

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
American Legion Synepuxent Post 166 Elevated Outdoor Patio		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Carozza	Hartman	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Worcester County	\$150,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of American Legion Synepuxent Post 166		
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
Senator Mary Beth Carozza		MaryBeth.Carozza@senate.state.md.us
George Barstis, Finance Officer		301-529-2263
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>American Legion Synepuxent Post 166 in Ocean City, Maryland is one of over 13,000 patriotic veterans posts worldwide whose purpose is to enhance the well-being of America's veterans, their families, our military, and our communities by our devotion to mutual helpfulness. Our vision is simply "Veterans strengthening America". Post 166 executes our mission through a number of programs, events, sponsorships, and donations. Our programs include youth baseball, Boys State, scholarship aid, and "Buddy Check" - insuring the well-being of our members. We sponsor the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops. Annually we recognize our local 1st Responders with an awards dinner, as well as conducting and/or participating in Memorial Day, Armed Forces Day, Independence Day, and Veteran's Day celebrations. (Continued in field 28).</p>		

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

Post 166, located in the resort of Ocean City, is unique in that it not only serves our local veteran population, but also becomes a home away from home for many Legionnaires visiting the resort. As you probably know, the Maryland American Legion state convention is held annually in Ocean City with Post 166 serving as the host organization. We estimate that since the pandemic ended, our visitors have increased 25%-30% each year. The Post plans to expand its current facility by constructing an outdoor, elevated patio. The patio will measure 40' x 60' and will include a covered bar, open seating, elevator and stairwell access, and of course, a spectacular view. We anticipate that this patio can be operational 7 months each year. (continued in field 28).

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	\$0
Design	\$80,000
Construction	\$1,384,000
Equipment	\$186,000
Total	\$1,650,000

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

First Mortgage	\$1,200,000
Internally generated funds	\$300,000
Grant	\$150,000
Total	\$1,650,000

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
12/1/2022	2/9/2023	3/15/2023	7/12/2023
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
300000.00	34,500		38,000
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)	
Synepuxent Post 166 The American Legion 2308 Philadelphia Avenue Ocean City, MD 20842			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	38A - Somerset, Worcester, and Wicomico 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:	George Barstis	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-529-2263		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
		Sep 2022	2930000.00

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
16	20	1792296.00	1798290.00
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	8,800		
Space to be Renovated GSF	2,400		
New GSF	11,200		

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

2023

28. Comments

(con't from field 10) Our Color Guard promotes patriotism through multiple appearances throughout the year in our town and county and honors our comrades at their interments. We annually support the Veteran's Hospital at Perry Point as well as recognizing our Wounded Warriors in an annual program. Our Post offers the facility for use to private and public organizations and individuals.

Beyond all of these events and efforts, our proudest achievement is our donation program that annually donates in excess of \$250,000 to local (town and county) charities.

(con't from field 11) We've developed this plan to enhance all Legion member's experience when visiting the post, to alleviate crowding during tourist season, to encourage younger members to begin to visit the post and become more active, to encourage younger non-member veterans to join the post, and to provide additional meeting space for community activities (potentially simultaneous meetings). Finally, we anticipate that with this facility expansion, our revenue generation should increase, thus increasing available funds for expanded donations to local, county, and state charities.