



Maryland  
**Board of Public Works**  
Public Comments  
Meeting Date: March 19, 2025

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10-CGL	Patrick	Marlatt	Fifth District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	Support
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Governor, Members of the Board of Public Works: The Fifth District Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. (FDVFD) of Clarksville, Md., is greatly appreciative of the State's effort to assist in providing some funding for the much-needed replacement of the primary Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) cooling and heating system at our community fire station. The existing HVAC mechanical equipment is approaching 30 years old, and the refrigerant used in the system is now obsolete, the result of an effort to minimize effects on the environment. Howard County, Md., through its Department of Fire and Rescue Services (DFRS), has repeatedly advised the FDVFD, Inc., through numerous budget cycle cycles, that no funds are available to allocate for these needed systemic major repairs to our fire station. Further, due to the impact of COVID, FDVFD was restricted in raising funds from rental of the Ten Oaks Ballroom for events. The Legislative Bond Initiative approved grant, in combination with additional loaned and private funds, will be utilized for directly tangible and immediate results to upgrade the HVAC cooling and heating systems in the operational areas of the FDVFD located in at 5000 Signal Bell Lane, Clarksville, Md. 21029. We sincerely request your favorable action on this matter.