

# State Of Maryland

## 2022 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Willing Helpers Society Renovation		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Ellis		
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Charles County	\$50,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Willing Helpers Society property		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Senator Arthur Ellis		arthur.ellis@senate.state.md.us
Terri Bell Harris, President		202-650-9181
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>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 and not only represents African Americans, but also has become a beacon of Help, Hope, and Light to all underserved residents of Charles County. Willing Helpers Society has formed partnerships with individuals and businesses who care about building and growing opportunities through mentoring and giving back to the people/families in 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 number of people we serve and service has grown. The needs of the people have changed. We have been asked to partner with agencies like Tri-County and work with people like Greater Baden and with groups that deal with families who have escaped Domestic Violence and are starting over and need real help. We are reaching a larger Latino and Indian population who have need of much what we offer. We are expanding our role in meeting the needs by Being and Bringing Help, Hope and Light to the families in Charles County. The building was built in 1924 and has not been updated since it was built. There have been repairs over the years but we are in need of updating every aspect of the building to meet current health standards (example - updated ventilation due to COVID-19) and the ever growing needs of the people we serve.

*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>	\$2,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$23,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$25,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

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

Maryland Bond Initiative Funds	\$50,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

<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>
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<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>	
	500	750+	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2020-2021	\$30,000	Create a handicap accessible entrance and safe paved	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Willing Helpers Society, Inc. 1002 Washington Avenue La Plata, MD 20646			
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	28 - Charles County		
<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>
[ ]	[ ]	[ X ]	[ ]
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Terri Bell Harris	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	202-650-9181		Yes
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
1002 Washington Avenue La Plata, MD 20646		January 1, 2021	185000.00

<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>
2-5	5-10	2000.00	2000.00
<b>25. Ownership of Property (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond 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 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>
N/A			
<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>	
N/A			
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	1600 SF		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	1600 SF		
<b>New GSF</b>	1700 SF		

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

1924

**28. Comments**

Our building is overcrowded and has no storage for our Community Helps Pantry items - such as food, Depends, large boxes of adult diapers, brand new coats, Clorox bleach and other cleaning supplies. Our kitchen appliances are outdated and have been breaking down and repaired to the point that the parts are no longer available. In addition, we have need of a walk-in freezer to store the large quantity of food items we source to feed the community. We have need of a pantry space to store can goods and non-perishables that we give out daily.

Furthermore, we have caterers who cook for the community and we have a garden where we grow food that we give to the community. Our garden also allows us to create value added items that help us support our initiatives. We need space to harvest and prepare (wash, clean, etc.) the produce according to the proper ServSafe guidelines. We need space to provide our job service training and computers to help people who are looking for work and need help with resumes, many of whom have no access to computers and lack computer literacy.

We reach a large elderly population who have special needs and we need space for privacy for intake and resolution of those needs. We need to expand the building to supply a space for people who are homeless who need access to bathe and do laundry. We are not a homeless shelter but we service many of the homeless population. This project is vital to the families of Charles County and can be done in two phases.