

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
The Bernie House (Alma's Angel House II)		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Beidle	Chang	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Anne Arundel County	\$200,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a property for The Bernie House (Alma's Angel House II)		
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 Pamela G. Beidle		Pamela.beidle@senate.state.md.us
Patricia Slaughter		240-876-0360
		Mark.Chang@house.state.md.us
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Bernie House provides transitional housing for victims of domestic violence and their children, offering a two-year housing solution, while working with other agencies to provide additional services to those received in DV shelters. Preparing survivors for stability and success in permanent housing. Filling the large gap between crisis intervention and stability. TBH makes life changing impacts, provides time to heal, builds confidence, builds structures to secure a job, go to school, become economically stable, to achieve a safe and healthy return to their community. Minimal program fees are required and based on a sliding scale. Upon successful completion of the program the monies are returned for obtaining permanent housing. The contents of the home may be taken as they move onto their life filled with hope and opportunity.</p>		

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

Our objective is to procure funds to purchase a townhome to expand the program in AA Co., which would be TBHs third house. TBH is poised for expansion in AA Co., which had DV 2,404 cases reported in 2022. The Bernie House will expand with the acquisition of a home to house a family and include storage. In 2022, more than 45 Marylanders lost their lives due to domestic violence. These individuals were representative of all different ages, genders, socio-economic statuses, races, and ethnicities. Financial and Economic Abuse, a phenomenon present in 98% of domestic violence cases, which is a tactic to maintain power and control over the victim. The victim has no money of their own, no credit, no financial power so no matter how bad things get they cant leave. *80% of women and children who are homeless have been victims of domestic violence. The Bernie House is that missing link between crisis intervention and stability.

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	\$300,000
Design	
Construction	
Equipment	
Total	\$300,000

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

Events	\$50,000
Foundations and Corporations	\$40,000
Reserve Funds	\$35,000
LBI	\$175,000
Total	\$300,000

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	
125000.00		6+	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2018	\$130,000		
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
The Bernie House PO Box 4622 Annapolis, MD 21403			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	32 - 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:	Patricia Slaughter	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	240-876-0360		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
809 Chester Avenue Annapolis, MD 21403			

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	2		53000.00
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			
Space to be Renovated GSF			
New GSF			

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

1973

28. Comments

Our clients are referred to us from local DV shelters. Shelters can only provide approximately 60 days. Shelters provide immediate assistance which is greatly needed. BUT once they receive counseling, TCA, childcare vouchers and food stamps they are sent out into the community on their own. Where do they go? They have the very difficult choice to make - go live on the streets - or go home and take more abuse so their children have a warm place to sleep - because it may seem safer than facing a life of grinding poverty. They end up returning to the abuser and the cycle starts over.

We believe families should be the primary resource for the healthy growth and development of children, as well as for their financial support. The Bernie House believes that the longer a family stay in a home, the better chance they have of obtaining the proper resources needed to be completely self-sufficient. Time is given to build important support structures, and the feeling of stability for both the non-offending adult and the children increases.

Understanding that many victims of domestic violence need additional tools, skills and resources if they are to become self-sufficient and live free of violence. But, developing and applying the skills and knowledge to become psychologically and financially independent takes time.

*TBH owns and operates a home in Mo. Co. and in AA Co. Since 2003, 9 families including 23 children have completed the program.

*TBH works with one family at a time which is the reason why we have an 80% success rate as we are able to keep a pulse on everyone in the family. Our clients - gain self respect again - earn GEDs - become gainfully employed - earn college scholarships. Keeping in touch after our clients they've completed the program we learn exciting news that women now own their own businesses, children are earning scholarships to universities and will be the first in their family to go away to attend a four year college. Our most recent family is preparing to move on using her 13,000.00 (her program fees) to purchase her first home, the first in family to own a home. AND to think 2 years ago she was homeless in a shelter without a high school education! TBH makes life changing impacts helping the victims reach their fullest potential.

*We are a solvent organization, the first home is owned outright, having paid the mortgage off in less than 12 years.

*We have a \$60,000.00 operating reserve.

*Relationships with local agencies have been formed in both counties to collaborate and ensure the success of each member of the family.

*We are governed by a 19 member working and advisory board of directors.

*We have the support from over 120 volunteers.

*Our program continues to thrive because of our successful annual events, donations from our 1,200 donor base, monetary support and gifts in kind from more than 10 Foundations and over 39 local businesses.