

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Camp Puh'tok		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
West	Mangione	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore County	\$300,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Camp Puh'tok including an ADA-compliant equestrian facility and cabin		
7. Matching Fund		
Requirements:	Type:	
Grant		
8. Special Provisions		
☐ Historical Easement	☒ Non-Sectarian	
9. Contact Name and Title	Contact Ph#	Email Address
Alexi K. Grote		410-329-6590
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
Camp Puh'tok is a non-profit summer camp and outdoor learning center with a rich history dating back to 1942. Camp Puh'tok was founded to ensure that the transformative overnight summer camp experience was available to all children, especially those that needed it most. Eighty years later, our mission largely remains the same; to bring together youth and adults from diverse backgrounds and provide meaningful year-round outdoor learning experiences that foster personal development, mutual understanding, and an appreciation for our natural environment. At Puh'tok, our program activities and the support of our caring staff provide our clients with opportunities to develop life skills, self-worth, and self-confidence.		

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

There is a critical need for equitable and accessible educational and social-emotional learning programs for children and adults with special needs. Accordingly, Puh'tok has expanded its mission to improve and extend its reach to underserved children and adults with significant physical, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral disabilities. This facility will act as the central hub for our therapeutic programs, offering vocational training, social-emotional learning, field trips, retreats, and summer day camps for students and adults, including veterans, with severe physical, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral disabilities. Thus, Puh'tok urgently requires an ADA-compliant facility that integrates meeting, dining, and lodging space in one location. This facility will enable us to enhance our support for current partner organizations and achieve our goal of increasing the number of disabled students and adults we assist.

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	\$15,000
Construction	\$450,000
Equipment	\$50,000
Total	\$515,000

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

Y- USA Inclusion Grant	\$100,000
Private Donor	\$30,000
Nemphos Family	\$30,000
2025 Bond Bill	\$300,000
In-Kind Services (Grading, Site-work, Foundation)	\$55,000
Total	\$515,000

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
1/1/2025	3/28/2025	10/1/2025	1/1/2026
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	
160000.00	10,000	11,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2017	\$100,000	ADA-compliant therapeutic riding center	
2022	\$250,000	ADA-compliant therapeutic riding center	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Camp Puh'tok for Boys and Girls, Inc. 17433 Big Falls Road		same	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	7A - Baltimore 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:	Alexi Grote	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	4103296590		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
Camp Puh'tok for Boys and Girls, Inc. 17433 Big Falls Road Monkton, MD 21111			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
5	8	2150000.00	2300000.00
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?			Lease
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	
In The Pines LLC	100 years	every 10 years	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	0		
Space to be Renovated GSF	0		
New GSF	1,500		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	N/A
28. Comments	
There is a critical need for equitable and accessible educational and social-emotional learning programs for children and adults with special needs. In recent years, Puh'tok has expanded its mission to improve and extend its reach to underserved children and adults with significant physical, cognitive, emotional, and behavioral disabilities. Puh'tok has partnered with The Baltimore Station to provide overnight retreats in the fall and spring for homeless veterans in recovery, many of whom have physical, emotional, and cognitive disabilities. We have partnered with the Harbour Schools of Baltimore and Annapolis to support their middle and high school students with day programs and overnight retreats tailored to meet the needs of those with physical, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral disabilities. We have collaborated with Baltimore County Public Schools to offer vocational training, social-emotional learning, and summer day camps for students aged 8-21 with severe physical, emotional, cognitive, and behavioral disabilities. We run a highly successful Equine-Assisted Vocational Training and Social Emotional Learning Program for students at Maiden Choice School. Puh'tok has designed, fund-raised, and implemented a free one-week summer day camp for Maiden Choice students facing severe physical, cognitive, and emotional challenges. Ninety percent of Maiden Choice students are non-verbal, seventy percent come from low-income households or group homes, and seventy-five percent identify as Black, Indigenous, or People of Color. Therefore, Puh'tok urgently needs an ADA-compliant facility that integrates meeting, dining, and lodging space in one location. This facility, when combined with our proposed ADA-accessible Therapeutic Riding Center, will enable us to better serve our current partner organizations and achieve our goal of significantly increasing the number of disabled students and adults we assist. **Please note that the Bond Bills funds awarded in 2017 and 2022 are supporting the construction of our ADA-accessible Therapeutic Riding Center while the current request would support the construction of the ADA-compliant cabin which includes lodging, dining, and meeting space. We are currently working with our site and environmental engineers, and architect on the site plan and design of this combined therapeutic facility.	