

State Of Maryland

2026 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Waredaca Pony Club Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Zucker	Mireku-North	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$45,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, expansion, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Waredaca Pony Club Center facilities, including climate mitigation infrastructure upgrades		
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
Gretchen Butts		240 401 4010
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Waredaca Eventing Education Foundation is a non-profit founded to support the sport of eventing at Waredaca Farm. It runs a scholarship program out of the the Jimmy Wofford Legacy Fund and it provides equine welfare support for the horses used in the Waredaca Pony Club Center's lesson program.</p>		

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

This project will blunt the negative effects of climate change on the health and welfare of the Waredaca Pony Club Center horses. Horses evolved in cooler, drier climates. The heat and humidity of Maryland summers now pose a health risk to horses. Veterinarians recommend that we alter the way we ride once the temperature plus the humidity reaches 150. When the cooling efficiency is between 130 and 150, horses should be kept to light work in the shade with frequent breaks. Waredacas indoor arena is old and built to keep horses warm, not to keep them cool. This project is to install ventilation windows on the indoor arena to improve air flow and ventilation. Air flow accelerates sweat evaporation, which is the primary way a horse keeps its internal temperature down. In addition, the project includes building a storage shed for the schooling jumps used by the pony club to keep them dry when not in use and to slow down damage and rot caused by high humidity and mold.

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	\$30,000
Equipment	\$10,000
Total	\$40,000

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

Legislative Bond	\$40,000
Total	\$40,000

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
4/1/2026		5/1/2026	6/1/2026
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	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2023	\$500,000	Pony Club Riding Surface Replacement	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Waredaca Eventing Education Foundation 4015 Damascus Road, Laytonsville MD 20882			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	14 - Montgomery 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:	Gretchen Butts	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	240-401-4010		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
4015 Damascus Road, Laytonsville MD 20882			

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. 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?			
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	
Waredaca Farm	97 years	Yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	80 x 200 ft		
Space to be Renovated GSF	80 x 200 ft		
New GSF	80 x 200 ft		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	<1 year
28. Comments	
<p>This project would allow students who cannot afford their own horses the opportunity to continue to ride indoors when it is too hot to ride outdoors.</p> <p>According to data published by the University of Minnesota Extension, a horse's cooling efficiency is at its best when the temperature plus the humidity add up to 130 or less. It is decreased when the temperature plus the humidity is between 130 and 150. This calculation is not the same as either the heat index or the wet bulb test.</p> <p>This means that an 80-degree day with 80% humidity greatly reduces a horse's cooling efficiency. The effect of a 90-degree day with 90% humidity is not at all uncommon this past summer -- could be fatal.</p>	