

State of Maryland

2007 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
2578	SB373	1728	HB312	Salisbury Zoo Animal Health Facility
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Stoltzfus			Conway	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Wicomico			\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt to serve as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Salisbury Zoo Commission, Inc. for the construction and capital equipping of a building to be used as an animal health facility at the Salisbury Zoo.				
7. Matching Fund Requirements				
The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the matching fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions. The fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act.				
8. Special Provisions				
None.				
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone	Email Address
Jim Rapp, Director			410-548-3116 (x. 6)	jrapp@ci.salisbury.md.us

10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (3000 characters maximum)

The Salisbury Zoo Commission, Inc., is a nine-member Board of Directors appointed by the Mayor and City Council of Salisbury, Maryland. The Zoo Commission is charged with assisting the City of Salisbury in the operation, management, and promotion of the Salisbury Zoological Park (referred to as “the Zoo”) as a wildlife conservation facility for the enjoyment and education of the citizens of the City of Salisbury and the regional area.

According to the by-laws of the Salisbury Zoo Commission, Inc., the Commission may:

- retain persons or organizations to assist in the operation of or provide consultation to the Zoo.
- plan, recommend and fund new exhibits and improvements to the Zoo exhibits and grounds in collaboration with the Department of Public Works.
- solicit, organize, train and manage volunteers for the education program of the Zoo.
- execute fund raising projects for the Zoo.
- encourage public monetary contributions for the Zoo.
- develop, promote, fund and manage publicity programs.
- manage Corporation funds for the purchase and sale of animals as personal property of the City of Salisbury. The Zoo Director shall exercise authority over the purchase and sale of animals.
- collaborate with the professional Zoo staff in the security, care, breeding, acquisition and disposition of the animals.
- recommend to the Mayor and City Council long term plans and improvements to the Salisbury Zoological Park.

The members of the Zoo Commission serve at the discretion of the Mayor and City Council. The Mayor and City Council have veto power over proposals presented for approval by the Commission.

The Zoo Commission works in conjunction with the Salisbury Department of Public Works. As an employee of the Department of Public Works, the Zoo Director acts as a consultant to the Commission. The Chairman of the Zoo Commission, together with the City Council member, serves as the liaison between the Commission and the City Council.

The membership of the Zoo Commission includes a member of the City Council, a representative from the Zoo Docent Association, and a representative from the Friends of the Salisbury Zoo. The Director of Public Works and the Zoo Director are ex-officio members. The Commission appoints any other non-voting Directors as it deems suitable. Commission members are appointed for a three-year term.

11. Description and Purpose of Project (3000 characters maximum)

\$80,000 has been provided by the City of Salisbury and the Salisbury Zoo Commission to begin the design and engineering for the new Salisbury Zoo Animal Health Facility. The Zoo has outgrown the space dedicated to animal health in the current Animal Services Building, and will need to build a facility dedicated to animal medical treatment, animal records, and quarantine/isolation.

The need for this facility has been identified as a top priority by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). In order to maintain accreditation with the AZA, the new Animal Health Facility must be completed by the next accreditation inspection in 2009.

Current space for animal medical treatment and isolation is limited for the zoo's collection of more than 200 animals native to North, Central and South America. Thanks to nearly \$50,000 in recent grant funding, the Zoo has been able to retrofit an existing 150 sq. ft. room in the Animal Services Building to accommodate a small veterinary clinic, with surgery lights, surgery table, portable x-ray equipment, anesthesia machine, sink, and medical supplies. A 440 sq. ft. room has been remodeled to accommodate limited quarantine and isolation areas for small mammals, birds and reptiles. Large animals in the zoo's collection, such as bison, Andean bear, jaguar, and llama, cannot be accommodated in the existing facility. All of the equipment purchased with recent grant funding can be transferred to the new facility when completed.

An excellent model for the new facility has been identified at the Turtleback Zoo in West Orange, New Jersey. The Turtleback Zoo Animal Hospital is 6,000 sq. ft., and is able to accommodate the veterinary and quarantine/isolation needs for all animals in the zoo's collection. This facility was completed in 2004 at a total cost of \$1.65 million. Construction estimates for the Salisbury Zoo Animal Health Facility are slightly lower, based upon local construction estimates.

Much like the Turtleback Zoo Animal Hospital, the Salisbury Zoo Animal Health Facility will house two offices, an animal records room, and a small apartment for housing staff overnight during 24-hour watch duty with sick or injured animals. Veterinary space will include rooms for surgery, surgery prep, treatment, radiology, diagnostics, and intensive care. A kitchen is included for preparing diets for animals housed in the facility, as well as a necropsy room for performing post-mortems on deceased specimens. Nearly one-third of the new facility is dedicated to animal quarantine and isolation. Individual rooms and stalls are designed for birds/reptiles, aquatic animals, small mammals, large carnivores, and hoof stock.

Round all amounts to the nearest \$1,000. The totals in Items 11 (Estimated Capital Costs) and 12 (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	\$1,320,000
Equipment	\$100,000
Total	\$1,500,000

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

Source	Amount
State of Maryland 2007 Bond Bill	\$500,000

City of Salisbury	\$565,000
Salisbury Zoo Commission	\$435,000
Total	\$1,500,000

14. Project Schedule

Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
March 2007	September 2007	January 2008	December 2009

15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised as of January 2007	16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site	17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete
\$80,000	218,000	200,000 to 250,000

18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years

Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose
1997	\$75,000	construction of Zoo Restroom Facility

19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee

Salisbury Zoo Commission, Inc. P.O. Box 2979 Salisbury, MD 21802	Project Address (If Different) Salisbury Zoo 755 South Park Drive Salisbury, MD 21804
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20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located

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21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)

Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

22. Grantee Legal Representative

Name:	Ronald G. Alessi, Sr.
Phone:	410-749-0198

23. If Match Includes Real Property:

Address:	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Salisbury Zoo P.O. Box 2979 Salisbury, MD 21802		

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site

Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
14	14	\$1,195,592	\$1,215,592

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
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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	0		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	0		
New GSF	6,000 sq. ft.		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			
28. Comments: (3000 characters maximum)			
<p>As previously mentioned, the need for the new Animal Health Facility has been identified as a top priority by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). In order to maintain accreditation with the AZA, the new Animal Health Facility must be completed by the next accreditation inspection in 2009. Along with the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore and the National Aquarium in Baltimore, the Salisbury Zoo is one of only three AZA-accredited institutions in the State of Maryland.</p> <p>In addition, the Animal Health Facility will provide flexible spaces for housing animal offspring long-term, until appropriate homes at AZA-accredited facilities become available. Currently, the Salisbury Zoo is limited in its ability to house young animals, and does not participate in many programs to breed endangered species. This facility will enable the Zoo to participate in a variety of high-profile breeding programs, which will add to the Zoo's ability to attract visitors and provide quality education programming to Maryland students.</p> <p>If approved, the \$500,000 State of Maryland 2007 Bond Bill will be matched with over \$500,000 from the City of Salisbury and over \$400,000 in private funds raised by the Salisbury Zoo Commission.</p>			

