

State Of Maryland

2022 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Kent Agricultural Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Hershey	Jacobs	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Kent County	\$150,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Kent Agricultural Center		
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 Jay Jacobs		delegatejacobs@gmail.com
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Kent Ag Center, Inc is located on a former U.S. Army Nike Facility in Tolchester, MD. The Ag Center has been in existence since 1983 when the site was designated as the permanent location for the Kent County Fair. The property is owned by the Kent County Government and leased to the Ag Center Board for 30 years at a time.</p>		

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

To complete building projects, install new electric service to decrease load on existing systems for our infrastructure upgrades and repair buildings for the safety of our 4-H members and the public who visit the Kent Ag Center for our annual events which include the Kent Ag Center Auction, The Kent County Fair and the Touch a Truck Ag Fest.

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	
Construction	\$150,000
Equipment	
Total	\$150,000

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

Legislative Bond Bill	\$146,000
remaining building fund monies	\$4,000
Total	\$150,000

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
1/8/2020	TBD	4/8/2021	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	
4000.00	8- 10,000	10,000 +	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Kent Ag Center PO Box 386 Chestertown MD 21620		Kent Ag Center 21349 Tolchester Beach Road Chestertown MD 21620	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	36 - Kent, Queen Anne's, Cecil and Caroline Counties		
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:	Cindy Moffett Moore	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443-786-5210		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
25351 Jeffay Drive Worton, MD 21678 Representing The Kent Ag Center Outdoor/Indoor Exhibits Director			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
0	0	0.00	0.00
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?			Lease
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?			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
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
Kent County Government	30 years	yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	1200		
Space to be Renovated GSF	1200		
New GSF	1200		

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

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28. Comments

The Kent Ag Center, Inc. is a non profit organization that leases the property from the Kent County Government in thirty year increments. The Kent Ag Center is home to the Annual Spring Auction In April which helps to financially support our county fair, The Kent County Fair in July and our Annual Touch a Truck Ag Fest which had its debut in October ,as a no fee event to give back to the community. This event raised over \$1500 in donations that were designated for our building fund.

The county has been very helpful financially in the past two years in helping us with the asbestos abatement and removal of two buildings that were deemed unsafe. The Kent County Commissioners designated funds and helped with the asbestos abatement and demolition of the two existing buildings. This was over \$100,000. The Kent Ag Center has paid for our new pole building that we placed on the existing slab of concrete - the cost for this has been in excess of \$59,000. We still need to add an additional 3-5 inches of concrete to the existing pad to make it safe for the public to walk on. This is including sidewalks and handicapped access ramps. We have reached out to the KentCounty Commissioners to see if there are any funds in the budget to help us with this project.They agreed on Feb 15, 2022 to funding \$41,710 to help us complete the pole building that was erected this past year.

We were not able to replace the second building that was removed. We have an existings pole building, that is currently our poultry barn. We intend to repurpose this barn into a Main Office/First Aid Station with additional storage. When the one building was removed, we lost our office for our county fair. We are currently seeking funding to complete the project of a main office/first aid station utilizing an existing pole building as the main structure. This project is expected to be between \$80-90,000 to completely finish the building. We first must upgrade the electric system to accommodate more circuits, I have been told this could be in excess of \$80,000. Additional funding, if received, will go towards our maintenance on existing buildings. The costs are endless and we would be grateful for any monies that could be allocated to help offset our costs in completing projects as a non-profit organization. We are continuing to work on our building fundraising to eventually have the new multi-purpose building. We have currently almost exhausted our building fund with the pole building we just erected, the prices doubled during covid from when we first started our demolition work.

The Kent Ag Center still has two additional buildings that are the same age of the two removed. The issues that were present in the other two building are also present within these older buildings. The one is our Indoor exhibit building and the second is our kitchen which is the only air conditioned building on our fairgrounds. These two buildings are in constant need of repairs due to existing roof leaks. We also are having to address an aging septic system. Our dream in the future is to one day have a new multi-purpose building that would house our indoor exhibit building and kitchen. Possibly even for banquets and events, such as our annual achievement banquet. We currently have to rent a venue for this event. We also have outdoor barns that are in need of structural repairs. The Kent Ag Center is respectfully asking for help with funding for our projects.