

State Of Maryland

2024 Bond Initiative Fact Sheet

1. Name Of Project		
Baltimore Safe Haven		
2. Senate Sponsor	3. House Sponsor	
M. Washington		
4. Jurisdiction (County or Baltimore City)	5. Requested Amount	
Baltimore City	\$250,000	
6. Purpose of Bond Initiative		
the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Baltimore Safe Haven facilities		
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 Mary Washington		mary.washington@senate.state.md.us
Iya Dammons		202-304-7317
10. Description and Purpose of Organization (Limit length to visible area)		
<p>Baltimore Safe Haven provides at-risk TLGBQ people in Maryland with opportunities to transform their lives. This community is one of the nations most threatened by violence, trauma, and housing insecurities because of gender identity and sexual orientation. Baltimore Safe Haven focuses on members with an annual income of less than \$10,000 who are currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Baltimore Safe Haven provides Marylanders that are TLGBQ people living in survival mode with opportunities to thrive. Baltimore Safe Haven envisioned a world in which all transgender, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer TLGBQ people to enjoy healthy self-determined self-sufficient lives, liberated from the stigma violence, and oppression they suffer.</p>		

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

Baltimore Safe Haven is the only LGBTQ housing provider for the entire state of Maryland for ages 18 through seniors. Baltimore Safe Haven currently has a waiting list with over a 1000 LGBTQ homeless or at risk of being homeless Marylanders waiting to obtain housing. Baltimore Safe Haven currently offers low-barrier shelter, transitional housing, an emergency hypothermia shelter, and permanent housing. An Expansion of Baltimore Safe Haven's Housing Program will double bed spaces for the most marginalized community members, giving LGBTQ Marylanders a passage to safe, equal, and fair housing opportunities--free from discrimination and harassment.

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	\$740,000
Design	\$350,000
Construction	\$1,410,000
Equipment	
Total	\$2,500,000

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

Astrea Foundation	\$60,000
FY 23 Legislative Bond Initiative	\$200,000
Rep. Mfume FY24 Congressionally Directed Spending	\$1,000,000
Sen. Van Hollen/Cardin FY25 CDS	\$1,000,000
Total	\$2,260,000

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
July 2024	January 2025	March 2025	December 2025
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	
60000.00	125	250	
18. Other State Capital Grants to Recipients in the Past 15 Years			
Legislative Session	Amount	Purpose	
2023	\$200,000	Acquisition, design, repair, planning, construction, ren	
19. Legal Name and Address of Grantee		Project Address (If Different)	
Baltimore Safe Haven 2117 N. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21218		4011-4013 Penhurst Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215	
20. Legislative District in Which Project is Located	43A - 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:	Iya Dammons	Has An Appraisal Been Done?	Yes/No
Phone:	202-304-7317		No
Address:		If Yes, List Appraisal Dates and Value	
2117 N. Charles Street Baltimore, MD 21218			

24. Impact of Project on Staffing and Operating Cost at Project Site			
Current # of Employees	Projected # of Employees	Current Operating Budget	Projected Operating Budget
19	26	2000000.00	2500000.00
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	2,700 SF		
Space to be Renovated GSF	3,500 SF		
New GSF	3,500 SF		

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

2025

28. Comments

Years of research and countless studies have repeatedly shown that discrimination threatens not only access to housing but the stability of communities. Members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ) community are more likely to become homeless because of gender dysphoria, and once homeless, more likely to endure discrimination and harassment when seeking fair housing opportunities that extends their homelessness. LGBTQ experiencing homelessness are at particular risk.

Between 20 and 40 percent of homeless LGBTQ-identifying community are without shelter and for

them, homelessness or the threat of homelessness frequently forces them into survival behaviors that jeopardize their wellbeing and safety. A Maryland for all starts with this step forward ensuring all Marylanders have equal and fair housing opportunities.

Baltimore Safe Haven's programs provide life-sustaining work; and because of LGBTQ Marylanders who ensured no one was left behind, Baltimore Safe Haven created history in Baltimore with the first LGBTQ housing program. Please continue the passage for fair housing for all and leave no one behind.