

State Of Maryland 2021 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Vehicles for Change		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Eckardt		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Wicomico County	\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Eastern Shore Full Circle Auto Repair and Training Center facility		
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 Eckardt		adelaide.eckardt@senate.state.md.us
Senator Carozza		
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>VFC is a 21-year-old nonprofit organization repairing and providing cars to low-income families for employment purposes, awarding over 4,000 cars to MD residents since 1999. Transportation is the number one barrier to employment for families living in poverty. The lack of transportation opportunities is a main factor resulting in generational poverty. In 2016 VFC launched the Full Circle Training Center, training individuals most of who were recently released from incarceration, to be auto mechanics. In the past 5 years, VFC has trained and placed 160 individuals in fulltime auto mechanic positions. Our program is touted as one of the top reentry training programs in the region with a 98% completion and placement rate, an average starting salary of \$35,000 and less than a 3% recidivism rate. The current program is located in Halethorpe, MD.</p>		

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

This project will replicate the highly successful Halethorpe program in Salisbury. The Eastern Shore has few employment options, little to no transportation options and one of the larger prisons in the State. A VFC-Salisbury program will serve those individuals on the Shore with a criminal background and little to no access to a career-facing, high-paying job. This program is being supported by several automobile dealerships and the regional chamber of commerce (Greater Salisbury Committee). The Eastern Shore has a significant number of open jobs for auto mechanics. In addition, most marine (boat) repair facilities are also in need of mechanics. VFC-Salisbury will resolve 3 issues on the Shore; the opportunity for previously incarcerated individuals to secure a high-paying job, provide increased opportunities for high-paying employment for low-income families through car ownership and finally provide the employers an expanded and highly trained workforce.

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	
Design	
Construction	\$50,000
Equipment	\$150,000
Total	\$200,000

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

Bond Bill	\$200,000
Total	\$200,000

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
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
150000.00	0		114
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2018	\$200,000	Roof replacement at 4111 Washington Blvd	
2019	\$100,000	Purchase of our Baltimore City facility at 3419 Green	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Vehicles for Change Inc. 4111 Washington Blvd Halethorpe, MD 21227		2010A N. Salisbury Blvd Salisbury, MD 21801	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	38B - Wicomico 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:	Martin Schwartz	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410 242 9674		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
4111 Washington Blvd. Halethorpe, MD 21227		N/A	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
30	34	4000000.00	4800000.00
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?			
C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?			
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	
Pohanka of Salisbury	5 years	3 - 5-year renewals	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	5800		
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
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28. Comments	
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This funding will be used to purchase equipment necessary to operate an auto repair facility to assure the trainees have experience on the same equipment they will operate in a full-service dealership or an independent garage. The construction funding is to build a fence around the facility to secure the VFC donated cars and other minor projects.

Operating funds for the project

Rural Maryland Council - \$50,000

Dept of Labor EARN Program - \$150,000

Pohanka od Salisbury - \$100,000