

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Mental Health Unit at the Detention Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Howard County Senators	Howard County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Howard County	\$350,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a Mental Health Unit at the Detention 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
Howard County Delegation		hoc1@mlis.state.md.us
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		hoc1@mlis.state.md.us
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Howard County Department of Corrections manages the Howard County Detention Center. The Mission of the Howard County Department of Corrections is to protect "the public by providing a safe environment for staff and inmates, where programs prepare inmates for return to the community as law-abiding citizens". The Department is committed to adhering to National and State Correctional Standards and "addressing the program needs of those in our custody prior to their return to the community" including health/mental health care and treatment for substance use disorders.</p>		

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

The Howard County Detention Center currently houses all detainees in general security housing units because it does not have a separate housing unit designed for mental health detainees, who represent approximately 25% of all detainees. This proposed funding would help construct specialized program space for mental health detainees with a focus on safety to prevent self-harm, based on best practices that meet all applicable detention center and health care standards. By renovating existing space, mental health afflicted detainees can be housed safely, humanely and with dignity in a separate Mental Health Housing Unit . The new Mental Health Unit would also improve the standard housing units by reducing disruptions/ conflict and thereby reducing the likelihood of individuals reoffending and later returning to incarceration.

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	\$390,000
Construction	\$3,820,000
Equipment	\$225,000
Total	\$4,435,000

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

FY23 Legislative Bond Initiative	\$350,000
County General Obligation Bonds	\$4,085,000
Total	\$4,435,000

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
07.01.23	05.01.24	06.01.24	05.01.25
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	0.00	4	
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)	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	13 - Howard 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:	Gary Kuc, County Solicitor	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-313-2100		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Howard County Government Office of Law George Howard Building 3430 Courthouse Drive Ellicott City, MD 21043			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
3	5	260000.00	460000.00
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	125,000 sf		
Space to be Renovated GSF	5,200 sf		
New GSF	0 sf		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
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28. Comments	
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The Howard County Detention Center currently lacks a specialized Mental Health Unit to provide appropriate care for detainees with mental health conditions. As a result, these detainees are housed with the general population, which can pose significant risks to their health and safety. The existing housing units are not designed to meet the specialized criteria needed for mental health detainees, and do not have the necessary features to prevent self-harm or provide adequate care.

The proposed project aims to address this issue by providing proper program space for mental health detainees/patients. The new unit will be designed with a focus on safety and security, with specialized features and visibility tailored to the specific needs and functions of mental health detainees. By providing a dedicated space for mental health care, the project will ensure that detainees with mental health conditions receive the proper care and treatment they require.

By providing appropriate care and treatment for detainees with mental health conditions, the project will help to reduce recidivism rates and improve public safety. It will also help to reduce the burden on the criminal justice system, by providing an alternative to incarceration for those with mental health conditions.