

State Of Maryland

2020 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Wicomico County Bookmobile		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Carozza	Anderton	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Wicomico County	\$281,500	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Bookmobile		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements: Unequal \$50,000	Type: The grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund.	
8. Special Provisions		
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Richard M. Duvall	410-548-1010	ateagle@wicomico.org
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The mission of the Wicomico County Public Library is to innovate, educate and inspire. The Bookmobile serves a population of approximately 103,195 residents in Wicomico County. Wicomico County Public Library is an inclusive, welcoming community resource that strives to meet the diverse needs of all Wicomico County citizens. One of the ways that we do this is through providing library resources at three physical branches, our Bookmobile, and Reader Van.</p>		

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

The current Bookmobile is a 2007 Thomas Built Specialty Vehicle. Wicomico County Public Library's Bookmobile is currently the only Bookmobile on Maryland's Eastern Shore. The Bookmobile's primary purpose is to serve rural communities that are too small to warrant a physical library location. Some of these communities include: Fruitland, Delmar, Hebron, Mardela Springs, Willards, Allen and Bivalve. Additionally, the Bookmobile visits Title I schools in an effort to encourage students to read more and improve academically. Lastly, the Bookmobile visits a variety of senior centers and communities to reach residents who are unable to visit the branches.

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	\$281,000
Design	
Construction	
Equipment	
Total	\$281,000

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

Legislative Bond Initiative	\$100,000
Wicomico County Government	\$50,000
Wicomico County Public Library	\$50,000
Donations	\$81,000
Total	\$281,000

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
TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
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	
81000.00	103,195	103,195	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
	\$145,000	Replace Downtown Branch HVAC	
	\$320,000	HVAC replacement, carpet replacement, public restro	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Wicomico County Free Library 122 S. Division St. Salisbury, MD 21801			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	37A - Dorchester 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:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
58	58	2560299.00	3324872.00
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	N/A		
Space to be Renovated GSF	N/A		
New GSF	N/A		

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

N/A

28. Comments

For a rural county such as Wicomico, the Bookmobile is an essential component of library service to the community. From 2018 to present, a local mechanic has donated parts and labor valued at \$15,222.23 to keep the Bookmobile running. As the Bookmobile continues to age, sourcing parts to make repairs becomes increasingly difficult.

Due to the numerous stops the Bookmobile makes, whenever repairs are required, the Bookmobile skips that month's stop and customers wait an extended period before the Bookmobile can visit again. Approximately 5,050 people are served by the Bookmobile every three weeks at schools, senior centers, neighborhoods, childcare centers, camps and other community locations.

Increasingly the Library has had to make strategic decisions about which outreach events to send the Bookmobile to to help prolong the life of the vehicle. For example, the air conditioning is insufficient in the Bookmobile so the Bookmobile did not attend the 2019 County Fair. The Bookmobile Manager has been instructed to take the vehicle off of the road if the temperature gets to 90 degrees which has happened on hot summer days.

Numerous community members, including local students, have written letters requesting a new Bookmobile. The community letters highlight the value of the Bookmobile providing an updated collection of reading material to community members.

For many Wicomico County residents using the Bookmobile allows them to have greater opportunities to read and to learn.