

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Wicomico County Humane Society Shelter Construction		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Carozza	Beauchamp	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Wicomico County	\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a new animal shelter and other facilities for the Wicomico County Humane Society		
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
Valerie Mann		410-726-8303
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The focus of the Wicomico County Humane Society is animal rescue and adoption on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, specifically within Wicomico County on the Lower Eastern Shore. We take in abandoned and neglected animals, give them critical medical care, spay and neuter them, and find homes for them where they will be taken care of and loved. We primarily deal with cats and dogs, though we occasionally also deal with smaller exotics such as guinea pigs and rabbits. Animals are both brought to us by their owners and brought in during cases of neglect. We also receive animals that are lost and for whom we do not know who the owners are. We seek to find a home for every animal brought to us though recent population growth in Wicomico County has increased the number of cats and dogs we assist to a level beyond our capabilities.</p>		

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

WCHS is seeking to construct a new shelter facility. The population of Wicomico County has expanded and brought with it more cat and dogs that are in need of assistance and homes than ever before. Our current facilities are operating at near 100% capacity. A new shelter will allow us to hold more cats and dogs. This new building would also allow us to keep sick animals better separated from healthy ones to stop the spread of diseases. The increased size of the building would allow us to hold more animals in the building, with several larger kennels for larger breeds of dogs. The extra space would also allow for us to have more storage and would allow us to improve our meet and greet areas and have spaces for isolating dogs and cats. This would also allow us to have a dedicated grooming room, a larger clinic room, and employee bathroom with shower stall.

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	\$0
Design	\$200,000
Construction	\$5,800,000
Equipment	
Total	\$6,000,000

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

Maryland Bond Funding	\$500,000
Fundraising in the community	\$4,500,000
USDA Loan	\$1,000,000
Total	\$6,000,000

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
11/1/2024	06/30/2025	10/01/2025	07/01/2026
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	800		1600
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2024	\$250,000	Construct new shelter	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Wicomico County Humane Society 5130 Citation Dr, Salisbury, MD 21804		Fooks Rd Salisbury, MD 21804	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	38A - Somerset, Worcester, and Wicomico 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:	Tina Davis	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	443-880-8208		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
5130 Citation Dr, Salisbury, MD 21804			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
25	35	232136.00	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?			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	7000		
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	12000		

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

N/A

28. Comments