

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Days End Farm Horse Rescue Firehouse Redevelopment		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Howard County Senators	Howard County Delegation	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Howard County	\$550,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the former Lisbon Fire House property		
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
Senator Katie Fry Hester		katie@katiefryhester.com
Caroline Robertson		301-854-5037
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>DEFHRs mission is to ensure quality care and treatment of horses through intervention, education and outreach. Horses come to us via law enforcement/animal protection agency impoundments. We operate a rehabilitation center that leverages the horses rehabilitation journey to provide educational offerings for law enforcement and serve as an eco-educational community center. We believe that serving as a resource for law enforcement, providing unique humane educational programming and engaging the community through outreach sets us apart and is the future of equine welfare. DEFHR provides forensic and care documentation to support law enforcement and prosecutors. 96% of the horses are successfully adopted out after regaining their health and in many cases put through training. The Baltimore Sun has even called DEFHR a national model for horse rescue.</p>		

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

We are requesting funds to further offset rising renovation costs of the newly acquired (11/2021) adjacent property, the former Lisbon Firehouse, which will be the welcome and education hub of the National Equine Welfare Center at Days End Farm Horse Rescue. We anticipate using the funds from this LBI request to cover cost increases attributed to inflation and the additional Howard County zoning and permitting requirements, which include the installation of a sprinkler system, asbestos remediation, ADA compliance, bringing electrical and HVAC up to code along with the deferred maintenance. These necessary renovations to our agri-tourism welcome/discovery center will help support the completion of our proposed state of the art National Equine Welfare Center in the heart of Maryland where the horse industry has a \$2.9 billion total impact to the states economy (Maryland Horse Industry Board 2024 Economic Impact Study).

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	\$950,000
Design	\$100,000
Construction	\$2,278,945
Equipment	\$100,000
Total	\$3,428,945

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

Multiple private donors and grants	\$1,780,000
LBI 2021	\$500,000
LBI 2022	\$600,000
LBI 2023 (if awarded)	\$550,000
Total	\$3,430,000

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
1/1/2018	3/31/2020	7/17/2023	1/31/2025
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	
0.00	0	increase 25%	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2021 HB 590	\$500,000	acquisition, design, construction, repair, reconstructio	
2022 (DGS 211)	\$600,000	Firehouse Renovation	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Days End Farm Horse Rescue, Inc. 1372 Woodbine Road Woodbine, MD 21797		1330 Woodbine Road Woodbine, MD 21797	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	9A - Howard and Montgomery 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:	TBD	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:			Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
		3/18/2019	1100000.00

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
20	2	1600000.00	2000000.00
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	15,481 SF (3 buildings)		
Space to be Renovated GSF	11,324 SF (main building)		
New GSF	N/A		

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

1960 (Main Building)

28. Comments

Note on #12: Equipment cost is an educated guess. Construction cost is based on recently acquired renovation bids, inclusive of an unforeseen \$500,000.00 cost to add a fire sprinkler system, as mandated by county permit requirements.

DEFHRs mission is to ensure quality care and treatment of horses through intervention, education, and outreach. The horses in our care come to us from local and national animal control, law enforcement, and equine welfare agencies, and we are proud of a 94% survival rate. On average, 70% of the horses we rescue annually are from Maryland, and the services and resources we provide are free of charge to the counties and states we serve.

DEFHR horses also serve as equine educators throughout their rehabilitation and rehoming journey. We leverage the horses journey to support our humane education efforts on equine welfare and prepare future good stewards and advocates of the environment and the creatures in it. As a transparent organization, we welcome visitors seven days a week without an appointment. Our scheduled programs reach around 5,000 people annually and are accessible to all members of the public, schools, as well as local and federal agencies.

The renovation and development of the newly acquired firehouse truck bays will include a cutting-edge, interactive welcome/discovery center. We will be able to receive visitors and school groups, and orient them in a climate-controlled equine-, agricultural-, and environmental-focused education space, complete with multiple interactive displays that will enhance visitors experience. By incorporating these high-impact elements, we aim to make a lasting impact on those who come to DEFHR.

Renovation of the banquet hall means the creation of a multipurpose classroom space in which we will be able to accommodate up to 150 educational programming participants. Our current classroom can only hold 60 people, and we have to turn away participants due to capacity constraints.

In addition to enhancing our growing, popular educational efforts, renovation of the firehouse will include moving our main offices from their current location (an adapted farmhouse). This means that we will be able to convert the farmhouse into an expanded intern house, enabling us to double (from five to ten) the number of interns we can accept. This highly competitive program receives up to 60 applications for any given session (we offer three 13- to 16-week-long sessions each year).

The Maryland horse industry has a \$2.9 billion impact to the state's economy and DEFHR is playing an important and vital role in support of the horse industry and the state's agri-tourism industry through our humane and environmental education program offerings, as well as in equine welfare. In our 35 years of existence, we have seen a steady growth in demand for the types of educational programming we offer. The ability to continue to meet those needs for Maryland and the surrounding states is necessary, and the awarding of this LBI would be greatly appreciated.