

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center - Lakeside Educational Pavilion		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Hershey	Arentz	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Queen Anne's County	\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center (CBEC) Lakeside Educational Pavilion		
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
Delegate Steven J. Arentz		steven.arentz@house.state.md.us
Todd Mohn		410-758-4098
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Wildfowl Trust of North America Inc.(AKA Chesapeake Bay Environmental Center-CBEC) owns 510-acres permanently preserved and open to the public. CBEC works to transform outdoor enthusiasts into active stewards of the Bay. CBEC is deeply committed to environmental sustainability by providing opportunities to all people desiring authentic outdoor recreational and educational experiences that contribute to the health and conservation of the Bay. Core values are: 1.Provide equitable access to nature. 2.Produce ecologically literate citizens through hands-on, feet-wet educational experiences. 3.Inspire a love for nature and a sense of stewardship through volunteer opportunities. 4.Encourage the exploration of the natural world through recreation that enhance the quality of life</p>		

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

CBEC is working on construction of an outdoor classroom/public gathering space called the Lakeside Pavilion. The proposed new pavilion will provide a safe and eco-friendly space to host the more 10,000 students who come to CBEC each year and much more. A new pavilion will provide: a safe & adequate space to accommodate our school field trips a spot for eco-tourists to picnic, relax & restore a venue for special public events a site for club meetings & corporate retreats a place for celebrations & family gatherings

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	\$775,000
Equipment	
Total	\$775,000

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

Private Donations & Fund Raising	\$350,000
County Funding/Grant	\$100,000
State Funding - 2032 session - FY 24 Budget	\$75,000
Total	\$525,000

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	Started	
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	
350000.00	32,000	37,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2019	\$175,000	Capital Improvement Grant	
2023	\$75,000	Capital Improvement grant towards construction of La	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Wildfowl Trust of North America Inc.		600 Discovery Lane Grasonville MD 21638	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	36 - Kent, Queen Anne's, Cecil, and Caroline 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:	N/A	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
		N/A	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
7	7	700000.00	715000.00
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
N/A			
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
N/A			
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	0		
Space to be Renovated GSF	0		
New GSF	4100		

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

2024

28. Comments

The Lakeside pavilion has been a work in progress for the last 5 years. The design was completed and funded by private donations directly to CBEC. Construction on the Lakeside Educational Pavilion has started but due to rapidly increasing construction costs the project had to be phased based on available funding. CBEC has funded over \$350,000 in improvements for the Pavilion thus far and continues fundraising. The Queen Anne's County Commissioners are making a significant contribution to assist with the project by extending public sewer to the site and providing a construction grant. The requested 250,000 would provide adequate funding to complete construction of the pavilion this year.

Currently approximately 32,000 people visit the site to enjoy nature, wildlife, and take advantage of the educational and recreational opportunities. Currently 4,000 - 6,000 school students visit the site for "hands on" and "in the field" Environmental Education. With the addition of the pavilion the number of students is anticipated to increase to 10,000 per year provided the budget will support and additional environmental educator.