## State Of Maryland

 2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet| 1. Name Of Project |  |
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| Humane Society of Wicomico County New Facility |  |
| 2. Senate Sponsor | 3. House Sponsor |
| Carozza | Wicomico County Delegation |
| 4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City) | 5. Requested Amount |
| Wicomico County |  |
| 6. Purpose of Bond Initiative | \$500,000 |
| the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site <br> improvement, and capital equipping of the Humane Society of Wicomico County |  |
| 7. Matching Fund | Type: |
| Requirements: |  |
| Grant |  |

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

Our shelter was built over 30 years ago and the population of our county was around 60,000 . We currently have a population of 110,000 . The shelter was originally designed as a "kill facility". We struggle daily with space issues, the inability to control disease, and the general decline of our building structure. The community does not want to support a "kill facility" and in the past 3 years we have increased our Live Release Rate from $56 \%$ to $86 \%$. We receive overwhelming support from our community at this time. In our small 7,000 square foot shelter we are servicing our community with around 2,000 low-cost and free spay/neuters a year as well as providing medical services for all of our own animals. Our clinic is extremely small and poorly designed since it was never built to be a clinic. We implemented 1027 adoptions in 2022.

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 | $\$ 200,000$ |
| Construction | $\$ 5,500,000$ |
| Equipment | $\$ 300,000$ |
|  | Total |

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

| Bond Bill | $\$ 500,000$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Private Donors | $\$ 2,000,000$ |
| Grants | $\$ 500,000$ |
| County funding | $\$ 2,500,000$ |
| Our shelter | $\$ 500,000$ |
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## 27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed

 for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion
## 28. Comments

We are in the very early stages of this request. It is hard to be specific with some of the information because of this. The county government realizes we have outgrown our facility and are in full support of us building a new facility. We are not only servicing our county, but adjoining Worcester and Somerset Counties. We help multiple TNR cat organizations with spay/neuter as well. Due to the national vet shortage our clinic is so busy. Local vets are even sending clients to us for spay/neuters and vaccinations so they can concentrate on well visits and specialty treatments. We are in dire need of a bigger facility so we can continue to service out community.

