

State Of Maryland

2021 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Historic Willing Helpers Society		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Ellis	Charles County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Charles County	\$30,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Historic Willing Helpers Society facility, including improvements to the building's parking lot		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Delegate Patterson		Edith.Patterson@house.state.md.us
Senator Ellis		
		normanwellsjr@yahoo.com
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>**Urgent Information- Norman R.Wells, Jr. "WHS" President passed away December 2020 from Covid-19. Contact is now Terri Bell Harris - teaderlou@gmail.com and 202-650-9181. The Historic Willing Helpers Society (WHS) was created to represent (give a voice and seat at the table to) underserved, overlooked, and unseen African Americans in Charles County. Willing Helpers Society has evolved not only representing African Americans, but also being a beacon of Help, Hope, and Light to ALL underserved residents. WHS forms partnerships w/ individuals & businesses who care about building and growing opportunities through mentoring and giving back.to the community. The members are "Willing to Help Society" achieve equity in all areas of life for the overlooked, unseen, and underserved people/families in Charles County and beyond.</p>		

11. Description and Purpose of Project (Limit length to visible area)

The parking lot is a hazard and unsafe. The entrance doesn't support safety to those w/ a physical handicap or who use wheelchairs, canes, walkers, rollators, etc. The railing will provide a safe barrier and decrease the risk of accidents. The parking lot has potholes that retain water and are damaging to cars entering or exiting the property. The project consists of laying asphalt, restriping parking spaces so that adequate handicap parking is available and people are able to enter and exit safely without encountering cars parked haphazardly and creating a logjam. Our building is 1600 SF but we use the parking lot for many outdoor community activities. Once renovated, the Willing Helpers Society will gain 19,000 plus SF of safe usable outdoor space critically needed especially during the current pandemic where ventilation and social distancing are necessary to keep people safe while providing services and food.

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	\$1,000
Construction	\$25,700
Equipment	\$3,300
Total	\$30,000

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

Maryland Bond Initiative Funds	\$30,000
Total	\$30,000

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
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
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	
	500-650	1000 plus	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Historic Willing Helpers Society 1002 Washington Avenue La Plata, Maryland 20646			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	28 - Charles County		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
[]	[]	[X]	[]
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Terri Bell Harris	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	202-650-9181		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
1002 Washington Avenue La Plata, Maryland 20646		January 1, 2021	185000.00

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
2-5	5-10	30000.00	35000.00
25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond 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 any space is to be leased, provide the following:			
Lessee	Terms of Lease	Cost Covered by Lease	Square Footage Leased
N/A			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	Internal Useable Space - Building 1600 SF		
Space to be Renovated GSF	*Unsafe Unuseable Parking Lot 19506 SF		
New GSF	*Total Safe Useable Outdoor Space 19506		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion

Building and Parking Lot Created 1920

28. Comments

Willing Helper's Society is centrally located and serves many residents of Charles County as well as PG County residents. We have created a Community Helps Pantry that provides comprehensive help for those in need (Covid-19 PPE & Education, direct bill pay, food, coats, clothing, personal supplies and household supplies, mentorship, and educational opportunities). We are in talks to become a vaccination site and are preparing to serve as a site for students who have no or inadequate online access and need help with schoolwork. We are partnering with various food banks and stores and vendors to create a food pantry for the community. We have received 60 various vegetable and herb non-GMO seeds for our Farmmacy garden so we can grow and harvest fresh vegetables for the people of Charles County at no cost to the community. We are looking to provide mental support for those who are struggling with isolation and other stresses caused by the Pandemic. *The outdoor space is perfect for community activities (after-school help, food, book bag giveaways, etc) and allows us to observe CDC-recommended protocols for ventilation and social distancing while providing services (vaccines, bill pay, groceries, etc) and goods to families in need.

During 2020 we provided Help, Hope, and Light to the people/families of Charles County by providing the services and items listed below:

Covid-19 PPE and Current Education (Masks, gloves, sanitizer, Lysol wipes, Spic & Span anti-bacterial cleaner)

Groceries (Canned, frozen, and fresh fruits and vegetables, dairy, meats, staples, chips, cookies)

New Coats, Hats, Gloves and Socks

BOLE Boxes (Boxes of Love & Encouragement filled with fun healthy snacks, puzzle and coloring books, cookbooks, books containing the Word of God for children, teens, adults, and couples, Covid-19 PPE and Education)

Direct Bill Pay (payment of Light Bills, Gas bills, car repair, hotel rent, etc.)

Thanksgiving Dinner (Turkey, roasted chicken, ham, cornbread dressing, giblet gravy, green beans, mashed potatoes, candied yams, greens, sweet potatoes, hot rolls, cupcakes, peach cobbler chef and restaurant prepared and served hot)

Turkey vouchers (free turkey to family)

Christmas Gifts - new and gently used (all gently used items were sanitized and cleaned by a professional cleaner)

Voter Registration and Education

Groceries (microwavable meals for homeless living in hotels)

Personal supplies (tissue, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.)

Baby supplies (pampers, wipes, cribs, walkers, strollers, blankets, limited clothing, etc.)

With this renovation, we are making sure we will continue to be a source of Help, Hope, and Light to the people and families of Charles County and future generations to come.