorely needed funds to satisfy a loan that is a hardship for the league. The final project cost totalled approx. \$40k higher than anticipated due to severe encounters with rock during installation of poles and electrical infrastructure.

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	\$40,000
Equipment	
Total	\$40,000

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

State of Maryland grant/bond assistance	\$40,000
Total	\$40,000

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
done	done	done	done`
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	
60000.00	2,500	2,500	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
23-684	\$100,000	Initial funds toward \$300k lighting project.	
24-502	\$100,000	Additional funds toward \$300k lighting prject.	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Thurmont Little League 275 Westview Drive (P.O.Box 361) Thurmont, MD 21788			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	2A - Washington and Frederick 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:	Charkes Fisher (Board President)	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	240-818-8994		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
14 Blackford Cir. Thurmont, MD 21788			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
		110000.00	115000.00
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	n/a		
Space to be Renovated GSF	n/a		
New GSF	n/a		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
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28. Comments	
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The new lighting installation was concluded in December 2025. The league paid out as much as possible toward the remainder of the cost and sought a financial arrangement to make payments to the contractor to satisfy the nearly \$40k additional cost due to unforeseen construction problems dealing with underground rock formations across the entire site. While the league receives very generous community support from businesses and citizens, in the form of team sponsorships and outfield advertisements, our registration income and those donations are spent on player uniforms and equipment at the outset of each playing season. Facility maintenance, upkeep, insurance, and utilities use nearly any remainder of funds each year.

Thurmont Little League has sought state funding only once since 1952, which we hope to achieve the final goal in lighting our fields.

The costs of sports field lighting are not achievable by standard operations of non-profit youth sports organizations. We are fortunate to own our facility but those costs make it impossible to save for such projects.