

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Town of University Park New Town Hall		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
A. Washington	Martinez	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County	\$1,000,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Town of University Park New Town Hall Construction 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
Carrina Bucknor, Town Treasurer		240-383-5844
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>University Park maintains significant community assets, including a large, wooded park, tennis courts, athletic fields, and playgrounds, all of which are owned and maintained by the Town. Through responsible governance, the Town is committed to implementing policies and programs that enhance and safeguard residents quality of life while delivering services that address the diverse needs of the community and foster a vibrant, supportive environment for all. Bond funds will be used for the design and construction of a new municipal building and the retrofitting of the existing building to accommodate the Public Works Department. The Town has completed a comprehensive needs assessment and obtained preliminary cost estimates to ensure responsible project planning and financial stewardship.</p>		

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

The new Town Hall will centralize municipal operations, public meetings, and community events, improving service delivery and strengthening civic engagement. It will be fully ADA accessible, removing barriers to in-person participation and ensuring equitable access for all residents. The building will provide efficient workspace that supports staff productivity and reflects a long-term community investment and pride. Bond funding will also retrofit the existing Town Hall to house Public Works. Current poor conditions include a locker room that doubles as a boiler room, hot water only when the boiler runs, and recurring sewage backups requiring hazardous-waste cleanup. The retrofit will create a safe, purpose-built environment, consolidate operations, improve efficiency, reduce long-term costs, and minimize environmental impact ensuring effective maintenance of critical 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	\$688,875
Construction	\$4,776,284
Equipment	\$359,887
Total	\$5,825,046

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

Bond Bill 2019	\$50,000
Bond Bill 2019	\$150,000
Bond Bill 2024	\$160,000
Bond Bill - 2025	\$400,000
Town Funds	\$2,500,000
Total	\$3,260,000

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
7/1/2026	1/30/2027	3/30/2027	2/30/2028
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	
	2,656	2,656	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Town of University Park 6724 Baltimore Avenue University Park, MD 20782		Same	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	22 - Prince George'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:	Suellen Ferguson	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-641-2440		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
125 West Street, 4th Floor Annapolis, MD 21401			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
29	29	5082533.00	5388995.00
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	4,137		
Space to be Renovated GSF	4,137		
New GSF	6,753		

<p>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</p>	<p>1926</p>
<p>28. Comments</p>	
<p>The proposed new Town Hall will serve as a centralized, fully ADA-accessible hub for municipal operations, public meetings, and community events, significantly improving service delivery and expanding equitable access to local government. By replacing the existing inadequate facility, the project will strengthen civic engagement, enhance transparency, and provide a lasting symbol of community investment and pride.</p> <p>Bond grant funding will also support the retrofit of the current Town Hall to house the Public Works Department. The nine-member Public Works staff currently operate in a severely constrained basement space with substandard and hazardous conditions, including inadequate ventilation, lack of natural light, insufficient work areas, and sewage backups that require professional hazardous waste remediation. The locker room doubles as the boiler room, and hot water for showers is only available during colder months when the boiler is running. These unsafe and unsanitary conditions underscore the urgent need for a purpose built, functional facility to support essential infrastructure operations. The retrofit will consolidate Public Works into the entire existing building, improving safety, operational efficiency, cost-effectiveness, and environmental performance.</p> <p>The \$5,825,046 million project will be financed through the state bond bill, authorizing the Town to issue bonds and strategically leverage reserve funds to offset costs for both new construction and the retrofit. This approach enables the Town of University Park to responsibly spread costs over time, avoid a substantial one-time expenditure, preserve fiscal stability, and maintain adequate reserves for future needs.</p> <p>The new Town Hall will feature modern architectural design and include: a fully accessible Council Chamber equipped with advanced audio-visual technology to support in-person and virtual participation; centralized municipal offices for permitting, tax payments, and community development services; a new police station to enhance public safety, response times, transparency, and operational efficiency; and flexible multipurpose event spaces to accommodate community gatherings and public hearings. Together, these investments will modernize essential facilities, improve working conditions for staff, and ensure long-term, equitable access to municipal services.</p> <p>In addition to its functional and aesthetic benefits, the new Town Hall will be constructed with sustainability in mind. The design will incorporate energy-efficient systems, environmentally friendly materials, and green building practices to minimize the environmental impact and promote a healthier, more sustainable community.</p>	