

State Of Maryland

2016 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project	
		lr2962	hb0893	Robert W. Johnson Community Center	
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors	
				B. Wilson	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount	
Washington County				\$445,000	
6. Purpose of Bill					
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Robert W. Johnson Community Center					
7. Matching Fund					
Requirements: Equal			Type: The matching fund may consist of in kind contributions.		
8. Special Provisions					
<input type="checkbox"/> Historical Easement			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Sectarian		
9. Contact Name and Title			Contact Ph#	Email Address	
Karen Cook			301-790-0203	k.cook@myactv.net	
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)					
<p>The Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Inc., formerly known as the Memorial Recreation Center, Inc. was originally constructed in 1888. At that time, it was the only school available to African American citizens in Washington County. After a conversion in 1947 the building become known as the YMCA. The building was then incorporated as the "Memorial Recreation Center, Inc." in 1968. This building has represented and continues to promote youth development, strong family values and community engagement. The "Memorial Recreation Center, Inc." was rededicated on June 15, 2013 and renamed the Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Inc. (RWJCC) to more accurately reflect the programs and direction that the Center has taken over the past ten years and to honor a local community leader who had invested his time, talents and abilities into the community and youth.</p>					

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

The structure has been maintained well, mostly at the expense of Washington County County Commissioners during the time when the building was owned by the County, however the many years of existence is showing wear, need of repairs and upgrades. Ownership of the building was transferred to Memorial Recreation Center from the Washington County Commissioners in December of 1996. At that time all repairs and upgrades have fallen into the restrained operating budget of the Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Inc.

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	\$92,700
Equipment	\$350,950
Total	\$443,650

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

Fundraisers	\$25,000
Line of Credit	\$50,000
Grants	\$25,000
In kind donations	\$75,000
Matching Funds	\$50,000
Total	\$225,000

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
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	
10000.00	750	1000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
N/A			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Inc. 109 W. North Avenue			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	1C - Washington County		
21. Legal Status of Grantee (Please Check One)			
Local Govt.	For Profit	Non Profit	Federal
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
22. Grantee Legal Representative		23. If Match Includes Real Property:	
Name:	Jessica Sott	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	240-291-1344		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
822 Salem Avenue Hagerstown, MD 21740			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
4	7	175470.00	180950.00
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
E. If property is leased by grantee - Provide the following:			
Name of Leaser	Length of Lease	Options to Renew	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	11542		
Space to be Renovated GSF	11542		
New GSF			

27. Year of Construction of Any Structures Proposed for Renovation, Restoration or Conversion	2016
28. Comments	
<p>The Robert W. Johnson Community Center, Inc. (RWJCC) offers services to youth and families of low to moderately low incomes that live in the immediate neighborhood of Jonathan St. and North Avenue as well as the community at large. All of the services offered at the Center are 100% free or at minimal costs. Currently, RWJCC offers an after school program and an outdoor summer camp program. The 2015 RWJCC/Wheaton Park Summer Camp season served 85 youth during an eight week summer program that includes swimming in our Olympic size pool.</p> <p>The mission of our Center is to provide innovative programs while promoting youth development, strong family values and community engagement. Our goal is to reduce the cultural and social barriers that discourage youth from becoming productive members of society, make healthy choices and establish healthy relationships. Our purpose is to provide opportunities for physical, mental and social development to area residents through community recreational and educational programs and activities, either at cost or by providing subsidies for such programs and if necessary, expand services into underprivileged areas. Some of the programs offered at RWJCC include but not limited to The Eliminating Self Stigma (ESS) program which is a nine week course, written by Dr. Alicia Lucksted, PhD, University of MD Psychiatric Dept. and facilitated by certified peer support specialist, Allen Wiggins and / or Lenny Reese. The ESS program is designed to help participants recognize and resist self stigmas from trauma and change behavior patterns that are non - productive. By addressing the needs of the adults it is our hope that behavior patterns with the youth will be changed. Our goal is still to be proactive by taking the focus off of the negative behavior and placing the focus on ways to promote healing through accountability. TWCRTV has taking a new twist in Connecting the Community and as such has formed an Advocacy / Outreach Committee which seeks to address the needs expressed by residents in monthly meetings. The Liberty Garden produces fresh fruit and vegetables and a variety of herbs and flowers for our community members. In the past two years we have harvested corn, pumpkins, squash, strawberries and blueberries. We are a charter organization for Boy Scouts Troop #75 and Cub Scouts Pack #75 who meet here once a week respectively. The Center also hosts Financial Literacy workshops which will be hosted by PNC Bank, Latin folk dance classes which are facilitated by Kasandra Cultural Center, community gatherings, guest speakers, authors and book signings, Narcotics Anonymous meetings, church services and Bible Study, adult basic computer classes, an Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner, meeting and party space rental. We continue to serve the community, in a partnership with the Maryland Food Bank, with our Center being a Mobile Food Drop site. These efforts and more to come all help to strengthen our community and foster healthy relationships in and around Hagerstown, MD. RWJCC serves a diverse population of youth and families. This population ranges in ages from 6-80, male and female. Its composition includes 90% African American, and the remainder being Caucasian, Hispanic, and Others. Our doors are open 10-12 hours per day and continues to be a vital part of the Jonathan Street Community.</p>	