

State of Maryland

2014 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project	
lr1586	sb0983	lr1585	hb0899	Second Chance Wildlife Center	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors	
Manno				Kramer	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount		
Montgomery County			\$250,000		
6. Purpose of Bill					
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Second Chance Wildlife Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Second Chance Wildlife Center.</p>					
7. Matching Fund					
Requirements:		Type:			
Equal		The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund			
8. Special Provisions					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone		Email Address	
Frank Howard		3017042015		fhoward@scwc.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)					
<p>The mission of Second Chance Wildlife Center (SCWC) is to provide compassionate care to orphaned, ill, and injured wild animals, and to advise our community on helping wildlife. The oldest and largest wildlife rehabilitation facility in the State of Maryland and Washington metropolitan area, SCWC cares for about 3,500 animals each year. Upon finding a distressed wild animal, many people are desperate to do whatever they can to get the animal some help. By law, they must be treated by a trained rehabilitator who has the requisite state and federal permits. Beyond that, successful wildlife rehabilitation requires specific expertise, supplies, and facilities. Despite the best of intentions, most veterinarians, animal shelters, and citizens are simply not able to rehabilitate wildlife. When private citizens attempt it on their own, not only are laws broken, but the results are most often unsuccessful and the safety of the would-be rehabilitators may be jeopardized. SCWC provides a unique and valuable service to thousands of Maryland residents who find hurt and abandoned wild animals each year. In addition, about one-third of SCWCs patients are brought in by local animal control agencies or the State Department of Natural</p>					

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit Length to Visible area)

SCWCs current facility is a 110-year-old farmhouse leased from the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Committee. After 18 years of hard service, during which time 70,000 animals were taken in, the farmhouse needs to be retired. The septic system has reached its limit, the wear-and-tear on the building necessitates constant and costly repairs, and the layout of the house, which was never designed for the purpose it is serving, causes major inefficiencies. Whats more, the land that Second Chance now occupies has been designated a special protection area. No new buildings can be erected there and major renovations are not allowed. SCWCs cramped quarters make it difficult to keep pace with the demands for its services from the public. Given all of this, SCWCs board of directors has concluded that it has to find a new home for the center. It is intent on building a facility specifically designed to meet the disparate needs of a wide range of wild animal species undergoing professional, scientifically based rehabilitation. Few facilities designed specifically for wildlife rehabilitation exist anywhere in the world. The new center would, then, be an important model for the still-developing practice of wildlife rehabilitation. Park & Planning doesn't have a suitable place to lease, so we need to purchase private property on which to build our new facility. And it makes more sense to own both the land and the new facility instead of leasing.

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	\$300,000
Design	\$120,000
Construction	\$1,260,000
Equipment	0
Total	\$1,680,000

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

Source	Amount
Maryland State bond	\$250,000
Montgomery County bond	\$50,000
Contribution from SCWC building fund	\$100,000
Individual donations	\$765,000
Foundation grants	\$150,000
Corporate donations	\$225,000
In-kind construction donations	\$140,000
Total	\$1,680,000

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
Complete	7/1/2014	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
100000.00		3,500	5,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Second Chance Wildlife Center, Inc. 7101 Barcellona Drive Gaithersburg, MD 20879		TBD	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	19 - Eastern Central Montgomery County		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, L. L.P.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-884-2445		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
10500 Little Patuxent Parkway, Suite 750			
Columbia, Maryland 21044			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
4 perm, 1 temp	6 perm, 2 temp	290000.00	375000.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance 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 and 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	3,400		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	N/A		
New GSF	6,551		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			N/A

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

The number of licensed wildlife rehabilitators in Maryland has steadily decreased over the last several years. But the Second Chance Wildlife Center has not only survived, but thrived....with one exception: The facility we've used for our 19 years of existence is essentially falling down around us. It is an old (100+ years old) farmhouse that we lease from Park & Planning. They are a very good landlord and have encouraged us to find a new home as soon as possible for our own good. We cannot simply rebuild on the current property because it is in a Special Protection Area (SPA), and Park & Planning plans on razing the farmhouse once we're gone. We therefore must move, yet Park & Planning does not have another suitable property in their portfolio for us to move to. This leaves us with few options other than purchasing land in Montgomery County on which to build our "forever" facility. We've been working with an architect and have a preliminary design, including an artist's rendition of what the building might look like. It will be a "green" facility that we believe will be one of the few, if not the only, facilities in the world designed with wildlife rehabilitation in mind. And we're engaging the services of a fundraising consultant to help us design and implement our capital campaign to raise the additional required funds to purchase land and build the facility.

Second Chance Wildlife Center enjoys widespread and enthusiastic support in the community, which readily supports it through donations of money, in-kind goods and services, and volunteer efforts. The need for our services is projected to continue to grow as wildlife rehabilitation becomes better known and as more wild animals require rehabilitation. With every year, the number of wild animals living in suburbia grows; the loss of woods and farm lands leaves the animals with no choice but to dwell in close proximity to people. But an environment built by and for humans is inevitably fraught with peril for animals that evolved to live successfully in a completely different, natural setting. In short, more and more animals are finding themselves in trouble, and this trend is likely to increase in the foreseeable future. At the same time, fewer people who come across a wild animal in distress are willing to let nature take its course. Spurred by a general increase in concern for the environment and animals well-being, a growing number of people are insistent that ill, injured, and orphaned wild animals get the help they need to return to the wild.