

# State Of Maryland

## 2020 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

<b>1. Name Of Project</b>		
Warrior Canine Connection		
<b>2. Senate Sponsor</b>	<b>3. House Sponsor</b>	
Feldman	Fraser-Hidalgo	
<b>4. Jurisdiction</b> (County or Baltimore City)	<b>5. Requested Amount</b>	
Montgomery County	\$500,000	
<b>6. Purpose of Bond Initiative</b>		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Warrior Canine Connection facility		
<b>7. Matching Fund</b>		
Requirements:  Equal	Type: The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund	
<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>
Rick Yount	301-260-1111	rick@warriorcanineconnection.org
<b>10. Description and Purpose of Organization</b> (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Warrior Canine Connection (WCC) has provided 4,750 Veterans who suffer from Post Traumatic Stress (PTS) and/or Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) with a mission to support their fellow Veterans by training mobility service dogs. Harnessing the healing power of the Warrior Ethos and the human-animal bond, WCC's program offers a safe, effective and therapeutic intervention that mitigates symptoms of PTS/TBI and produces well-trained service dogs to be partnered with Veterans with disabilities. Because of WCC's program design, each dog in the program has the ability to participate in the healing of not only one, but up to 60 Veterans, before being placed as a service dog with a Veteran. When we consider the growing number of Veterans diagnosed with PTS/TBI and an alarming suicide rate, it becomes clear that we must invest in new innovative therapies to reverse this trend.</p>		

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

In partnership with Montgomery County and the State, WCC is creating a premier center where Veterans and their families can come to heal from the visible and invisible wounds of war. Once renovated, a large barn at the site will provide space for WCC's unique therapeutic service dog training program, as well as critical facilities needed to breed, train and partner future service dogs. In 2014, WCC signed a lease with the MD Department of Natural Resources and immediately began efforts to transform the Schaeffer Farm property. At the inception of the lease, the property was in very poor condition--abandoned with overgrown vegetation and dilapidated structures unsafe for the public to enter. Over 3 years, WCC has invested \$2M in property renovations.

*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>	\$0
<b>Design</b>	\$435,000
<b>Construction</b>	\$2,295,000
<b>Equipment</b>	\$650,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,380,000</b>

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

Associated General Contractors of America (AGC)	\$270,000
WCC Board of Directors	\$500,000
Montgomery County	\$300,000
Capital Campaign (Individuals, foundations)	\$1,525,000
Davis Construction	\$70,000
Carlyle Group	\$215,000
State of Maryland	\$500,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,380,000</b>

<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>
09/01/2016	8/1/2020	10/1/2020	8/1/2021
<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>	
3477611.00	1,828	3,047	
<b>18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years</b>			
<b>Legislative Session</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	
Maryland			
<b>19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee</b>		<b>Project Address (If Different)</b>	
Warrior Canine Connection, Inc. 14934 Schaeffer Road Boys, MD 20841			
<b>20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located</b>	15 - Montgomery 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>
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<b>22. Grantee Legal Representative</b>		<b>23. If Match Includes Real Property:</b>	
<b>Name:</b>	Rick Yount	<b>Has An Appraisal Been Done?</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
<b>Phone:</b>	3012601111		
<b>Address:</b>		<b>If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value</b>	
14934 Schaeffer Road Boys, MD 20841			

<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>
41	48	3246000.00	3805850.00
<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>			Lease
<b>B. If owned, does the grantee plan to sell within 15 years?</b>			
<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>	
Maryland Department of Natural Resources	25 years	2 (5-year terms)	
<b>26. Building Square Footage:</b>			
<b>Current Space GSF</b>	12,026		
<b>Space to be Renovated GSF</b>	8,800		
<b>New GSF</b>	3,800		

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

1938

**28. Comments**

Since 2015, WCC has been working to raise necessary capital construction funds to support the renovation of the Schaeffer Farm property, Maryland State Park property which is leased from the State of Maryland Department of Natural Resources. Total all-time Capital Construction gifts to enhance the property include 1,756 gifts, totaling \$3,477,611 in cash and \$649,637 in gifts in kind of services and materials. Other unrestricted gifts to the organization also have been used to support property renovations.

As the most significant part of the overall property improvements, WCC is working to renovate a 1938 large dairy barn to serve as the organization's headquarters and training facilities at the Schaeffer Farm property. Current barn size is 12,026 GSF. A total of 8,800 GSF of that space is targeted for renovation; 3,226 GSF will be demolished; and 3,800 GSF of new construction will be added. Within 5 years of completion, WCC anticipates that this critical renovation project will allow the organization to serve 2,047 Veterans and Military Family Members annually, and host more than 1,000 Maryland volunteers at the property. From its national headquarters in Maryland, WCC already served 804 unique Veterans and Military Family Members in 2019, and engaged 1,024 area volunteers in its work. Total served by WCC last year was 1,828.

WCC is honored to be a partner to the MD DNR's Wounded Warrior and Veterans Outreach Program- <https://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/Pages/Warrior-Canine-Connection.aspx> Our unique public-private partnership is exactly what is needed to help care for the many thousands of Maryland's wounded, ill and injured Service Members and Veterans. We firmly believe that this successful partnership can serve as a national model of effective collaboration.

As Governor Hogan had proclaimed 2019 the Year of the Veteran in Maryland, WCC hopes to gain support from the State of Maryland to realize this premier center of healing. Made possible by federal, state and non-profit partners working together, this center has the opportunity to make a significant impact on the mental health and well-being of the Veterans and their Military Families who call Maryland home.