

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Maryland State Fair - Fiber Optic Cable		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
West	Guyton	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore County	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Maryland State Fair campus		
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 Michele Guyton		michele.guyton@house.state.md.us
David Gordon		410-252-022 ext 222
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Maryland State Fair & Agricultural Society, Inc is a private non-profit 501(c)3 organization that supports agriculture, education, preserves and promotes Maryland's agricultural roots, and provides competitions and events showcasing Maryland's premier industry. The annual Fair welcomes half a million visitors and year-round the facility welcomes 2 million people. The property is also a community hub and annually provides nearly \$2 million in free use of the campus to the Maryland State Police, statewide agriculture and 4-H/FFA programming, hosts the Governors Volunteer Appreciation Day, provides staging for state and national emergency events and natural disasters, job fairs, Maryland State Highway training, fire, police, and rescue services trainings, and the meetings of the Greater Timonium Community Council and the Lutherville Community Association.</p>		

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

The Maryland State Fair & Agriculture Society, Inc. was founded in 1878. The current buildings that are used on the fairgrounds were constructed in the 1970s and 80s and have lagged in technology upgrades. Currently, the Fair utilizes satellite internet that is beamed from a central location to the various buildings on campus. There are continual problems and outages with the system which fails to provide reliable, consistent internet access for the campus. In times of public need like the Covid pandemic or natural disasters the Fair gladly turns its use over for public good but can't guarantee reliable internet access. This is also an issue for community groups, public events, and the annual State Fair where data needs from vendors, patrons and fair operations stress the aged system. This project would be to trench and run fiber cable to the various hubs throughout the fairgrounds to provide reliable, fast and secure internet access to all.

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	\$5,000
Construction	\$495,000
Equipment	
Total	\$500,000

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

Legislative Bond Initiative	\$500,000
Total	\$500,000

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
10/2/2023	11/6/2023	11/6/2023	4/7/2025
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
0.00		2,000,000	2,050,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2022	\$4,050,000	Construction of a new Agriculture Education and Far	
2021	\$500,000	Renovation of the Grandstand and Community Center	
2020	\$500,000	Renovation of the Grandstand and Community Center	
2019	\$500,000	Replacement of wooden and old pens in Sheep and S	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Maryland State Fair & Agricultural Society, Inc. 2200 York Rd. Timonium, MD 21094			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		42B - Baltimore 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:	D. Andrew Cashman	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443-324-2160		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
826 Springdale Rd. New Windsor, MD 21776			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
21	21	7934500.00	7984500.00
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
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	106 acre property		
Space to be Renovated GSF	106 acre property		
New GSF	none		

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

1970s and 80s

28. Comments

Capital Grants last 15 years

2018 - \$1,000,000 - New Fencing, Spray Foam Insulation, New Cow Palace Faade.

2017 - \$500,000 - New Roof and HVAC on Exhibition Hall