

# State of Maryland

## 2014 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR #      Bill #		House LR #      Bill #		2. Name of Project	
lr2577	sb0598	lr2580	hb0987	HART Animal Center	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors	
Edwards				Garrett County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount	
Garrett County				\$150,000	
6. Purpose of Bill					
<p>Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the HART for Animals, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the HART Animal Center.</p>					
7. Matching Fund					
Requirements:			Type:		
Equal			The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund		
8. Special Provisions					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Phone		Email Address
Mercedes Pellet			3013878085		mercedes@hartforanimals.org
10. Description and Purpose of Grantee Organization (Limit Length to Visible area)					
<p>HART for Animals, Inc. is a nonprofit animal welfare organization founded in 2003. Initially, HART's work consisted of rescuing adoptable animals from the county shelter and transporting them to larger rescue groups. Since 2003, HART has rescued 6,000 animals. In 2009, HART opened its low-cost spay/neuter clinic in Garrett County and, to date, has sterilized 4,500 animals.</p> <p>In 2007, HART began its capital campaign to raise funds to build an animal adoption center. HART raised \$700,000 and obtained a loan of \$1.7M from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, under its Community Facility Program. Construction of the first section began in June 2013 and will be concluded in February 2014. HART's objective has been to ensure the sustainability of the HART Animal Center by creating revenue-producing businesses and using their profit to support the charitable shelter and adoption functions. The businesses are a veterinary full-service clinic, a boarding kennel, a groomer, and a retail space. HART is requesting this grant to finish the last section of the center - which is HART's core objective: the adoption and shelter wing.</p>					

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

The final wing of the HART Animal Center contains the shelter and adoption area. It will provide housing for 60 dogs, 40 cats and multiple litters of puppies and kittens. The completion of the adoption wing will relieve the overcrowding of the county's Animal Control/Shelter and ensure that no adoptable animals will be euthanized. In addition to relieving the burden on the county's shelter, the Center will provide 50 permanent jobs for local residents at a time when the local economy and economic recovery have been slow to return to the region. Additional benefits include attracting new visitors to the area by providing boarding facilities for their pets as well as affordable spay/neuter surgeries and veterinary care for low-income residents. This will be accomplished without adding an additional burden to the taxpayers.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	
<b>Design</b>	
<b>Construction</b>	\$750,000
<b>Equipment</b>	
<b>Total</b>	\$750,000

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

Source	Amount
Appalachian Regional Commission -	\$250,000
HART Matching Funds	\$250,000
Grants & Events	\$250,000
<b>Total</b>	\$750,000

<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
Completed	Completed	6/16/2014	8/31/2014
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>		<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>	<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>
100000.00		0	2000-5000
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2011 (11-G058)	125000.00	To clear the land and build the foundation for the first phase	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
HART for Animals, Inc. P.O. Box 623 McHenry, MD 21541		HART Animal Center 1265 Bumble Bee Road Accident, MD 21520	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	1A - Allegany and Garrett Counties		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check one)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Rebecca Staley	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	301-334-9480		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
Kepple Law Firm 5000 Thayer Center Oakland MD 21550			

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
8	50	250000.00	1000000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond issuance purposes)</b>			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee and any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee – Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
Garrett County Commissioners, GC, MD	99 yrs	Renew for an additional term	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	8,000		
<b>Space to Be Renovated GSF</b>			
<b>New GSF</b>	4,000		
<b>27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion</b>			N/A

**28. Comments: (Limit Length to Visible area)**

During the last 8 years, HART for Animals has become an important organization in the county for various reasons. While raising funds for the construction of the building, we had the opportunity to interact with the community and visitors, who in the course of time became volunteers and supporters. When we told them our plans, they were eager for us to convert them into reality.

When we opened the low-cost spay/neuter clinic, people were impressed by the reality of 1,000 surgeries per year - and HART became an even more significant part of the community.

With the completion of the first phase of the HART Center, HART has become an inspiration not only to our community but to the entire region - if HART, a small grassroots organization, could achieve such a huge goal, then anybody could.

The truth is that we have been assisted in our achievement by hundreds of people, including our state and local governments, businesses, individuals, foundations, private donors, children - which amounts to 10% of our county's population.

We thank you for considering our request so that we may complete the last phase of the HART Animal Center!