

State of Maryland

2010 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project
lr0925	sb0132	lr0924	hb0115	Maryland SPCA Adoption Center Expansion
3. Senate Bill Sponsors			House Bill Sponsors	
Pugh			Tarrant	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City			\$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 Maryland SPCA, Inc. for the design, construction, and renovation of the Maryland SPCA Adoption Center.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund		
8. Special Provisions				
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title		Contact Phone	Email Address	
Aileen O. Gabbey, Executive Director		410-235-8826 ext. 131	AOGabbey@mdspca.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>The Maryland SPCA is an animal adoption center that accepts unwanted pets from the public and from other animal welfare organizations in Maryland. Animals receive examinations, vaccinations, are neutered, and are placed up for adoption. We also provide behavior advice to pet owners to help them keep their pets. We also neuter pets at a reduced fee for low-income pet owners to help reduce pet overpopulation.</p> <p>In 2009, we anticipate adopting more than 3,200 pets into new homes. We will take in more than 2,000 pets from other shelters, primarily in Maryland, and we will perform more than 9,000 spay/neuter surgeries.</p> <p>The proposed expansion will allow us to better serve the public and the animals. Our current facility was designed for an adoption volume of 500 pets per year. We also perform more services for pets, including a behavior assessment, health exams, and treatments.</p>				

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

There are several components to this expansion project:

1. Creation of a new 2,000 square foot adoption center, which contains a waiting area, adoption counseling areas, an area to house hard-to-adopt animals, and workspaces.
2. A separate animal intake center that includes two exam rooms for animals, a behavior assessment room to evaluate the safety and adoptability of pets, and space to counsel people who are giving up their pets. This is approximately 1,600 s.f., and replaces an existing temporary structure that was installed in 1997 and is beyond its useful life. This also eliminates the need to take animals down stairs and provides us with full handicapped accessibility in public areas.
3. Improvements to the main kennel area to reduce noise and stress, which can cause animal behavioral problems. Improvements include installing sprinklers for fire safety and new windows to improve energy efficiency.

The new and updated spaces enable us to better serve more than 15,000 pets and 20,000 people from throughout central Maryland annually. We currently employ 50 full- and part-time employees and have more than 500 volunteers assisting us in our work.

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	\$85,700
Construction	\$1,350,000
Equipment	\$164,300
Total	\$1,600,000

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

Source	Amount
Individual donors (aggregate)	\$1,050,000
LaVerna Hahn Charitable Trust	\$150,000
State of Maryland (Bond Bill)	\$300,000
France-Merrick Foundation	\$100,000
Total	\$1,600,000

14. Project Schedule			
Begin Design	Complete Design	Begin Construction	Complete Construction
10/25/2009	1/31/2010	9/1/2010	9/1/2011
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
\$980,000 as of 12/15/09		20,000 - current & prospective pet owners	25,000 - current & prospective pet owners
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
n/a	n/a	n/a	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Maryland SPCA, Inc. 3300 Falls Road Baltimore, MD 21211			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located			40
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:	Russell Gardner	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-580-4154		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
DLA Piper 6225 Smith Avenue Baltimore, MD 21209			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
50	52	\$2.7 million	\$2.9 million
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	11,374		
Space to Be Renovated GSF	5,595		
New GSF	3,813		
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion		shelter constructed in 1974; renovated in 1997	

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

The Maryland SPCA is expanding its animal care facility to meet the increased demands for its services since the building was constructed and to accommodate changes in best practices in animal sheltering.

The Maryland SPCA places more than 3,200 pets a year into new homes. In 2009, we will transport in more than 2,000 pets from other shelters, both municipal and private, and place them up for adoption. This relieves the strain on other shelters and saves more animals' lives. We take in animals from shelters in Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Charles County, St. Mary's County, Calvert County, Talbot County, and Wicomico County. Without the Maryland SPCA taking in these animals, shelters in these counties would face higher operating costs to care for more pets.

In addition, our spay/neuter clinics will perform nearly 10,000 spay/neuter surgeries in 2009. This reduces the number of stray and abandoned pets in the community, and it also can reduce aggression in animals. We have special low-cost spay/neuter programs for low-income pet owners and for owners of pit bulls. These programs again benefit the entire community by reducing the demand on municipal animal control facilities and by reducing the number of unwanted pets in the community. We also perform low-cost spay/neuter surgeries for municipal animal control agencies in Baltimore City and Prince George's County. We provide low-cost spay/neuter to private animal welfare groups in Carroll and Howard Counties as well. Our services are priced below the market rate for similar services, thus saving these jurisdictions money in their animal control budgets.

The expanded facility will enable us to better serve the public who come to us for animal needs. Adoptions will be held in a setting more conducive to conversations. It also will separate the intake from the adoption sides to better serve the public.

The new facility will improve handicapped accessibility and safety by placing all work on one level. Handicapped accessibility also will be through the main entrance, rather than the present side entrance.

The new and renovated spaces will improve energy efficiency as well. Windows in the existing building will be replaced. The new spaces will be built to contemporary energy efficiency standards.

There also will be several important safety improvements. A sprinkler system will be installed for the protection of the animals and the public. The improvements will also eliminate the need for the public and animals to use stair and/or ramps to access sections of the facility. Currently, all dogs are taken down a narrow flight of stairs for behavioral observations. This is particularly dangerous for staff.

We have secured pledges for \$980,000 toward the estimated \$1.5 million cost of this project. Of this, \$442,000 is in-hand. We are confident that, with the support of the State of Maryland, we will be able to raise the remaining funds to successfully complete this project.