

State Of Maryland

2022 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

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| 1. Name Of Project | | |
| Bittinger Fire Station | | |
| 2. Senate Sponsor | 3. House Sponsor | |
| Edwards | Beitzel | |
| 4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City) | 5. Requested Amount | |
| Garrett County | \$250,000 | |
| 6. Purpose of Bond Initiative | | |
| the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Bittinger Fire Station | | |
| 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 |
| Delegate Beitzel | | wendell.beitzel@house.state.md.us |
| Justin Orendorf | | 240-321-5371 |
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| 10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area) | | |
| Bittinger Volunteer Fire and Ems. Provide fire and ems response to the citizens of Bittinger and surrounding areas. | | |

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

Bittinger Volunteer Fire Department is seeking funding assistance to assist the Department in acquiring and renovating a facility in the Bittinger area that is currently owned by Beitzel Corporation that is currently being used a maintenance garage and office. This location would then become the new location for the Bittinger Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. The asking price from Beitzel Corp that we are negotiating is 1.1 million with additional funding added in the amount of \$500,000 for the installation of a sprinkler system and needed building renovations.

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

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| Acquisition | \$1,100,000 |
| Design | |
| Construction | \$500,000 |
| Equipment | |
| Total | \$1,600,000 |

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

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| State budget | \$300,000 |
| State bond initiative Delegate Beitzel | \$250,000 |
| State bond initiative Senator Edwards | \$250,000 |
| Department General Fund / Financing | \$800,000 |
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| Total | \$1,600,000 |

| 14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete) | | | |
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| 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 | |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years | | | |
| Legislative Session | Amount | Purpose | |
| N/A | | | |
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| 19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee | | Project Address (If Different) | |
| Bittinger Volunteer Fire Department Inc. | | 12072 Bittinger Rd Grantsville, MD 21536 | |
| 20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located | 1A - Garrett and Allegany 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: | Justin L Orendorf | Has An Appraisal Been Done? | Yes/No |
| Phone: | 240-321-5371 | | No |
| Address: | | If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value | |
| 1318 Orendorf Rd Accident, MD 21520 | | N/A | |
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| 24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site | | | |
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| Current # of Employees | Projected # of Employees | Current Operating Budget | Projected Operating Budget |
| 35 Volunteer | An updated facility | 300000 | 325000 |
| 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 |
| N/A | | | |
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| E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following: | | | |
| Name of Leaser | Length of Lease | Options to Renew | |
| N/A | | | |
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| 26. Building Square Footage: | | | |
| Current Space GSF | 10,200 | | |
| Space to be Renovated GSF | TBD | | |
| New GSF | N/A | | |

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

2003

28. Comments

As you may or may not know the Department was established in 1973, our current building is nearly 50 years old and parts of the building, which was once the old Bittinger school, was built in the late 1800s. We have updated the facility as much as we possibly can by updating the kitchen, emergency power, creating a lounge area, updating the social hall, improvements to the engine bay area, etc. With all these updates that we have done, the Fire Marshals Office has pushed extremely hard for us to sprinkle the building but up to this point we have been able to get around that however our major problem is that we have simply outgrown the building. Our ambulance literally clears by 1 inch when backing into the station, we had to modify the garage door to get that 1 inch of clearance and, in the wintertime, we spend hours clearing ice to avoid any buildup in front of the doors that would cause our units to hit the ceiling backing in. We have modified 2 doors with exterior rollup doors to give us extra clearance for the engine and tanker however we have problems with these doors freezing up due to the temperatures and winds in the wintertime. We had begun the process of replacing our 25-year-old tanker however once into this process we realized that we were going to spend an extra \$250,000 on a custom-built chassis that would fit in the station which we felt was unwise spending, so we held off and looked at alternative maintenance possibilities to replace corroded frames etc. We also have staffing that stays at the station several days and nights a week to help with ambulance staffing that live out of the area. We have accomplished this to this point but as the Department continues to expand and call volume has increased, we just do not have the adequate space or facilities for personnel. With all this being said, the Department had made the decision about a year ago to begin retaining funds and to look at purchasing property in the Bittinger area to build a new station in the next 5-10 years. As we have been working on this, I learned that Beitzel Corp could potentially be moving from their facility in Bittinger and just for more knowledge I reached out to Shawn Bender, President of Beitzel Corp who confirmed that they would be moving, and the building would be available for purchase. We have met with Shawn several times and walked through the building and have been given an asking price of 1.1 million from Beitzel for the building itself. The building is 130x80, approx. 10,000 square feet with 6 bays, 3 which are drive through, its approx. 18 years old and has been a mechanic shop. It also has 2 stories of office space. We have checked with the Fire Marshals Office, and they will require the building to be sprinkled and Beitzel has engineered that and has given us an approximate cost of 500K to sprinkle the building after purchase. A generator would be required for the sprinkler system and the building, and there would be some renovations that would need to be done to the facility to allow for sleeping quarters etc. Without negotiating the asking price of the building we estimate a cost of 1.6 million for the building, sprinkler system, parking lot