

State of Maryland

2013 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name of Project
lr3328	sb1015	lr3273	hb1437	MTR Land Enhancement Project
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
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4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)			5. Requested Amount	
Anne Arundel County			\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bill				
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Maryland Therapeutic Riding, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, renovation, and capital equipping of the Maryland Therapeutic Riding Facility and related property.</p>				
7. Matching Fund				
Requirements:		Type:		
Equal		The matching fund may consist of real property or 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	
Mary Dulaney		410-923-6800	mary@mtrinc.org	
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)				
<p>Located on a 25-acre farm in Crownsville, Maryland, Maryland Therapeutic Riding (MTR) is a place of healing for hundreds of families from throughout Maryland and DC. Founded in 1996, MTR has grown into an award-winning therapeutic riding center. We have been premier accredited by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH) since 2000 - one of only seven in Maryland. Nearly 50% of our instructors are Advanced Certified and represent the top 6% of instructors in the country. MTR is arguably among the best. MTRs mission is to improve quality of life and conquer physical, developmental, and emotional health challenges through human and horse interaction. MTR provides approximately 3,500 riding hours to children and adults who have a variety of disabilities ranging from Autism to Multiple Sclerosis. Riders also include veterans and wounded military personnel dealing with challenges ranging from PTSD to Traumatic Brain Injury. Seventy percent of our riders are children between the ages of two and 21. Nearly 50% of our riders suffer from Autism or behavioral challenges, while the remaining 50% suffer from physical or cognitive impairments.</p>				

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

MTR's Land Enhancement project will increase safety, program capacity, and equipment lifespan. Phase I includes the design and installation of a Storm Water Management System (SWMS.) The property has a water runoff pattern that causes the indoor arena to flood if rain is heavy or persistent. The arena has flooded twice since 2007. The goal is direct water away from the arena and allow it to infiltrate the soil and new vegetation through a series of sand bedded pools, weirs, and berms. MTR has developed partnerships with The Providence Center to help grow and install appropriate plantings and trees. The Severn River Association has committed \$2,500 towards the design phase. The cost of the SWMS is estimated at \$250,000. Phase II of the Land Enhancement project includes replacing 30 year-old fencing that is becoming a danger to our herd, as well as adding four paddocks which will allow us to increase our herd and riding hours. These additional paddocks could bring more than \$100,000 in program revenue annually. Costs to replace and build new fencing is estimated at \$115,000 with a more durable and long lasting fence. With proper maintenance, the lifespan of the fencing is estimated between 18-20 years. Phase III includes building a large Equipment Shed to store a tractor and trenching phone lines estimated at \$35,000.

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	\$20,000
Construction	\$380,000
Equipment	
Total	\$400,000

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

Source	Amount
TD Bank Charitable Foundation	\$50,000
William J. and Dorothy K. O'Neill Foundation	\$50,000
National Fish and Wildlife Federation	\$100,000
State of Maryland Bond Bill	\$200,000
Total	\$400,000

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
January, 2013	July, 2013	August, 2013	August, 2014
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
Currently Under Review		Approximately 150	Approximately 250
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2009	25,000	Fire Suppression System	
2002	100,000	Indoor Arena Construction	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Maryland Therapeutic Riding, Inc.1141 Sunrise Beach RoadCrownsville, MD 21032		N/A	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	33A - Western Anne Arundel County		
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:	Lynn Kraus	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-263-0220		Yes
Address:	If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value		
196 Duke of GloucesterAnnapolis, Maryland 21401		October 2012	1,060,000

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
9	10	976,863	1,000,000
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?			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			
Space to Be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			
27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion			

28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)

Each phase of this project represents a critical need to MTR's success - safety, capacity building and maximizing our resources. Wet grounds and stagnant water causes a safety hazard for our horses and our riders. Flooding has caused damage to our facility incurring unexpected repair costs. Damaged and rotting fencing is a safety hazard to our horses. The addition of four paddocks would increase our capacity and make MTR nearly 40% self-sustaining. Our large tractor is currently exposed to the elements and potentially shortening the lifespan of this expensive equipment. The phone and internet wires are all exposed to the elements and cause a safety hazard as well. Matching funds of \$200,000 will come from private foundations, annual support or a soft match of real property. We are aggressively pursuing grant funds from multiple foundations and awaiting decisions. Multiple grantors have indicated interest in the project and are encouraging of a possible subsidy. We anticipate positive results from these submissions. If private grant funds are not awarded we will rely on a soft match of approximately \$100,000 from property value with the remaining \$100,000 in cash coming from annual fund raising efforts. The current value of the property is estimated at \$1,060,000. Our safety and standards of service are among the best. MTR has earned a reputation of excellence and was honored to receive three awards from Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH) in 2012, including Certified Professional of the Year, Adult Equestrian, and National Equine Services for Heroes Equestrian Awards. Additionally, The Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Chamber of Commerce recognized MTR with the 2011 Nonprofit of the Year award. The awards committee cited MTR's dedicated community of volunteers and our long-term service to Maryland citizens. In addition, one of our youth volunteers received the 2012 Governors Service Award for Youth. With these improvements, MTR can continue to operate with the highest safety standards possible, increase our program capacity, while maximizing the lifespan of our equipment and resources.