



NOW IT'S UP TO US

Legal Name of Grant Recipient:	Board of Directors of Helping Up Mission, Inc.
Project Title:	Helping Up Mission- Women's & Children's Center
County:	Baltimore City
Legislative District:	#46
Address:	1029 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21202
Agency:	Miscellaneous – Grant and Loan
Fiscal Year:	FY2022 Capital Budget
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Response to Department of Legislative Services Analysis

Helping Up Mission (HUM) provides hope to people experiencing homelessness, poverty or addiction by meeting their physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs. We offer a year-long recovery program at no cost to our clients, to overcome addictions and address the root causes of homelessness.

Each year we provide a wide range of services to more than 2,000 men, and currently operate a small pilot program for 40 women on Chase St. in Baltimore. However, this is insufficient to meet the needs of the community. We are now undertaking a transformational expansion of our services to serve 200 women and mothers.

Project Description

The \$500,000 included for Helping Up Mission in the FY2022 proposed Capital Budget (Miscellaneous Projects) supports the acquisition, development, planning, construction, equipping and furnishing of a 138,500 s.f. long-term residential addiction recovery program facility for 200 women and up to 41 accompanying children. The facility will include long-term residential recovery program areas, commercial kitchen, dining room, classrooms, counseling rooms, primary healthcare area, education and workforce development area, daycare, library, exercise room, and administrative offices.

Architectural/Engineering plans and renderings depict a seven-story above-ground structure and a two-level underground parking garage with 70 spaces.





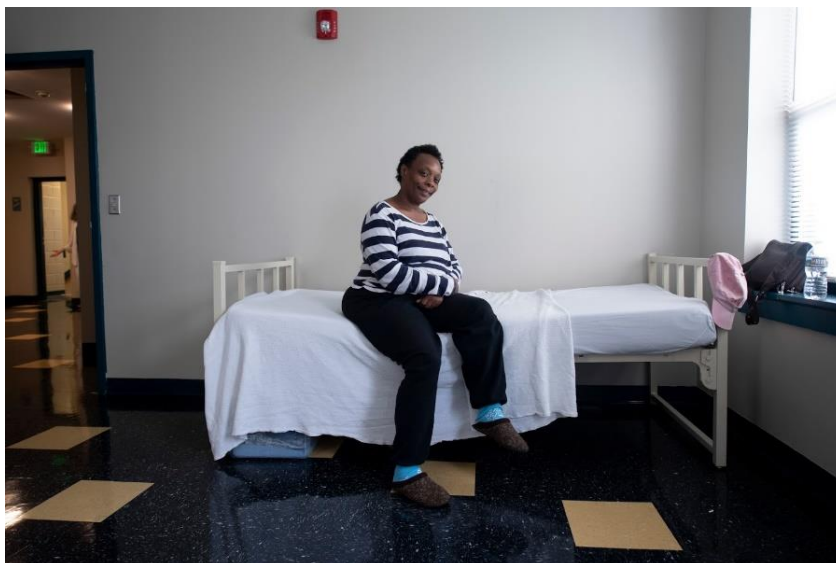
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Statement of Need

The need for this new facility is critical. According to the Baltimore City “2020 Homeless Point In Time Count Report” there are almost 2,000 people who are homeless nightly in Baltimore City; 36% are women (an increase over previous years PIT Count). In all, 46% have Substance Use Disorders (SUD) and 41% have serious mental illness. Across the state of Maryland, in the first 9 months of 2020, there were 2,025 unintentional overdose deaths, with more than 26% of those being women. Based on our current women’s programs at Chase Street, we find that all women are 100% have SUD and are below the federal poverty line, most are experiencing homelessness, 40% have been previously incarcerated, and 30% lack a high school diploma. The vast majority indicate they have mental illness.

And while there is a great need for residential recovery spaces available for women, in Greater Baltimore there are far fewer spaces available to women than for their male counterparts. Of those beds, many do not offer comprehensive wrap-around services like education and workforce development, and even fewer allow mothers to stay with their children.

The Regional Economic Studies Institute at Towson University recently completed an Economic Impact Study of our work and found that each person who participates in our program saves the state \$14,263 annually in costs associated with incarceration, hospitalization, and homelessness. And while these dollars are significant, they in no way capture the benefit for those who receive treatment to their own lives, and the benefit to society at large.



Helping Up Mission is now poised to meet the urgent need to serve women and mothers battling addiction through our new Women’s and Children’s Center. HUM has begun construction on this state-of-the-art facility located just one block from our highly successful men’s program. The funds in the proposed FY22 Capital Budget are crucial to helping us create this new Center, and to changing the pattern of destructive behavior and returning women to their families and to becoming contributing members of our community.