

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Graham Equestrian Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Jennings	Nawrocki	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore County	\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Graham Equestrian Center - Enclosed Arena Phase 2		
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
Senator J.B. Jennings		jb.jennings@senate.state.md.us
Julie Masiello		443-823-6200
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Graham Equestrian Center's (GEC) mission is to educate the mind, improve the body and lift the spirits of local children and adults, regardless of income or (dis)ability through the joy of horses. GEC is a 501c3 non-profit equine educational facility located 2 miles north of the Baltimore Beltway. GEC offers convenient access to a tranquil equine environment for residents of Baltimore City and Baltimore County. We are a Maryland Horse Industry Board, Horse Discovery Center and we welcome the public for our educational events. Our outreach programs, large lesson program, Horse Discovery Days and open house events expand the awareness and benefits of equine interaction into our community and provide equine therapy to those with disorders or trauma. The horse/human connection is at the heart of our work.</p> <p>*See Section 28 for outreach programs and organizations we serve.</p>		

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

We are proposing the construction of an enclosed arena to supplement our outdoor arena at Graham Equestrian Center, located in Baltimore County within Gunpowder Falls State Park where the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources is vested with jurisdiction. Preliminary approval has been granted for the proposed arena by the Maryland Park Service. Such a building will enhance our ability to serve the community, providing horse education and equine therapy and other experiences to the general public. Inclement weather events currently negatively impact our 7-day per week operations, causing severe loss of revenue (avg. of 68 days/year lost), especially during the winter months. This arena would eliminate the detrimental effects of these weather events on our operations by decreasing the number of cancellations. It will also enable GEC to offer a greater number and range of educational programs as well as safely offer additional therapeutic equine activities.

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	\$0
Design	\$80,000
Construction	\$417,000
Equipment	\$40,000
Total	\$537,000

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

2021 Maryland Bond Initiative (committed)	\$100,000
2024 Maryland Bond Initiative	\$200,000
GEC Contributions (GEC Capitol Fund)	\$37,000
Direct Donations (2024 Private Fundraising goal)	\$50,000
2025 Maryland Bond Initiative	\$100,000
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Total	\$537,000

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
4/1/2021	9/1/2024	Estimated late 2025	Early 2026
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
39400.00		750	1180
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2021	\$100,000	Phase 1 - Design of enclosed riding arena at Graham	
2023	\$50,770	83% percent of the cost of construction of five Storm	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Friends of the Gunpowder Falls State Park Graham Area Equestrian Center, Inc. (dba: Graham Equestrian Center, 10301 Harford Road, Glen Arm, MD 20157			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		7A - Baltimore 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:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

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	453930.00	545000.00
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?			Lease
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	
State of MD, Dept. of Natural Resources	indefinite		
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	0		
Space to be Renovated GSF	0		
New GSF	19,200		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	N/A
28. Comments	
<p>Section 10 note: GEC hosts or conducts outreach programs through these affiliations: Baltimore County Police JOINS (Juvenile Offenders In Need of Supervision), Phoenix Healthcare (drug and alcohol rehabilitation), Empower4LifeMD (summer activities for children in foster care), Helping Up Mission (homelessness and addiction services), EMERGE, CF&N Interns, Trellis, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts of America, 4H, Baltimore County Department of Corrections, Maryland Agricultural Resource Center Family Farm Days, The Maryland State Fair and Maryland Horse Industry Board, Maryland Pet Expo (via the Horse Industry Board group), Horse Discovery Days, Maryland Park Service educational seminars, riding and training clinics, educational seminars (farrier, vet, saddle fitting, equine dentistry, equine nutrition).</p> <p>Section 12 note: CONSTRUCTION - Estimated cost of construction increased since 2021 bond initiative due to inflation of construction materials, slightly larger square footage in design drawings, and additional of handicapped-accessible restroom and electricity/lighting. EQUIPMENT - GEC currently owns equipment used to maintain the facility. GEC may also need additional equipment related to the enclosed arena. The equipment value noted in Section 12 is an estimated value to replace existing equipment if needed and also includes the estimated cost of a riding ring watering system (Arena Drag). Some of the equipment currently in use include a tractor with front end loader, harrow, auger, and a riding mower.</p> <p>Section 13 and 14 notes: GEC will approach the project in Phases:</p> <p>PHASE 1 - Design and Site improvements (site survey & engineering, tree removal, demo of existing fences and run-in shed, build new run-in shed, install new fences and other improvements needed in the immediate area of the proposed enclosed arena) PHASE 2 - Construction (purchase materials, construction, additional site improvements, grading and excavation) PHASE 3 - Footing for horses, construction of handicapped-accessible restroom, electricity and lighting</p> <p>Section 18 note: Funds to build 5 Storm Water Management bioretention ponds supplemented 83% through grants administered by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources with funding from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund, Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability, and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.</p>	