

# State Of Maryland

## 2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Maryland Therapeutic Riding		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Gile	Schmidt	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Anne Arundel County	\$250,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Maryland Therapeutic Riding facilities, including septic system installation		
<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>
Lisa Zehring		443.494.3015
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Maryland Therapeutic Riding is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to transform lives by connecting humans and horses in a nurturing environment, fostering healing and growth for all. Our equine-assisted services improve quality of life for children, adults, veterans, first responders, and their families experiencing physical, cognitive, developmental, and emotional challenges. MTR has served the community for 30 years. What started as one program of therapeutic riding has expanded into multiple services including: adaptive riding and horsemanship, physical, speech, and occupational therapies, equine assisted psychotherapy, and specialty programs, all delivered in a safe, professional setting. In 2025, MTR served 765 participants and provide over 4,500 hours of service to our community.</p>		

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

Maryland Therapeutic Riding is in need of replacing two aging and undersized waste tank systems at its Crownsville farm with a new, fully engineered septic and plumbing system designed to meet code requirements, and meet future capacity needs. The project scope includes removal of existing tanks, trenching and installation of a modern septic and drain field system in the approved perc area, and related site and utility improvements as required. This infrastructure upgrade is essential to remove current operational limitations, and serve as the necessary first phase of planned capital improvements, including a new Community Learning Center and stables that will expand service offerings and access to equine-assisted services for individuals and families across the region.

*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**

<b>Acquisition</b>	
<b>Design</b>	\$30,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$156,855
<b>Equipment</b>	\$138,205
<b>Total</b>	\$325,060

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

Chi Sigma National Charity	\$20,000
Rogers-Wilbur Foundation	\$40,000
Koch Family Foundation	\$10,000
<b>Total</b>	\$70,000

<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>
12/1/2025	6/1/2026	8/1/2026	12/1/2026
<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>	
70000.00	765	900-1000	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Maryland Therapeutic Riding, Inc. 1141 Sunrise Beach Road Crownsville, MD 21032			
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	33B - Anne Arundel County		
<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>
[ ]	[ ]	[ X ]	[ ]
<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>		<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>Phone:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	

<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>
21	30	1028000.00	1250000.00
<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>
<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>	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	N/A		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	N/A		
<b>New GSF</b>	N/A		

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

2026/2027

**28. Comments**

This project represents a foundational infrastructure investment that enables a broader capital expansion, including construction of a new Community Learning Center with dedicated classroom space and a new stable designed to house all horses in a safer more accessible location that supports expanded equine learning and activities. Both new buildings have been designed and are currently off for bids. These planned capital construction improvements will be funded through philanthropic support, making LBI support of this initial project of the utmost importance to the rest of the plan.

MTR has provided equine-assisted services to residents of Anne Arundel and neighboring counties since 1996 and has operated at its Crownsville farm since 2001. The organization is a PATH Intl. Premier Accredited Center, a Maryland Horse Industry Board Horse Discovery Center, and one of only nine USEF Para-Equestrian Centers of Excellence nationwide. In 2022, MTR completed a successful capital campaign that retired its mortgage, leaving the organization fully debt-free and financially stable.

MTR maintains strong community partnerships with organizations such as Fort Meade, the Navy Exceptional Family Member Program, Sandstone Care, Chrysalis House, and the Boys & Girls Club of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, among others. Community partnerships is an area that we consistently work to strengthen and grow, these new facilities will offer additional opportunities in that area. In 2025, MTR served more than 700 individuals with the support of over 250 dedicated volunteers and a highly credentialed leadership team and staff.

MTR provides therapeutic and educational opportunities outside of a traditional clinical setting, offering individuals a safe, professional, and empowering environment where meaningful human-horse connection fosters healing, confidence and personal growth. Here are some recent testimonials:

"MTR has been an incredible partner in supporting our military families with special needs. Through their equine-assisted programs, our families have found not only therapeutic growth but a place where they feel truly seen, supported, and celebrated." - Naval EFMP Organizer

"Its real hard explaining what being in combat did to me; its like Ill always be at war. Coming to MTR gives me pleasure and the positive effects last way beyond my ride my whole family feels it. The program has changed my life." -Wounded Warrior Project Participant

"Some of the challenges of Down Syndrome are low muscle tone and joint hyper-flexibility. The staff made the work of gaining control of her body, and the horse, fun and engaging! She is so proud that she is now able to ride independently and continues to grow her knowledge and skills! I believe that Emma's story demonstrates MTRs mission beautifully; it has been a blessing in our lives!" -Participant Parent

Thank you for your consideration and support of MTR, our mission, our community and this request.