

State Of Maryland 2022 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Roberta's House		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
McCray	C. Branch	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$300,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of Roberta's House, including the rooftop space		
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 Cory McCray		cory.mccray@senate.state.md.us
Annette March-Grier		(410) 235-6633
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 26 professional staff carry out the center's mission and has served over 7000 individuals since opening.</p>		

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

These funds will be used to complete the rooftop program space and garden at Roberta's House. The Center is a 22,000 sq ft facility that is a safe place for those who are grieving the loss of someone close to healing. The rooftop space will include both indoor and outdoor spaces. The outdoor space will enable Roberta's House to offer outdoor programming in a safe environment. Activities include yoga, support groups, art activities, horticulture programs, meditation and more.

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	
Design	
Construction	\$1,116,093
Equipment	
Total	\$1,116,093

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

Arnold Richman Fund	\$75,000
2021/22 Capital Bond	\$500,000
2022/2023 Capital Bond TBD	\$300,000
2021/2022 Parks & People	\$60,000
2021/2022 Nature Sacred	\$10,000
Individual & Foundation Support	\$171,093
Total	\$1,116,093

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
N/A	1/6/2022	4/30/2022	11/1/2022
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	
103000.00	2700	3700	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2017	\$250,000	Roberta's House Acquisition, Design, & Construction	
2018	\$2,000,000	Roberta's House Acquisition, Design, & Construction	
2019	\$500,000	Roberta's House Acquisition, Design, & Construction	
2021	\$500,000	Roberta's House Acquisition, Design, & Construction	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Roberta's House Inc. 928 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:	4102356633		No
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
26	26	3174733.00	3174733.00
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 its construction of a 22,000 square foot building in January 2021. to expand and conduct programs for 13 plus grief support programs for children, teens, families, and adults. The organization meets a community and citywide need for dedicated and developmentally appropriate bereavement support that is trauma-informed and rooted in a deep understanding of the city's culture and the experiences of children and families who have suffered sudden, traumatic, and often, multiple, losses. We address grief as a public health preventive service.

We are now working to complete the final phase for our outdoor program space. Roberta's House has partnered with nonprofits, Nature Sacred, and Parks & People. Parks & People have granted funding towards the west end lot to include a mediation park. Nature Sacred is funding the design of the two spaces. Nature Sacred exists to inspire, inform and guide communities in the creation of public green spaces called Sacred Places designed to improve mental health, unify communities and engender peace. Through a collaborative, community-led process and an evidence-based design model, each Sacred Place is bonded together by a common goal: to reconnect people with nature in ways that foster mindful reflection, restore mental health, and strengthen communities. Community Design Stakeholders imagine their own space, and the design becomes a unique reflection of the community's culture, story, and place-making it inherently sacred to them.

Roberta's House conducted two community Charette's to create the design and vision for the open rooftop space and the park on the west end. Floura Teeter Architectes have completed the design.

This sacred place will create a sense of serenity, peace, healing, and spirituality. It will provide a flexible, multipurpose space of safety and refuge. It will be a place that is comforting, peaceful, and welcoming to all. Nature will be the heart source of healing.

The new spaces will feature a portal, a path, a destination, and a sense of surround. These include active areas for gathering, crafts, activities, yoga, garden areas for reflection, meditation, and relaxation. Guardrails have been installed on the rooftop for protection. Green tubs and built-in planters will allow horticulture activities. The park will include a labyrinth, a seated wall, a memorial wall, a gazebo for refuge, and garden pathways.

We request the support and funding to complete the vision and mission of the center. This is a community collaborative goal to provide a safe and sacred space for healing.