

State Of Maryland

2019 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
VFW Free State Post 8950 Aquaculture Training Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Pinsky	Gaines	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Prince George's County	\$605,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of an aquaculture training center for the VFW Free State Post 8950		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements: Equal	Type: The matching fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions.	
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
John Spearman	301-537-5697	johnftm@comcast.net
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Free State Post 8950 is a member in good standing in the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States which is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces. We trace our roots back to 1899 when veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902).</p>		

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

Development of a self-sustainable aquaculture training center within Prince Georges County, as justified by the National Aquaculture Act of 1980. The facility will utilize advanced food production technologies associated with hydroponic and aquaponic recirculation systems in order to provide alternative solutions for addressing some of the issues relating to veteran employment and economic opportunities. Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Free State Post 8950 will accomplish the above goal by undertaking the following activities: promote and support federal, state and local initiatives for the development of an aquaculture industry, assist in the infusion of aquaculture into the Prince Georges Countys urban agriculture initiative, encourage aquaculture activities and programs in both the public and private sectors that will support community sustainability.

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	\$605,000
Design	
Construction	
Equipment	
Total	\$605,000

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

The State of Maryland	\$605,000
Total	\$605,000

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
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
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	
NONE	\$0		
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
NONE		Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, Department of Maryland Free State Post 8950 / 9800 Good Luck Road Lanham, Maryland 20706 (301) 383-0376	
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:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			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
TBD	TBD	0.00	0.00
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	TBD		
Space to be Renovated GSF	TBD		
New GSF	TDB		

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

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28. Comments

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Free State Post8950 will pursue, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the provision of certification and training in aquaculture operations, allowable under the GI Bill, and all necessary funding to operate an advanced food production unit (Greenhouse); therefore seeks to engage in a partnership with the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Free State Post 8950 to explore the feasibility of developing and implementing an aquaculture production model that will provide educational training and development for veterans, introduction of aquaculture technology, and economic alternatives for the community.

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Free State Post 8950 will additionally collaborate with an approved educational intuitions that has an established aquaculture program that has the capacity to train and certify veterans that have an interest in utilizing the developed cooperative model for distribution of the owner/operator's products from the aquaculture initiative, and other program participants, to provide the technical expertise and resources necessary to design and develop a hands on incubator program that will serve as an aquaculture food production hub; identify instruments that will address issues of financing an aquaculture production unit; develop and test advanced production processes and technologies; interact with state aquaculture coordinators to effectively promote aquaculture in Prince Georges County and the Northeast Region.