

# State Of Maryland

## 2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
West Laurel Swim Club		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Rosapepe	Lehman	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Prince George's County	\$500,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the West Laurel Swim Club		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Senator Jim Rosapepe		jim.rosapepe@senate.state.md.us
Vanessa van der Have		301-332-5327
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Founded in 1969, the West Laurel Swim Club is a nonprofit organization serving roughly xxxx people per year. Members and guests include families/individuals from Prince George's, Howard, Anne Arundel, and Montgomery counties. As one of the largest outdoor pools in PG, the WLSC has a 50m Olympic-sized swimming pool w/ a dedicated area for diving and lap swimming and a shallow section for less experienced swimmers and water activities. The WLSC also has a fenced-in baby pool, lawn area for lounging and play, shaded pavilion, pool deck w/ tables and chairs, snack shack w/ food/beverages, and a large parking lot to accommodate guests. The WLSC offers many activities/services to the public, including swim lessons for all ages, fitness classes, certification courses (ex: lifeguard, scuba), social activities, charitable events, and more.</p>		

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

The WLSC is seeking funds to make critical repairs/renovations to our 54-year-old pool facility. With the requested funds, our priorities are to re-plaster the surface of the pool, reduce water waste by identifying and repairing or replacing leaking water lines and repairing or replacing our leaking holding tank, repair or replace non-functional pool lights/electrical wiring, replace the rotting roof of the pool house and pavilion, repair/replace pool fencing necessary for safety during off hours and off season, replace the cracked front entrance doors, renovate the baby pool, repair/update the main pump, make improvements to our bath houses and purchase/install a pool lift to make our facility more accommodating to guests with special needs. No new construction is planned with the funds. The renovations will not change the size of the pool.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	
<b>Design</b>	
<b>Construction</b>	\$500,000
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	\$500,000

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

LBI 2023	\$500,000
<b>Total</b>	\$500,000

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
3/1/2023	TBD	4/1/2023	TBD
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>	<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>	
	3,500	5,000	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
West Laurel Swim Club, Inc. P.O. Box 217 Laurel, MD 20707		West Laurel Swim Club, Inc. 7203 Brooklyn Bridge Road Laurel, MD 20707	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	21 - Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>Phone:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
19	25	140000.00	160000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	11,000		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	11,000		
<b>New GSF</b>	N/A		

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

1969

**28. Comments**

Since opening in 1969, the West Laurel Swim Club (WLSC) has been a summer sanctuary for thousands of local residents. The social, health and wellness benefits that our swim club offers the community are immense. To continue serving the community, our facility must address some significant capital improvement requirements.

Of our estimated \$156,000 maintenance fee revenue for 2023, we estimate that \$90,000 of it will go towards staffing, and the remaining to go towards pool maintenance and operating expenses. As mentioned in the project description, because of our budget constraints, we have taken a piecemeal approach to pool updates and repairs. Instead of fixing the whole pool at once, we have been only been able to fix small sections at a time. This approach winds up costing us more money in the long run, leaves us in a perpetual state of repair, and frustrates members.

In order to afford critical repairs, the Board has made several difficult budgeting decisions:

1. **Increased Fees:** The current board voted to increase annual dues for members by \$25 for the 2023 swim season. As a non-profit, we would like to keep the costs down to make our pool affordable for more families - not price people out.
2. **Self-Management:** In order to save money and improve customer service, the Board moved to self-management in 2019. This decision has saved us an estimated \$20,000 annually in staffing and operating expenses, compared with hiring a management company as we have done in the past. It will also allow us to create between 10-20 jobs in the form of lifeguards, pool managers, and swim and fitness instructors.
3. **Postponing Other Improvements:** In addition to increasing fees and moving to self-management, we have been forced to cut costs by postponing or forgoing other improvements and offerings that would help us to better serve our existing members and attract new members. For example, we would like to make our pool more accessible and enjoyable for people with physical and developmental disabilities. Because of the age of our bathhouses, we have not been held to the same accessibility standards as newer buildings.

Securing a bond bill from the state would allow us to take a more comprehensive, strategic, and cost-efficient approach towards tackling our critical capital improvements while giving us the flexibility to address other improvements that would help us to retain members and attract new ones. The results would have a long-lasting impact on not just the pool, but the community at large. On behalf of the West Laurel Swim Club, thank you for your consideration.