

State Of Maryland

2022 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Safe Haven Equine Warriors		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Howard County Senators	Howard County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Howard County	\$100,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Safe Haven Equine Warriors facility		
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
Howard County Delegation		hoc1@mlis.state.md.us
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Safe Haven Equine Warriors (SHEW) is a 501(c)3 organization located in Howard County Maryland that is dedicated to the humane treatment of all equines. Our mission is to rescue, rehabilitate and rehome horses suffering from abuse and neglect or those that are in imminent danger of slaughter, abuse, or neglect. Since becoming an official non-profit in 2017, SHEW has rescued and rehomed over 50 at-risk horses. Although our mission is focused on horses, each horse that we save has a direct and positive impact on our community! Our rescue is uniquely structured because our farm also functions as a Learning Center. We offer internships, volunteer opportunities and programs for veterans, seniors and special needs individuals. To date, 4 graduates of our internship program are in vet school and 6 former interns are now professional trainers.</p>		

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

The purpose of our project is to acquire a larger property, so we can expand our program and increase the services that we provide the community. Specifically, we plan to acquire a property in Howard County with more acreage, an indoor riding facility as well as a building to house our Learning Center and volunteer headquarters. Our LBI request is intended for acquisition and to contribute to our capital campaign. In addition to this request, we are actively fundraising as well as applying for grants to help off-set our current operating expenses. To date, the Joseph Robert Foundation, AARP, and the Maryland Horse Industry Board have awarded SHEW grants. Additionally, key donors have pledged over 250,000 towards our goal. We have established a solid program that is ready to expand.

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	\$700,000
Design	
Construction	
Equipment	
Total	\$700,000

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

Capital Campaign Funds	\$25,000
Pledges	\$250,000
Total	\$275,000

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
N/A	N/A	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	
250000.00	700-800	1600	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Safe Haven Equine Warriors 12565 Indian Hill Drive Sykesville, MD 21784		TBD	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	13 - Howard 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:		Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			No
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
100% volunteer-	4-6	55000.00	400000.00
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			
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	
28. Comments	
<p>Although there will always be a need for organizations that safeguard animal welfare, our American horses are currently suffering a horrible plight - export to slaughter in Mexico or Canada. In 2005 the United States government took an important step towards protecting our horses and removed USDA funding for horse slaughter plants. Unfortunately, the kill-buyers have found a way around this intended ban and now export horses for slaughter.</p> <p>Horses from all walks of life - retired racehorses, Amish buggy or plow horses, camp and lesson horses, can end up in what is known as the slaughterhouse pipeline. They are sold by the pound and endure a long, agonizing 15-to-36-hour trip that ends in an inhumane death. Some argue this is a necessary means of population control and consider it a humane form of euthanasia, however neither point is accurate. SHEW typically attends livestock auctions to outbid these kill buyers who are there to fill their contracts with processing plants across our borders. Most of these horses are fully capable of rehabilitation, they're simply victims of neglect, abuse, or abandonment.</p> <p>Our organization typically rescues 5-10 horses annually. Depending on their background and current condition, they require varying degrees of medical care and training before adoption. Due to permanent injury, some horses remain at our farm as part of our sanctuary herd, where they serve as equine ambassadors. In addition to this important rescue work, SHEW also provides financial assistance and education to current horse owners in our community. During times of illness or job loss, SHEW offers assistance with feed and veterinary bills. This service has become increasingly vital to our mission due to the impact of Covid.</p> <p>We also regularly partner with the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) to provide job-training opportunities for special needs students, internship opportunities and service-learning hours for graduation.</p> <p>As a largely volunteer organization, our volunteers are critical to our mission, but over the years, we have found they receive as much as they give. Through our Soul Horse program, which focuses on veterans and first responders and our Warrior Wednesdays, we connect horses with people who benefit from equine-assisted therapy. We use O.K. Corral methods, the original equine assisted therapy training program, that integrates natural horse and herd behavior as a mode for mental and emotional health.</p> <p>We also have a successful Seniors -Helping-Seniors program, in which seniors can help care for members of our sanctuary herd. This provides purpose and benefit for horse and human alike. Our current Superstar Volunteer is Janet Ward, a Howard County senior that has been a devoted volunteer for several years. Janet assists with events, merchandise, donations, horse care, office work and is a foster-mom for one of our current rescue horses.</p> <p>Our synergistic approach allows us to strengthen our community, one horse at a time!</p>	