



Glocester Police Station 2024 Bond Referendum FAQs



Q: What is the primary objective of this project?

A: The goal of this project is to capitalize on the once-in-a-generation opportunity for Glocester to upgrade our public safety facility using federal funding. These essential renovations will include a state-of-the-art dispatch center and the expansion of the police department to incorporate an emergency management area.

Q: What needs does this project address?

A: This project addresses several critical needs. It includes a total renovation of the existing facility to meet current mechanical and ADA guidelines. An Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with storage for the Emergency Management Agency (EMA) will be added. The project will resolve on-site water and drainage issues, including sinkholes and the condemned tower, and will incorporate security fencing. It also includes the much-needed expansion of the evidence and records rooms, as well as the renovation of staff bathrooms and locker facilities.

Q: How much will it cost?

A: According to the 2025 budget estimates, this project is expected to cost \$16 million. However, thanks to three federal grants that the town has secured, the town's share has been reduced to \$10.7 million.

Q: Why is now the right time for this project?

A: The grant money for this project consists of one-time federal funds that the town will not receive again. These renovations are not just desired; they are essential to ensure our public safety officials can continue to perform their duties effectively. Therefore, it is crucial to complete these improvements now, while we have the opportunity to leverage federal funding for Glocester.

Q: How do I vote?

A: A Special Election on the bond will be held on August 6 at Glocester Senior Center 7 am - 8 pm. Early voting will begin on July 17 at Glocester Town Hall from 9 am - 4pm. Mail ballot applications are currently available in the office of the Town Clerk or on the Glocester Police Department website:
<https://www.glocesterri.gov/policedept.htm>