

State Of Maryland

2022 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Robert W. Johnson Community Center Infrastructure Refurbishment Project		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
Corderman	Thiam	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Washington County	\$500,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Robert W. Johnson Community Center (RWJCC) building		
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
Delegate Brenda J. Thiam		brenda.thiam@house.state.md.us
Carolyn Sterling		301-790-0203
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>The Robert W Johnson Community Center (RWJCC) is the core and heart of the historic Jonathan Street Community. It is a safe location that hosts children after school and during summer breaks, a location that engages local senior citizens to meet weekly to socialize and learn. It offers a place for two small churches to meet and worship. It serves as a regular and needed location for three Narcotics Anonymous groups to meet and fellowship. RWJCC hosts a monthly food drop with the Maryland food bank and hosts a city-wide, free, community Thanksgiving Dinner every year. In addition to these constants, RWJCC also offers families and community members a location to come together to celebrate life activities and to honor those great lives that we must mourn.</p>		

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

The RWJCC building has been standing since 1888 and is in need of major repairs. We have several major facility-related repairs and upgrades needed to stay functioning; this list included but isn't limited to: ADA Compliant Elevator: The elevator has not worked in more than 10 years. ADA Access to the Center from the parking lot. ADA doorknobs and ADA upgrades to the bathrooms. Electricity upgrades to include energy-efficient fixtures and lighting Full Commercial Kitchen compliant and upgraded for youth culinary classes and community food expos HVAC system upgrade Plumbing repairs Security System,

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	\$40,000
Construction	\$1,000,000
Equipment	\$150,000
Total	\$1,190,000

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

State Bond Bill	\$500,000
MD African American Heritage Preservation Program	\$100,000
2021 State Bond Bill	\$100,000
2021 State Bond Bill (re-authorized)	\$50,000
DHCD Rural Broadband Grant(thru Preservation MD)	\$85,000
Preservation MD (DHCD Grant for Jonathan St)	\$300,000
Fundraising/Community Grant Awards	\$55,000
Total	\$1,190,000

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
5/2022	6/2022	9/2022	12/2023
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	
55000.00	7000	10,000+	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2021	\$100,000	Capital improvements	
2021	\$50,000	Capital Improvements(the bill was re-authorized to no	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Robert W Johnson Community Center 109 W North Avenue Hagerstown, MD 21740			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	2B - Washington 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:	Carolyn Sterling	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	301.988.1862		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site				
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget	
3	10	165000.00	300000.00	
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		11,542		
Space to be Renovated GSF		11,542		
New GSF		11,542		

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

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28. Comments

The Robert W Johnson Community Center (RWJCC) has been the nucleus of this historic black Jonathan Street community since Reconstruction and it has lacked resources and capital improvement for many years. The pandemic highlighted the deficiencies of the deteriorating infrastructure when the community needed its resources the most. This former red-lined community suffers from high poverty rates, being in a food desert, low home-ownership rates, and decimation of its historic assets such as the demolition of two Green Book sites (the Harmon Hotel, Ships Tea Room). The Jonathan Street community cannot afford to lose this landmark (RWJCC) that has such importance to the community historically, culturally, and socially.

The Jonathan Street community is in the midst of revitalization that began with the rehabilitation of a nationally recognized log cabin within walking distance to the Community Center and RWJCC has recently received a Rural Broadband grant from the MD Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) that will expand its capacity for programming for the community.

Also, RWJCC has an MOU with Preservation Maryland and the Western Maryland Community Development Corporation to help build its capacity to utilize bond funding and grants received in a timely and efficient manner. Through a grant from DHCD, a conditions assessment of RWJCC is currently underway. Here is the timeline:

- Preservation MD/MTFA Architecture: Condition Assessments Schedule
Field Assessment March 2nd
- Submission of Draft Report April 19th
- Draft Review Meeting (Virtual) May 5th, Comments due by May 3rd
- Submission of Final report May 26th
- Report Presentation (In-person) June 10th

Upon completion of the Conditions Assessment the RWJCC Board of directors will prioritize the capital improvements of the Community Center and with the assistance of Preservation Maryland deploy any previous and forthcoming funding received to begin the much-needed upgrades.

Building a stronger Jonathan Street community begins with providing the community a safe environment to access resources to strengthen families and the RWJCC is committed to securing funding to ensure a brighter future for all its residents and beyond.