

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
CaringMatters Capital Improvements		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Kagan		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Montgomery County	\$65,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the CaringMatters property		
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 Cheryl C. Kagan		senator.c.kagan@senate.state.md .us
Allison K. Stearns		301-869-0113
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>CaringMatters is a 33-year-old organization whose mission is to provide social supports and community education so that no one dies or grieves alone. Services are free and delivered by trained volunteers. Volunteer Helping Hands visits seriously ill seniors for companionship, practical help or transportation. Family Caregiver Support Groups reduce isolation. A weekend retreat helps long-time family caregivers identify a "new" life after that person dies. In school-based Good Grief Clubs, Camp Erin, and Adult Peer Support Groups, grieving participants better understand their grief and learn coping skills. Parenting While Grieving helps adult caregivers better support children whose parent has died. Family Nights increase members communication about their shared loss. Regular webinars educate the public and helping professionals about end-of-life, death and grief.</p>		

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

CaringMatters offices are in a building called "The Cottage", with a homelike decor and atmosphere, which creates a warm and comfortable setting for grief support programs as well as volunteer training and meetings, and educational activities. The Cottage is owned by the City of Gaithersburg and is being leased to CaringMatters for a very nominal fee. CaringMatters is responsible for maintenance of the grounds. The Cottage grounds include a beautiful stone patio and walkway that is currently in disrepair and not safe for use. Over the years, this patio has been the setting for bereavement support groups, family programs, educational and volunteer events, and more. Now more than ever, due to the pandemic, there is an increased need and demand for our services. Having an outdoor area that is comfortable, attractive, well lit, and ADA accessible will allow us to expand programs and add the positive influence of nature to our work.

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	\$5,000
Construction	\$50,000
Equipment	\$20,000
Total	\$75,000

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

Maryland Bond Bill	\$65,000
Unrestricted fundraising	\$10,000
Total	\$75,000

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
7/1/23	7/31/23	9/1/23	11/30/23
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	200		560
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
0			
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
CaringMatters, Inc. (formerly Hospice Caring) 518 South Frederick Avenue Gaithersburg, MD 20877		518 South Frederick Avenue Gaithersburg, MD 20877	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	17 - 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:	Allison Stearns	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	3018690113		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
518 South Frederick Avenue Gaithersburg, MD 20877		N/A, real properly	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
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?			
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	
City of Gaithersburg	until 2035	That's the expectation.	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	530		
Space to be Renovated GSF	530		
New GSF	600		

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

unknown

28. Comments

Thank you for your consideration of support for renovating our patio and related equipment/supplies to make it comfortable, serene, safe, and accessible. Since the onset of the pandemic, we have been unable to hold in-person programming at the cottage and we are just starting to rebuild our in-person programming. Having an open-air, outdoor space will be tremendously beneficial to hundreds of people each year during some of life's most challenging and vulnerable times.