

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Interfaith Works Womens Center at Crabbs Branch Shelter		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Kramer	Crutchfield	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Interfaith Works Womens Center at Crabbs Branch Shelter		
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 Ben Kramer		ben.kramer@senate.state.md.us
Courtney Hall		301-762-8682
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The mission of Interfaith Works (IW) is to support our neighbors in need by providing vital services and a pathway to greater stability. Since 1972, IW has supported Montgomery County residents by ensuring our neighbors have the essentials needed to live. The IW Women's Center at Crabbs Branch is a low-barrier, housing-focused emergency shelter serving adult women experiencing homelessness in Montgomery County. The shelter provides 35-40 beds. Clients are provided with basic needs and supportive resources, including case management, vocational training, mental health and medical care, and legal referrals to ensure a rapid exit to permanent housing. IW works to treat all our shelter residents with respect and dignity; Renovations of the shelter would help maintain that respect and dignity as we work with them to exit shelter and achieve self-reliance.</p>		

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

Interfaith Works would utilize \$500,000 to renovate the shelter to accommodate more beds and better privacy at the IW Women's Center at Crabbs Branch. Renovations would include updating flooring, building systems and restrooms, and maximizing space to make room for more beds and common areas via partition walls and dividers. Core renovations would take the shelter from 33 to 40 beds, create as much privacy for shelter occupants as possible while maintaining circulation routes, and provide a wall mounted foldable service table that would allow the common area space to remain open when it is not in use. Funding would allow for some exterior upgrades, including power washing the building exterior, upgrading exterior lighting, adding additional security cameras, and installing two-way tint on windows. Tertiary upgrades would include lockers and bins for those staying in shelter, and a pavilion/cover for an external smoking area.

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	\$70,000
Construction	\$335,000
Equipment	\$95,000
Total	\$500,000

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

MD State Government - Legislative Bond Initiative	\$500,000
Total	\$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
6/29/2023	4/1/2024	5/1/2024	12/31/2024
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
	157		200
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
443rd Session	\$350,000	IW HQ/Vocational Services Program Center	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Interfaith Works 981 Rollins Avenue, 2nd Floor Rockville, MD 20852		IW Women's Center at Crabbs Branch 16911 Crabbs Branch Way Derwood, MD 20855	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	19 - Montgomery 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:	Courtney Hall, CEO	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301-315-1099		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
981 Rollins Avenue, 2nd Floor Rockville, MD 20852			

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	20	2259874.00	2259874.00
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	
Montgomery County Government	n/a	n/a	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	6,609		
Space to be Renovated GSF	6,609		
New GSF	6,609		

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	2020
28. Comments	
<p>Regarding Question 25: The property is owned by Montgomery County government and is part of Interfaith Works contract with the County to provide emergency shelter for women.</p>	
<p>Many people believe Montgomery County is an area where only the wealthiest families live. In fact, about 7% of Montgomery County's population lives in poverty. On average, our clients typically earn less than 200% of the Federal Poverty Line (\$25,520 for a single-member household). In 2018, the Maryland Alliance for the Poor found that 17.9% of Montgomery County residents, (more than 186,000 individuals) are earning less than the Federal Poverty Line. In fact, a family of four would need to earn \$80,972 annually, just to meet their basic needs in Montgomery County. As of July 2023, the median sales price for homes in the County was \$605,000, an increase of 6.1% over the previous year. With the average homes sales over half a million dollars, what happens to families with single or no incomes? What happens to our immigrant population that struggle to find jobs and get established in this new country? Or families facing chronic health conditions or large families with little to no income being raised? Those are just some of the individual struggles our clients face while living in Montgomery County, MD.</p>	
<p>IW works to meet the needs of Montgomery County's residents experiencing poverty through various resource provision programs such as a emergency utility assistance, emergency food & clothing, vocational services and, most pertinently, emergency housing & homeless services. Our full list of services includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emergency Assistance: IW conducts outreach to individuals to offer referrals and to connect clients to essential programs and services. We also help households avoid eviction and utility cut-offs through grants and loan assistance. - Clothing and Basic Necessities: IW distributes free donated clothing, home goods, food, and toys and school supplies to qualified Montgomery County residents who are experiencing economic hardship. During Fiscal Year 2023, the Food distribution program distributed 676,383 pounds of groceries, 164,294 diapers and served 8,767 unduplicated clients through a choice pantry food distribution model. - Intensive Case Management: IW provides intensive case management and mentoring support to help clients to identify their challenges and provide them with the tools needed to achieve their long- and short-term goals. - Housing and Case Management: IW provides housing to our clients who may not have stable living conditions and offers customized case management for the clients in our care. Our housing includes emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, and permanent supportive housing programs. In Fiscal Year 2023, we provided housing and shelter to more than 1,000 individuals/ families. - Workforce Development: IW provides vocational services to unemployed/under-employed workers, some experiencing homelessness, and helps place them in long-term jobs that pay a living wage. In FY23, IWs Vocational Services Program worked with 264 clients to help them become gainfully employed. 	