

# State Of Maryland

## 2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Howard County Fairgrounds - Fiber Optic Connectivity		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Howard County Senators	Howard County Delegation	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Howard County	\$70,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Howard County Fairgrounds property, including fiber optic connectivity		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
<b>8. Special Provisions</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian	
<b>9. Contact Name and Title</b>	<b>Contact Ph#</b>	<b>Email Address</b>
Tim Feaga		410-442-1022
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The purpose of the Howard County Fair Association, Inc is for the promotion and education of agriculture in Howard County. Our fairgrounds is home to our Howard County Fair, and the largest sheep festival on the east coast. We are also a hub for local community events such as: first-responder funerals, Scouts of America meetings and retreats, University of Maryland Extension events, and a wide variety of other community gathering needs. We support our community in times of need such as becoming a COVID testing site, a red-cross blood drive site, and a reunification site for local school crisis events. This project will fill a need on our fairgrounds to bring high-speed connectivity to the public that visits by burying over 2,065 feet of fiber-optics across our grounds to be used for emergency sound and security systems.</p>		



<b>14. Project Schedule (Enter a date or one of the following in each box. N/A, TBD or Complete)</b>			
<b>Begin Design</b>	<b>Complete Design</b>	<b>Begin Construction</b>	<b>Complete Construction</b>
Completed	Completed	9/1/2025	12/31/2025
<b>15. Total Private Funds and Pledges Raised</b>	<b>16. Current Number of People Served Annually at Project Site</b>	<b>17. Number of People to be Served Annually After the Project is Complete</b>	
0.00	100,000 visitors	110,000 visitors	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
2022	\$600,000	Purpose of the project is to improve the general facilit	
2023	\$300,000	Address deferred maintenance in our livestock barns.	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Howard County Fair Association, Inc., 2210 Fairgrounds Road West Friendship, MD 21794		same	
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	9A - Howard and Montgomery Counties		
<b>21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)</b>			
<b>Local Govt.</b>	<b>For Profit</b>	<b>Non Profit</b>	<b>Federal</b>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Tim Feaga	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	Yes/No
<b>Phone:</b>	410-984-0408		No
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
15950 North Avenue Woodbine, MD 21797			

<b>24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site</b>			
<b>Current # of Employees</b>	<b>Projected # of Employees</b>	<b>Current Operating Budget</b>	<b>Projected Operating Budget</b>
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<b>25. Ownership of Property</b> (Info Requested by Treasurer's Office for bond purposes)			
<b>A. Will the grantee own or lease (pick one) the property to be improved?</b>			Own
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			No
<b>C. Does the grantee intend to lease any portion of the property to others?</b>			No
<b>D. If property is owned by grantee any space is to be leased, provide the following:</b>			
<b>Lessee</b>	<b>Terms of Lease</b>	<b>Cost Covered by Lease</b>	<b>Square Footage Leased</b>
N/A			
<b>E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:</b>			
<b>Name of Leaser</b>	<b>Length of Lease</b>	<b>Options to Renew</b>	
N/A			
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	120,000		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	0		
<b>New GSF</b>	0		

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

N/A

**28. Comments**

None