

State Of Maryland

2023 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
	Crosby	
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Calvert County	\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center		
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 Brian Crosby		brian.crosby@house.state.md.us
Stacey Hann-Ruff		410-326-4640
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Ann's Circle, Inc, DBA Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Arts Center (Annmarie) is committed to connecting people to art and nature. Through a wide variety of engaging exhibits, programs, classes, and annual events, we nurture the human spirit and contribute to an ever stronger and healthier society in the Southern Maryland region. Situated on 50 acres of lovely gardens with a 15,000 sq. ft. Arts Building, Annmarie blends world-class sculpture and tranquil natural vistas. As the largest community arts center in S. Maryland, Annmarie welcomes more than 85,000 guests annually to its galleries and grounds, popular festivals and events, art and nature education programs and family-friendly community activities. Equal emphasis is placed on both arts and nature programs for all ages in hopes of building a society that is kinder to each other and our planet.</p>		

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

Ann's Circle is seeking \$250,000 will be used to meet ADA compliance, provide much needed capital improvements for the Green House Project to expand current multi-generational nature programs, refurbish the Studio School to remove mold and maximize square footage to provide more public classroom space for adult and youth arts and wellness programs. The Greenhouse Project will serve as a collaborative center in our nature programs. The Calvert County Master Gardeners will work alongside our horticulturalist to engage and instruct youth from S. Maryland Home-school Association in planning, planting and harvesting a nutritional crop to be donated to the SMILE Food Pantry in Lusby, Maryland. Students from the tri-county district will have the opportunity to use our outdoor classroom space to learn environmental best practices. The Studio School project will provide much-needed additional indoor classroom space.

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	\$35,000
Construction	\$330,000
Equipment	\$20,000
Total	\$385,000

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

Rural Maryland Council MAERDAF Grant	\$45,000
Ann's Circle, Inc.	\$25,000
Private Foundation Grants	\$65,000
Legislative Bond Initiative	\$250,000
Total	\$385,000

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
4/3/2023	7/31/2023	8/1/2023	5/31/2024
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	
70000.00	85,000.00	120,000.00	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2007	\$100,000	Constructions of Main Arts Building	
2022	\$225,000	New widened pathway through garden to increase acc	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Ann's Circle, Inc. DBA/ Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center 13470 Dowell Road Solomons, MD 20688			
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	27C - Calvert 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:	Stacey Hann-Ruff	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	410-326-4640		
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
13470 Dowell Road Solomons, MD 20688			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
18	26	1200000.00	1320000.00
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?			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	
Calvert County Government	10	yes	
26. Building Square Footage:			
Current Space GSF	1,700 sq ft		
Space to be Renovated GSF	2,500 sq. ft		
New GSF			

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

1991

28. Comments

Demand for access to the garden and its programs has steadily increased in tandem with society's reexamination of the importance of addressing mental, physical and emotional health. Research has shown the vital connection between art, healing and, positive mental health impacts. This, plus the recent findings of the measurable benefits of being in nature, positions Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center as a vital resource for the health and well-being of the community.

Annmarie Garden has a history of growing and expanding in response to the needs of the community. Over the past 15 years, we've significantly increased family and inter-generational programming, developed a highly in-demand ceramics studio and, expanded our creative summer camps. In 2008, with help from a variety of allies, we constructed the only fine arts building in the region which is home to exhibition galleries, a children's art lab, nature center.

From its inception, Annmarie Garden has been a public-private partnership. In 1991, the land was donated to Calvert County with love and affection by Francis and Ann Koenig. In addition, the Koenigs provided financial support and worked hand-in-hand with the local government to care for and develop the property. Today, Annmarie Garden is supported through private donations and sponsorships, earned income, and local/state grants.

The expansion of Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center would unquestionably have a positive impact on tourism and the economy of Southern Maryland which is a goal we pursue daily. But, most importantly, this effort will increase our ability to serve our treasured local community and the greater Maryland region.

Potential components of the expansion project to be completed in multiple phases:
We are currently in the Conceptual Planning Stage for our expansion Project.

In process: a Community Needs Assessment

In Process: deferred maintenance and improve current facilities in order to strengthen ADA accessibility and prepare for environmentally conscious development

Phase One:

Greenhouse conservatory

Sculpture additions and commissions

Expanded pottery education facility

Refurbish Studio School to house Nature Nook Center & additional classroom space

FY25 and beyond: Implement Plan, which may include:

LEED-certified, waterfront, multi-use, education and, performance space

Creek-side amphitheater

New trails and boardwalk along the creek connecting the various facilities

Public access to St. Johns Creek/Chesapeake Bay including a new kayak/canoe launch

Creation of a green parking area

Solar panel addition to the sprawling roof of current arts building

Our goal is to ensure thoughtful, sustainable growth in partnership with our community in Southern Maryland. State, County, and private support and funding are critical to developing a comprehensive and, sustainable Art & Nature Complex at Annmarie Sculpture Garden & Arts Center