

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CALVERT COUNTY
2021 LEGISLATIVE REQUESTS**

LEGISLATIVE REQUEST FORM

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By submitting this form, you are asking the Board of County Commissioners to support your request for State legislation.

Requesting County Commissioner or Department: Finance & Budget

Contact Person: Veronica Atkinson, Capital Projects Analyst

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Describe the Need(s) or Reason(s) for Legislative Action: Finance & Budget requests bonding authority for Calvert County for capital projects starting FY 2021

Per *Section IV, Debt Limits, Calvert County Debt Policy*, the County periodically requests authorization from the General Assembly, which specifies a "not to exceed" principal amount of bonds that can be issued pursuant to that authorization.

The County has a Debt Affordability Model that it uses to determine the amount of new debt the County can afford to support. The model is driven by revenue and growth assumptions with established standards controlling the amount of new debt to be issued over the life of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The County uses the following guidelines in deciding how much additional General Obligation Debt may be issued in the six-year CIP period:

1. The ratio of General Fund Debt Service to General Fund Revenue; 9.5%;
2. The ratio of General Fund Debt to Assessed Value of Taxable Real Property; 1.8%; and
3. Other standards as may be appropriate.

Legislative Reference/Citation: (example: Annotated Code, Local Government Article, §3-301)

- Section 31, Article 31 of the Annotated Code of Maryland.
- Resolution 37-09, Calvert County, *Pertaining to the Adoption of a Debt Policy*
- Resolution 48-13, Calvert County, *Pertaining to the Amendment of the Debt Policy for Calvert County, Maryland*
- Resolution 12-19, Calvert County, *A Resolution for the Purpose of Adopting the Operating and Capital Improvement Budgets for Fiscal Year 2020 and Levying Taxes*

Please State Specific Language Requested (below or on a separate sheet, if necessary):

Request **\$46,881,848** of Bond authority for the following projects:

Project	FY2021	Remainder of Project	Total Bonding Authority	Planned Issuance Year	Bond Terms in Years
General Fund:					
<i>Beach Elementary</i>	\$ 2,750,000	\$ 15,056,000	\$ 17,806,000	FY 21 - 23	15 Years
<i>Twin Beaches Library</i>	279,306	\$ 4,964,010	\$ 5,243,316	FY20 - FY24	15 Years
<i>Stafford Road Intersection Improvements</i>	500,000	2,500,000	3,000,000	FY 21 - 22	15 Years
<i>Fire & Rescue Apparatus Replacement</i>	1,396,000	416,000	1,812,000	FY 21	15 Years
<i>St. Leonard FD&RS - Facility Replacement</i>	\$ 800,000	\$ 12,000,000	\$ 12,800,000	FY 21 - 23	15 Years
Total General Fund	\$ 5,725,306	\$ 34,936,010	\$ 40,661,316		
Enterprise Funds:					
<i>PF WWTP#1 - Plant Upgrade</i>	1,100,000	2,520,000	3,620,000	FY 21- FY 24	25 years
<i>Solomons Septage Receiving Upgrade</i>	2,450,532	-	2,450,532	FY21	25 years
Total Enterprise Fund	3,550,532	2,520,000	6,070,532		
Issuance Costs	150,000	-	150,000		
TOTAL BOND AUTHORITY REQUEST	\$ 9,425,838	\$ 37,456,010	\$ 46,881,848		

Beach Elementary School – Replacement of the existing facility due to age and changing/increased programming needs.

Twin Beach Library – Design and build a 16,000 sq ft Twin Beaches Branch Library, an agreement was made with North Beach to deed the land for this project to Calvert County.

Stafford Road Intersection Improvements – Critical intersection improvements for the safety of traffic utilizing the intersection, along with modifications to MD 231 to accommodate the installation of a traffic signal. Barstow Road currently serves as access and egress to the Detention Center, Public Safety Administration offices, Barstow Land fill, Veterinarian Hospital, County fuel pump, Department of Public Works large equipment storage, and the Substance Abuse Treatment Center.

Fire & Rescue Apparatus – This project will provide the funding of fire, rescue and EMS apparatus that has a useful life of 15 or more years. The types of apparatus eligible for the funding can include: heavy rescue squad trucks, fire engines, aerial tower vehicles, tankers and pumper trucks, rescue pumper and fire/rescue boats. An apparatus replacement review is conducted at the end of the life expectancy of the apparatus by the Fire and Rescue Commission’s Apparatus Review Committee, they make the timing recommendation of the apparatus’s replacement. If the apparatus is in good working order then the replacement date is pushed further out.

St. Leonard Fire Department and Rescue Squad Replacement – Replacement of the current facility located at 200 Calvert Beach Road. The current facility was built in 1985 and expanded 1994, the facility was assessed by a 3rd party Engineering firm and the evaluation team consisted of an Architect, Structural Engineer and Mechanical/Electrical Engineers. The assessment determined St. Leonard Fire Department and Rescue Squad replacement due to the structures age and optimal operating deficiencies.

Prince Frederick Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements - Improvements to the plant including grit removal, screening, washing and compacting, blower replacement, and air header replacement

Solomons Septage Receiving Upgrade– The improvements will increase receiving capacity, and provide the ability to unload two trucks concurrently. The improved facility will also allow customers to pay onsite with credit cards.

If you need any assistance, please contact the County Attorney’s Office at Ext. 2566 or John.Norris@CalvertCountyMD.gov.