

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Bio-Mass Demonstration Project		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
McKay		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Garrett County	\$150,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Bio-Mass Demonstration Project, including a pre-engineer study to determine feasibility and estimated project cost		
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
Jason King		301-334-1928
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
The Garrett County Board of County Commissioners (Board) is responsible for making decisions that improve the county for its residents. The Board's decisions are based on the county's needs and priorities		

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The Garrett County Department of Public Works - Accident Roads Division facility was identified as a possible site to house a boiler plant that could produce enough energy to heat both the Roads facility and the Northern Educational Complex. With the location identified, a request was made to the USDA and the United States Forest Service to complete a feasibility study that would place a boiler plant and delivery system on the Accident Roads property that would heat both the Roads facility and Northern Educational complex through an underground heating loop. Currently the Board of County Commissioners has requested matching legislative funding in the amount of \$150,000 for the P.E.R (Preliminary Engineering Report) currently estimated at \$300,000.

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	\$300,000
Construction	
Equipment	
Total	\$300,000

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

Legislative Bond	\$150,000
Other Local Funds	\$150,000
Total	\$300,000

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
7/1/2025	1/1/2026	7/1/2026	1/1/2027
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	
	500+	500+	
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)	
Garrett County Government Board of County Commissioners 203 South Fourth Street, Room 207, Oakland, Maryland 21550		80 Accident Garage Road Accident, MD 21520	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	1A - Garrett and Allegany 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:	Gorman E.Getty III	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-334-8970		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

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		
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			
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
28. Comments	
<p>With the closure of Luke Paper Mill in 2019, the Board of Garrett County Commissioners quickly recognized the impact this closure would have throughout the region. This closure resulted in the loss of nearly 700 jobs, including mill workers, truck drivers, loggers, and other related services. Since 2019 the Board of Garrett County Commissioners has been committed to identifying and implementing initiatives to relieve the stresses from the closure.</p> <p>In 2023, the Board of County Commissioners began gaining insight into the advantages of wood energy, better known as Biomass. Facilities in New England were toured and evaluated, demonstrating a consistent track record of reliability, safety, and cleanliness. These facilities have also shown a significant reduction in carbon emissions, and extensive savings from the use of fossil fuels. Along with the reduction of carbon and savings, New England has also seen a positive economic impact over the 25+ years. Through proper forest management and the implementation of services, an economic engine was born. Biomass in the New England states has given loggers an additional market for pulp wood and an opportunity to use other items such as tree tops that were traditionally discarded. Other industries experienced growth, leading to an increased demand for transportation to move raw materials and finished products. Additionally, new storage and manufacturing facilities were established. Professionals such as HVAC installers, pipefitters, electricians, excavators, and plant engineers also experienced significant benefits from the emergence of the new industry.</p> <p>Garrett County Government feels strongly that the addition of a Wood Energy Heat Plant will not only reduce heating costs and carbon emissions, but will educate the public and foster new industry growth.</p>	