

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2026 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-054-2026

Chapter No.

Proposed and Presented by The Chair (by request – County Executive)

Introduced by

Co-Sponsors

Date of Introduction

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Borrowing to Finance Capital Projects for  
3 Library Facilities

4 For the purpose of authorizing Prince George's County, Maryland, to borrow money upon its full  
5 faith and credit at any time and from time to time, in an aggregate principal amount not  
6 exceeding \$33,656,000 to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition,  
7 improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation, or repair of Library  
8 Facilities including the acquisition and development of sites therefor, the architectural and  
9 engineering services incident thereto, and the acquisition and installation of necessary fixed  
10 permanent equipment therefor, prescribing terms and conditions upon which bonds issued  
11 pursuant to this Act shall be issued and sold and other incidental details with respect thereto;  
12 providing generally for the issuance of such bonds and providing for such borrowing to be  
13 submitted to a referendum of the legal voters of the County.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
15 Maryland, that Prince George's County, Maryland (the "County"), is hereby authorized, pursuant  
16 to Section 323 of the Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland (the "Charter"), to borrow  
17 money and incur indebtedness upon its full faith and credit, at any time and from time to time, in  
18 an aggregate principal amount not exceeding \$33,656,000 to finance the design, construction,  
19 reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation,  
20 relocation, rehabilitation, or repair of, Library Facilities, including the acquisition and  
21 development of sites therefor, the architectural and engineering services incident thereto, and the

1 acquisition and installation of necessary fixed permanent equipment therefor, all such capital  
 2 projects hereby being found to be (and also being in fact) of the same generic class and being  
 3 described in the capital program of the County for the fiscal years 2027-2032, under the  
 4 following headings, which descriptions are incorporated by reference as if set forth herein:

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>Project Name</u>
3.71.0001	HILLCREST HEIGHTS BRANCH REPLACEMENT
3.71.0003	LANGLEY PARK BRANCH
3.71.0006	OXON HILL LIBRARY BRANCH RENOVATION
4.71.0001	HYATTSVILLE BRANCH REPLACEMENT
4.71.0002	LIBRARY BRANCH RENOVATIONS 2
4.71.0005	SURRATTS-CLINTON BRANCH RENOVATION

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 16 Reference to the County's capital program for the fiscal years 2027-2032 is made for  
 17 purposes of description only and such reference shall include the same capital projects in any  
 18 amended or subsequent capital program.

19 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that any general obligation bonds to be issued  
 20 pursuant to this Act shall be issued and sold pursuant to Bond Issue Authorization Ordinances  
 21 adopted in accordance with Sections 323 and 823 of the Charter and other applicable provisions  
 22 of MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. §§ 19-205 to 19-206, as amended, replaced, or re-  
 23 codified from time to time, but the County shall sell such bonds only by solicitation of  
 24 competitive bids therefor at public sale in such manner and after giving such public notice as the  
 25 County Council may by ordinance determine. Such bonds may be sold for such price or prices  
 26 as may be determined to be for the best interest of the County, either at, above or below the par  
 27 value of any such bonds, and such bonds may be sold in conjunction with other series of bonds  
 28 issued by the County in which event the notice of sale soliciting bids for the purchase of such  
 29 bonds may require that the acceptance of any bid for any series of bonds be made contingent  
 30 upon the acceptance of the bid or bids on all or any of the series being offered by the County for  
 31 sale at the same time. When such bonds are sold in conjunction with other series of bonds, the

1 said notice of sale may also require that consolidated bids shall be submitted on any two or more  
 2 of such series of bonds.

3 Nothing in this Act shall in any way limit the authority provided for the refunding of  
 4 County indebtedness by MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. §§ 19-205 to 19-206, as amended  
 5 or supplemented from time to time or by any other applicable law, and all such authority is  
 6 intended to be available to the County to refund any indebtedness incurred pursuant to this Act to  
 7 the maximum extent provided by such authority.

8 Such bonds may be issued in an amount sufficient to finance the costs of the Library  
 9 Facilities and the cost of issuance of the bonds. Prior to the application of the proceeds of such  
 10 bonds to finance the costs of the Library Facilities, the cost of issuance of such bonds for such  
 11 Library Facilities may be deducted from such proceeds.

12 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall be submitted to the legal  
 13 voters of the County, for their approval or disapproval, at the general election to be held in the  
 14 County on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. The question to be certified to the Board of Supervisors  
 15 of Elections of the County for inclusion on the ballot for said general election shall be in  
 16 substantially the following form:

17 **LIBRARY FACILITIES BONDS**

18 This measure will allow the County to borrow money and issue bonds of up to \$33,656,000  
 19 to build, expand, repair, or improve County library buildings and facilities. This includes  
 20 acquiring and developing library sites hiring architects and engineers, and purchasing equipment  
 21 needed to operate those facilities.

22 FOR: A vote for this measure allow the County to borrow money and issue bonds to build,  
 23 expand and repair County library facilities.

24 AGAINST: A vote against this measure will prevent the County from borrowing money  
 25 and issuing bonds to build, expand and repair County library facilities.

26 SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the powers granted by this Act are  
 27 additional and cumulative and the bonds to be issued pursuant to this Act may be issued,  
 28 notwithstanding that other bond acts or laws may provide for the issuance of other bonds or the  
 29 borrowing of money for the same or similar purposes on the same or other terms and conditions.  
 30 This Act shall be liberally construed to effectuate its purposes, namely, to authorize the  
 31 borrowing of money and the incurring of indebtedness to finance the described capital projects of

1 the same generic class set forth in this Act. Provisions of this Act shall be deemed met and  
2 satisfied if there is substantial compliance with such provisions, including (without limitation)  
3 provisions relating to the submission of any question to the legal voters of the County which are  
4 intended only to provide fair and adequate notice to such voters and not to prescribe provisions  
5 which must be literally satisfied. This Act is not intended to provide or imply that this act or any  
6 prior act not containing a similar provision precludes the County from exercising any power or  
7 prerogative provided by this Act or any other law whether exercised solely pursuant to such  
8 other law or in conjunction with the powers provided by this Act so that, without limiting the  
9 generality of this section, the County may exercise the power to issue (i) bond anticipation notes  
10 (in anticipation of the issuance of bonds pursuant to this Act or otherwise) and grant anticipation  
11 notes pursuant to MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. [§§ 19-205 to 19-206,] §19-212, as  
12 amended, replaced, or re-codified from time to time, and (ii) bonds (or any related bond  
13 anticipation or other notes) authorized by MD. CODE ANN., LOCAL GOV'T. §§ 19-205, [to]  
14 19-206, and §19-212, as amended, replaced, or re-codified from time to time, and in exercising  
15 such powers, the County may sell such notes or bonds at private (negotiated) sale as authorized  
16 by these or any other applicable laws.

17 SECTION 5. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby  
18 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,  
19 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of  
20 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining  
21 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this  
22 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such  
23 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,  
24 or section.

25 SECTION 6. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall become effective  
26 immediately upon the date of the official certification of its approval by the voters at said general  
27 election.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Krystal Oriadha  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aisha N. Braveboy  
County Executive