

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Worcester County Humane Society		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Carozza	Hartman	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Worcester County	\$150,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a new Worcester County Humane Society 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
John Fager		443-497-0705
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Worcester County Humane Society is a no-kill animal shelter that serves Worcester County. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to providing compassionate sheltering with a focus on animal well-being while providing adoption services, low-cost spay/neuter services, and comprehensive humane programming for our community pets and the people who love them. We currently operate a limited sized structure at 12330 Eagles Nest Road, Berlin that houses 125 cats and 25 dogs. Trained fosters are utilized when our intake/volumes exceed these amounts.</p>		

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

This funding will be used to assist with predevelopment costs for new construction of an animal shelter and may be spent on architectural drawings, surveys, geo tech, site preparation, etc. Though we are in the beginning stages of developing this new animal shelter, we already have a design rendered by a professional architect. The end project will be a fully functioning animal shelter constructed under the professional design standards established by the UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program. The purpose of this grant project is to complete predevelopment activities for the construction of this new facility. The new animal shelter will house 50 dogs and 120 cats, provide low-cost spay/neuter and other medical care services, provide adoption services, and host other comprehensive humane programming.

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	\$0
Design	\$500,000
Construction	\$5,000,000
Equipment	\$0
Total	\$5,500,000

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

Maryland Bond Bill	\$400,000
Cash on hand from private donations	\$2,000,000
USDA loan	\$2,600,000
Congressionally Directed Spending Program	\$500,000
Total	\$5,500,000

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
Complete	Complete	9/1/25	8/31/26
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	
2000000.00	200	1000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2024	\$25,000	Design	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Worcester County Humane Society 12330 Eagles Nest Rd. Berlin, MD 21811 Mailing: P.O. Box 48, Berlin, MD 21811		Near (Address Currently Undetermined): 12724 Airport Rd Berlin, MD 21811	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	38C - Wicomico and Worcester 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:	Chris Mason	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	(410) 289-3553		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Williams, Moore, Shockley, Harrison, LLP 3509 Coastal Highway Ocean City, MD 21842			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
14	20	822917.00	1235000.00
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	2100		
Space to be Renovated GSF	N/A		
New GSF	7500		

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

N/A

28. Comments

The current facility (built in 1989) is owned by the Mayor and City Council of the Town of Ocean City, and is leased to the Worcester County Humane Society for \$1.00/year. The Worcester County Humane Society has operated out of this facility for the past 35 years, however the building does not meet current animal shelter standards for cats and dogs. The new facility will align with current standards and add a veterinary clinic to provide animals with additional health care services. In addition, we believe the new building will enlarge our capacity to serve nearly five times more residents and pets in Worcester County