

State Of Maryland 2017 Bond Bill Fact Sheet

1. Senate LR # Bill #		House LR # Bill #		2. Name Of Project
lr1265	sb0121	lr3644	hb1596	Roberta's House
3. Senate Bill Sponsors				House Bill Sponsors
McFadden				Branch
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)				5. Requested Amount
Baltimore City				\$250,000
6. Purpose of Bill				
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Roberta's House				
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
Annette March Grier			410-235-6633	amarchgrier@gmail.com
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)				
<p>Roberta's House offers 13 comprehensive bereavement support programs for healing Baltimore's school-age children and teens together with their families who have experienced a traumatic death. Our 400 trained volunteers and 21 professional staff carry out the center's mission and has served over 4000 individuals since opening. We work to build a safe environment for grieving families through peer and trauma informed care, education, empowerment, and community awareness. The service is focused on those who have experienced the death of a loved one; victims of homicide; living in high crime areas of Baltimore as well as youth of juvenile correctional services. Counseling programs are designed to restore children and their families to emotional/mental wellness and provide support as they experience grieving the death of a family member, friend or significant person.</p>				

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

The goal of the Roberta's House expansion is to construct a new 18,000 square foot building to house the 20+ programs. The development of this project will replace 11 vacant and dilapidated properties in the 900 block of East North Avenue, one of Baltimore's major travel arteries. Upon completion, Roberta's House will have increased space for additional programs, support staff, and the capacity to double clients served. Roberta's House will become the urban model for culturally sensitive, trauma informed care by: Creating a safe space and environment for emotional, physical and social wellness Education of traumatic loss, grief and healthy mourning; Providing developmentally appropriate coping mechanisms and curricular; Modeling healthy and adaptive coping systems;and City wide educational training on grief and trauma informed care. The expansion will allow us to engage many more community partners to leverage their expertise and serve the needs of our community.

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	\$425,000
Design	\$371,995
Construction	\$7,378,637
Equipment	
Total	\$8,175,632

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

State Bond Bills (2008 & 2017)	\$550,000
Project Core	\$500,000
MD Community Block Development Grant	\$200,000
Abell Foundation	\$75,000
France-Merrick	\$150,000
Local Donors	\$2,000,000
Weinberg Foundation	\$2,700,000
Governor/Federal	\$1,000,000
In Kind, Land acquisition, demolition	\$400,000
Private Foundations	\$600,632
Total	\$8,175,632

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
8/31/2016	1/31/2017	8/31/2019	2/30/2020
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
150000.00		1000	2000+
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2008	\$300,000	Acquisition, Design, Demolition, Construction	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Roberta's House Inc. 2510 St. Paul Street, 1st Floor Baltimore, MD 21218		928-900 E. North Avenue Baltimore, MD 21202	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located		45 - Baltimore City	
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:	Annette March Grier	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-235-6633		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
2510 St. Paul Street Baltimore, MD 21218			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
21	30	1300000.00	1800000.00
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	6000		
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF	18000		

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

2019

28. Comments

We respect the concern of the legislative members regarding unspent previous bond bills, however, these circumstances we ask for your understanding for the delay the time now is right. We were awarded a bond bill back in 2008 for \$300,000 however, was challenged with fundraising for operations vs. capital. It was decided by the governing board of directors to fund-raise for the operations and grow in clients served to support the demand for the center.

The Boards decision to delay capital fundraising required several extensions of the first bond bill until now. Since 2009, Robertas House has grown significantly. Beginning with 3 employees, we now have 21 employees, initially serving 200 individuals with two programs, tripling after 2014, now over 3000 served annually with 13 programs. The construction plan has changed since the first bond bill awarded in 2008. The need for more space and staffing have required previous drawings to be modified and expanded from 13000 sq ft to 18000 sq. ft and a parking lot. We are now aiming to acquire the full block -900 to 928 E. North Avenue.

We have hired Episcopal Housing as our Project Manager, Clair Segal, Fund developer, Penza Bailey Architects have completed the design for the new center. We are working with Baltimore City Housing to acquire additional properties under tax sale and the Governor has awarded us \$500K towards the project. We have raised approx. \$1,2M towards project are have approached key leaders in Baltimore to give towards project. We anticipate to deplete the current bond bill with the cost for architectural design by the end of this year.

Baltimore is in a crisis and our services are need on a much larger scale. Roberta's House has a direct relationship with Baltimore City Police in providing bereavement support and resources to homicide survivors. Trauma informed care and emotional, physical and social wellness are high priority in urban communities and Baltimore Citys mortality rate is 30% higher than the rest of the state. Homicides continue to increase in numbers and the aftermath of the trauma impact the individuals, families and community safety.

Time is critical for us to begin construction by 2019.