

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Bowie Elks Lodge 2309		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Gile	Schmidt	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Anne Arundel County	\$100,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Bowie Elks Lodge 2309		
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 Stuart M. Schmidt, Jr.		stuart.schmidt@house.state.md.us
Matthew Briggs		443-837-8111
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Elks Fraternal Order was founded over 150 years ago "To promote and practice the four cardinal virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its members; to quicken the spirit of American Patriotism and cultivate good fellowship." For over 50 years, the Bowie Elks Lodge has served people in our community through benevolent programs that help children grow up healthy and drug-free, meet the needs of today's veterans, and improve the quality of life of some of our most vulnerable populations. We have grown our outreach and impact demonstrating to our community we are more than just a building through our Elks Care and Elks Share moto. Our lodge is a place where our community can come together to celebrate, educate, inspire, and support one another.</p>		

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

We are requesting financial assistance with the cost of infrastructure repairs for our building. Our roof is approximately 45 years old with ongoing leaks and areas of concern. Our most recent quote to replace the roof came in much higher than expected at \$148,500, which is a significant increase from the \$80,000 quote we received 4 years ago. Due to the age of the building, we are anticipating additional maintenance that will need to occur over the next few years such as replacing the HVAC system and air conditioning units. Over the past few years, unexpected costs have been incurred for urgent situations such as tree work and plumbing. We have also made improvements to our banquet hall, lounge and kitchen in an attempt to increase revenue generated. The roof is now our primary focus as even the closure of a portion of our building will significantly impact our ability to generate revenue and serve our communities.

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	
Design	
Construction	\$148,500
Equipment	
Total	\$148,500

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

Legislative Bond Initiative	\$100,000
Private Funds Raised	\$8,500
Funds to be Financed	\$40,000
Total	\$148,500

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
N/A	N/A	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	
6500.00	20,000	25,000	
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)	
2309 Building Corp. 1506 Defense Hwy. Gambrills, MD 21054			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	12B - Anne Arundel 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:	Matthew Briggs	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443-837-8111		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
1506 Defense Hwy. Gambrills, MD 21054			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
8	10	341390.00	400000.00
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	10425		
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	1965
28. Comments	
<p>The Bowie Elks Lodge supports our community every year through programs benefiting our most vulnerable populations. We have established relationships with our schools, most recently Crofton High School who opened in 2020, to support our youth and special needs children. We donate use of our space, and our members volunteer their time to support the schools arts and athletics programs as we understand the value these programs provide to enrich the lives of our children. Our lodge has an active Drug Awareness Program, participates in the national Hoop Shoot free-throw contest, and offers scholarships and awards through our Americanism committee. The lodge also supports those experiencing food insecurities by organizing food drives, volunteering at food pantries, and donating funds for needed supplies. We support our veterans by honoring their service and sacrifice through Veteran dinners and holiday remembrance ceremonies. Our lodge also supports programs such as the Welcome Home Project providing furniture and household goods to homeless veterans who have found housing and the Army of Hope fund for veterans who are experiencing financial insecurity to maintain stable housing. Currently our lodge serves an estimated 20,000 members of our community through our membership, community events, partnerships with schools and local agencies, and private banquet hall rentals. COVID impacted everyone and as a lodge we are still recovering from the pandemic. Our membership has grown by 35% percent in the last two years, earning us awards at our annual Grand Lodge meeting two years in row. We have an engaged group of members with a lot of momentum behind us to grow successful programs and recruit new members. In 2023, we added two additional sources of revenue for the lodge by hiring a cook to offer regular food service in our lounge and initiated community Bingo on Wednesdays. For 2024, we are anticipating hiring at least 2 additional employees to help with food service and banquet hall rentals. Increased utilization of the banquet hall and regular food service will also increase our operating budget. As you can see, replacing the roof is an essential infrastructure project that needs to be completed to ensure the sustainability of services offered to our lodge members and our community for years to come.</p>	