

State Of Maryland

2025 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Roberta's House		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
McCray	Addison	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Roberta's House property including the rooftop expansion, indoor solarium, the restroom and enclosure areas, and the community memorial		
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
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Roberta's House, founded in 2007, provides grief support services for children, adults, and families. Located on E. North Avenue, the Family Grief Support Center serves as both a healing space for those grieving and a hub for community engagement. As an anchor for neighborhood redevelopment, the center fosters connection and resilience. Its thoughtfully designed building includes outdoor spaces for mindfulness practices and much-needed greenspace, enhancing well-being in an area with limited green resources. Roberta's House is dedicated to providing compassionate support and strengthening the community through healing.</p>		

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

This project completes the final phase of Roberta's House Family Grief Support Center, enhancing its healing environment with a Rooftop Garden, Solarium Event Space, and West Lawn Memorial Garden. These additions are vital in advancing our mission to support grief recovery and strengthen community resilience for Baltimore's underserved populations. West End Park Landscaping and development of the adjacent property to create a welcoming green space. Rooftop Garden Space Construction and installation of outdoor furniture for reflection and connection. Solarium Enclosure An enclosed, year-round sanctuary atop the rooftop garden for healing and community gatherings. This capital project will provide much-needed spaces for mindfulness, remembrance, and support, reinforcing Roberta's House as a pillar of hope and renewal.

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	
Construction	\$2,652,000
Equipment	\$700,000
Total	\$3,352,000

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

State Bond Initiatives	\$800,000
HUD Congressional Directed Funding	\$500,000
Major Individual Donors	\$150,000
Foundations	\$156,410
Parks and People \$60,000 in-kind	
Nature Sacred \$50,000 in-kind	
2025 State Bond Bill	\$500,000
Foundation/Corporate Request	
	\$1,245,590
Total	\$3,352,000

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
12/1/2020	12/30/2020	02/25/2025	02/30/2026
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	
1616410.00	3,500	5,000	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2022	\$300,000	Design, construction and equipment rooftop	
2021	\$500,000	Design, construction and equipment rooftop	
2019	\$500,000	Acquisition, design, construction and equipment	
2018	\$2,000,000	Acquisition, design, construction and equipment	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Roberta's House 928 E North Avenue			
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:	4102356633		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
928 E North Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21202			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
40	45	4874505.00	5200000.00
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	22,000		
Space to be Renovated GSF	12,245		
New GSF	12,245		

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

2022

28. Comments

Roberta's House completed construction of its 22,000-square-foot Family Grief Support Center in January 2021 to expand and conduct 13+ grief support programs for children, teens, families, and adults. The organization fulfills a critical citywide need for dedicated, developmentally appropriate bereavement support that is trauma-informed and deeply rooted in Baltimore's culture and the experiences of those who have suffered sudden, traumatic, and multiple losses. Recognizing grief as a public health issue, Roberta's House provides essential preventive services.

We are now working to complete the final phase of our outdoor program space, made possible in part by \$500,000 in Congressionally Directed Funding secured with the support of Congressman Kweisi Mfume. This funding represents a pivotal investment in the well-being of Baltimore's underserved communities, allowing us to finalize the Rooftop Garden, Solarium Event Space, and West Lawn Memorial Garden transformative spaces that foster healing, reflection, and community engagement.

Roberta's House has partnered with Nature Sacred and Parks & People to bring this vision to life. Parks & People has contributed funding toward the West End Lot, where a meditation park will be developed. Nature Sacred is funding the design of both spaces, applying an evidence-based model that emphasizes the mental health benefits of green spaces. Through a collaborative, community-led process, the design of these areas will reflect the culture, stories, and aspirations of those we serve.

Roberta's House conducted two community charrettes to create the design and vision for the open rooftop space and the West End Park, with Floura Teeter Architects leading the design efforts. These new spaces will offer a sanctuary of peace, healing, and spirituality, incorporating elements such as:

A rooftop garden with guardrails for safety, built-in planters, and green tubs for horticulture activities.

Meditation areas, yoga spaces, and gardens for reflection and relaxation.

A labyrinth, seated wall, and memorial wall to honor loved ones.

A gazebo for refuge and garden pathways to inspire connection with nature.

With this final phase, Roberta's House will fulfill its vision of providing a safe, sacred space for healing. We invite continued support and funding to help complete this community-driven project, ensuring that grief support, restoration, and resilience remain accessible to all who seek it.