

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
George Phillips Jr Recovery Community Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Elfreth	D. Jones	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Anne Arundel County	\$175,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the George Phillips Jr Recovery Community Center (GPJRCC)		
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 Dana Jones		dana.jones@house.state.md.us
Angel Traynor		410-507-7583
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Vision of Serenity Sistas Inc. is to facilitate a recovering individual to re-enter life as a productive member of the community by providing an evidence-based living structure and sober environment. We offer an essential haven for the newly recovering individual, which we believe is vital for positive progress. Est. in 2012, we offer homes for single women and men. In 2015 through a partnership with the Anne Arundel County Department of Health we added a home for women with children and 2024 will see the first men with childrens home in Maryland. Through all of our experience we have found that "wrap around" services is vital to those in recovery to sustain their recovery and personal growth. The GPJRCC will offer free services to those in recovery and their families.</p>		

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
8-20-2021	9-15-2021	5-26-2022	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
112500.00	68		150
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
FY20	\$573,000	Acquisition of property	
FY22	\$547,421	Aquisition and renovations of new homes	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Serenity Sistas Inc. 266 Hillsmere Drive, Annapolis MD 21403		106 Old Solomons Island Road, Annapolis MD 21403	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	30A - Anne Arundel 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:	Angel Traynor	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	14105077583		Yes
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
106 Old Solomons Island Road, Annapolis MD 21403		8/21	750000.00

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
2	4	24600.00	73800.00
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?			Yes
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
Annapolis Substance Abuse Prevention	1 year	\$12,000	135
Conneticut Community Addiction Recovery	1 year	\$10,000	125
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
Angel Traynor	1 year	Yearly	
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26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	3100		
Space to be Renovated GSF	3100		
New GSF	N/A		

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

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28. Comments

In 2015 Serenity Sistas in collaboration with Recovery Anne Arundel conducted a Recovery community needs assessment in Anne Arundel County. The findings in the final report showed that individuals and their families were suffering needlessly before, during and after their loved ones entered clinical treatment to overcome their addiction. Many stated that they did not know how to navigate the complex system of treatment and aftercare and had no one place to find that information. Additionally, those new to recovery had no resources to help them proceed in their new life free from drugs and alcohol. Giving individuals hope and helping them find a purpose in life is a vital component to long term recovery.

The vision of a "recovery" community center was born in 2018 along with the creation of a pocket size resource guide (in 5 years we have distributed 25,000) for the community. A team of dedicated individuals began writing grants to fund both projects. To date we have been able to secure a location and pay down the mortgage through a grant from the Maryland Department of Health. Through other various funding sources and grants: Opioid Operational Command Center, Anne Arundel Department of Health, County Executive Community Grants, Arundel Community Development Center, Annapolis City, Saint Margarets Church and our own funds we have raised close to 1.5 million dollars to date.

COVID 19 slowed our progress of construction and taught us that isolation is the worst enemy of an individual suffering from a substance use disorder. Isolation created a surge of return to use periods and at times death from fentanyl poisoning.

As COVID restrictions have lifted our team has been working diligently to complete the George Phillips Jr Recovery Community Center, opening the doors to Anne Arundel County residents.

George Phillips, Jr. believed in people when they didnt believe in themselves. A true champion of recovery, he knew that recovery from substance use disorder was possible and worked tirelessly for all who suffered with addiction. During his tenure (1999-2020) with the Anne Arundel County Health Department, George pioneered and implemented many programs that walked the walk of his passion to reduce the stigma associated with substance use disorder. His legacy is the Recovery Oriented Systems of Care (ROSC), known today as Recovery Anne Arundel, that he started. Recovery Anne Arundel was the first organization in the County that brought together community-based, private, and public organizations that worked to promote health and wellness for anyone seeking recovery from substance use disorder. George was instrumental in ensuring that Anne Arundel County has a true continuum of care. George passed away on February 3, 2021. Given his countless contributions to the recovery community in Anne Arundel County, naming the Recovery Community Center after George is a fitting tribute.

Our team has high hopes that you too will walk the walk and join the recovery champions that will bring this project to completion by approving our request.

Thank you, Angel Traynor