

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Charles County Food Rescue Program		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
	Charles County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Charles County	\$75,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Phase 1 of a new program to support local nonprofits working to combat food insecurity by providing a new food storage location including the		
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
Jessica Minopoli		301-934-3700
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Charles County Charitable Trust supports nonprofits in Charles County, MD with Nonprofit Grant Programs as well as free training, grant research, and community outreach. We are the first line of support locally for the over 500 nonprofits currently operating in Charles County for funding, partnerships and creating greater visibility for our nonprofit sector. The need for assistance in our county for many issues such as food insecurity, homelessness, mental health treatment, youth programming and more has continued to increase in recent years. The Charitable Trust continues to seek additional avenues to support our local nonprofits and the vital work they do for our communities.</p>		

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

Food insecurity is a primary issue facing citizens in Charles Co. Food pantries/soup kitchens are operating, but a lack of cold food storage in the county is an ongoing barrier. A survey conducted among food-related nonprofits shows a desperate need for additional refrigeration and freezer space, with several organizations reporting they must turn away food donations due to lack of storage space. This proposal is to initiate Phase 1 of the Charles Co Food Rescue Program, which will provide a vital asset to Charles Co in the form of a permanent location available to hold fresh and frozen food, available for use by all food-related nonprofits in the county. This project entails a permanent build of a walk-in commercial refrigerator and purchase/install of deep freezers. Current Charitable Trust staff will oversee implementation of this asset, with an additional employee hired in the future to manage and run the location in partnership with the nonprofit community.

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	
Construction	\$70,000
Equipment	\$5,000
Total	\$75,000

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

LBI funding	\$75,000
Total	\$75,000

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
7/15/2025	8/15/2025	9/1/2025	11/30/2025
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	0		50,000
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Charles County Charitable Trust, Inc 9501 Crain Hwy, Unit 2, Bel Alton, MD 20611			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	28 - Charles 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:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			
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
3	4	215200.00	300000.00
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?			Lease
B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?			
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	
Charles County Government	5 years	Yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	1100		
Space to be Renovated GSF	1100		
New GSF	1100		

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

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28. Comments

We have proposed this project to Charles County Government in 2024 and received a letter of support from all Commissioners. We are confident that with this minimal funding, we can create a large impact on the nonprofit sector and the community in Charles County as a whole.