

State of Maryland

2010 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate		House		2. Name of Project
LR #	Bill #	LR #	Bill #	
lr3538	sb1072	lr3490	hb1462	Salisbury Zoological Park Animal Health Clinic
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
Colburn				Conway
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Wicomico County			\$300,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Salisbury Zoo Commission, Inc. for the construction and capital equipping of the Salisbury Zoological Park Animal Health Clinic.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Joel M. Hamilton		410-548-3188, ext. 112	jhamilton@ci.salisbury.md.us	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The Salisbury Zoo Commission is a non-profit organization providing financial and organizational assistance to the Salisbury Zoological Park for over 30 years. The Zoo Commission is, and has been, instrumental in raising funds to provide the operational costs for the Education Department and the Marketing/Development Department, as well as, providing funds for capital improvements to the Zoo. Working in conjunction with the City of Salisbury, The Zoo Commission has been vital to funding major improvements to the Zoo such as, the public rest room building, the education building, and numerous animal exhibits. It is the synergy of efforts between the City of Salisbury, the Salisbury Zoo Commission, and the community that creates the success that the Zoo enjoys.</p>				

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

Currently, a multi-purpose building houses a very small animal clinic space, the animal commissary and a limited quarantine facility. It is mandated through the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA) that these functions be separated. This Zoo has been accredited through AZA since the mid-70's. In order to maintain our accreditation, we must build an adequate quarantine facility to accommodate our collection and a medical facility to treat injuries and illnesses within the collection. The designed building will provide proper medical space for this size zoo and animal collection, as well as, provide the opportunity to separate the medical activities from the diet preparation activities. Thus, eliminating the possibilities of cross-contamination between clinic and quarantine cases with the remaining display collection. The current lack of space has required us to perform surgeries outdoors on larger animals. All animals coming into the Zoo's collection are required to go through a minimum of 30 days of quarantine before being introduced to the display collection. During this time, medical tests are performed to ensure that the animal is not harboring any communicable diseases that may affect the rest of the collection. The new Clinic will provide much greater efficiency in addressing all the medical needs of the animals.

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	\$100,000
Construction	\$1,000,000
Equipment	\$400,000
Total	\$1,500,000

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

Source	Amount
City of Salisbury/Salisbury Zoo Commission - Design	\$100,000
City of Salisbury Municipal Bond	\$500,000
State of Maryland Historic Grant	\$100,000
State of Maryland Bond Bill	\$300,000
Private Donations through the Zoo Commission	\$500,000
Total	\$1,500,000

14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
November 2008	January 2010	June 2010	October 2011
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
749,000		428,000	-same-
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
- none other than for this project -			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Salisbury Zoo Commission, Inc. 755 South Park Drive Salisbury, MD 21802			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			38B
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		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Ron G. Alessi, Sr.	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-749-0198		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
5388 Royal Mile Blvd. Salisbury, MD 21804			

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	1,200,000	1,200,000
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?			
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 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			
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	4300		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

Please change the contact name and title under item #9 to reflect the current Zoo Director and his email. That person should read: Joel M. Hamilton and the corrected email address should read: jhamilton@ci.salisbury.md.us The telephone number is the same.

The construction of this building is very important to the future of the Salisbury Zoological Park. As we move towards the implementation of our Master Plan, AZA accreditation is very critical to our success. Phase One of that Master Plan includes the Animal Health Clinic. The ability to provide consistent, modern medical care of our collection is very important. As we develop the collection to include additional endangered species, the ability to quickly and efficiently address the medical needs of these animals is necessary. As mandated by AZA accreditation standards, we must quarantine all animals entering the collection for a minimum of 30 days (primates are quarantined for 60 days). The Animal Health Clinic will provide us that ability and help us meet the stringent requirements of AZA accreditation. AZA accreditation is important since it is required to be able to house and display some of the endangered species currently in our collection, as well as, many of those listed in the Master Plan. This Clinic will be the cornerstone from which we develop the Zoo and its animal collection.