

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7472		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Howard County Senators	Howard County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Howard County	\$190,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7472 property		
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
Todd Goff		(301) 788 2468
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>VFW 7472 is the oldest veterans service organization in Howard County. Initially established immediately following World War II and located in Old Ellicott City, the Post moved to its current location in 1962, when the veterans built the current building and a pavilion for outside events. A childrens play area, softball field used by local community teams, and park area have since been added. Much of the original property owned by VFW 7472 has since been reallocated for Veterans Elementary School. The most valuable service of the Post is to be a resource for veterans in distress; it is a safe haven for those who need assistance.</p>		

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
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	
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)	
YINGLING RIDGELY POST 7472 VFW OF THE UNITED STATES INC. 4225 VFW Lane Ellicott City, Maryland 21043		4225 VFW Lane Ellicott City, Maryland 21043	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	9B - Howard 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:	David K. Horn, Post Quartermaster	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-852-1144		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
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	4,400 GSF		
Space to be Renovated GSF	4,400 GSF		
New GSF	0 GSF		

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

1962

28. Comments

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VFW 7472 provides its facility as a meeting space to scout troops, Blue Star Mothers, Gold Star Mothers, and other veteran service organizations, such as the Marine Corps League and American Legion. Howard County police and fire services also use the facility for meetings.

The Post also supports educational programs in our county schools, notably JROTC and Veterans Day activities, and judging of student essay competitions at all academic levels.

Post 7472 is a gathering place for veterans of for social meetings with active members and veterans from other facilities. We host summer picnics for veterans from hospital facilities and families of all veterans on our 11 acres in Ellicott City.

Community related events include providing a venue for members of the community to receive a health screening, providing a facility for Canines for Veterans to train potential service dogs and hosting wellness and vaccination clinics that help us to improve the wellness of the community.

We host quarterly formal flag retirement ceremonies for the community.

We co-host an event with the Blue Star Mothers just before Christmas for active duty personnel home on leave and active duty military who cannot get home for the holidays.

We host annual Pictures with Santa and Mrs Claus.

We also support veterans at Loch Raven VA Hospital with visits and delivery of small sundries like books, snacks, cards, personal hygiene items, etc. All of these are paid for by VFW Post 7472 and its Auxiliary.

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Projects include: Electrical system balancing and replacement of worn components, \$10,000; Replacement of doors, \$20,000; Windows for security and to reduce energy consumption , \$50,000; Roofing damaged by water incursion (including rafters, fascia, and gutters), \$40,000; flooring on ground floor damaged by water incursion, \$20,000; Illuminated access signage, \$30,000; Restriping of parking lot, \$12,000; Repairs to parking lot and access walk for disabled access, \$10,000; Modifications and repairs to basement meeting room and storage area, including drywall, insulation, flooring, ceiling, door, window, and air conditioner, \$40,000; Hot water heater system replacement for floor heating, \$10,000; Kitchen stove, exhaust fan, and dishwasher that are used during community events, \$25,000; Replacement of ice machine used during community events, \$6,000.