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A HISTORY OF THE ABELL FOUNDATION

The Abell Foundation, formerly known as The A. S. Abell Company Foundation, was established on December 31, 1953, on the initiative of the late Harry C. Black, philanthropist and then chairman of the board of the A. S. Abell Company, the former publisher of the Baltimore Sun. Since its inception as a private foundation incorporated in Maryland, The Abell Foundation has been dedicated to the enhancement of the quality of life in Maryland, particularly Baltimore City.

From its beginnings, the Foundation has supported a wide range of community needs. Early records show gifts to hospitals, educational institutions, culture and the arts, and human services, including the Associated Jewish Charities and the United Negro College Fund of Baltimore, Inc.

The Foundation's mission, though shaped early on by Harry C. Black, was given firmer definition over the years by his nephew and successor, Gary Black, Sr. With the passing of Mr. Black in October 1987, the mantle of leadership was passed to his son, Gary Black, Jr., who had trained a lifetime for the position.

The Foundation's leadership over the years has been supported by persons of remarkable dedication and community involvement: William S. Abell, W. Shepherdson Abell, Jr., George L. Bunting, Jr., Thomas B. Butler, Robert C. Embry, Jr., Harrison Garrett, Robert Garrett, Benjamin Griswold III, Jacqueline C. Hrabowski, William L. Jews, William E. McGuirk, Jr., Sally J. Michel, Edwin F. Morgan, Donald H. Patterson, William F. Schmick, Jr., John E. Semmes, and Walter Sondheim, Jr.

A new generation of leadership has made its impression on the Foundation's mission to act as an agent of change. The mission has been broadened to include special emphases on public school reform, community development, workforce development, and health-related human services, including drug treatment and transitional services for returning ex-offenders.

The Foundation's current assets reflect the financial success of the Baltimore Sun and the generosity of Mr. Harry C. Black, who left a portion of his estate to the Foundation. On October 17, 1986, the resources of the Foundation were increased substantially by the sale of the A. S. Abell Company.

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

CIVIC WORKS/PROJECT LIGHTBULB

Seeking ways to address rising energy costs and increase energy efficiency among low-income households, The Abell Foundation approached Civic Works about collaborating on a project to reduce residential energy consumption and cost. Civic Works has a 20-year history of community service, neighborhood improvement, and skills development for under-employed youth in Baltimore. In a subsequent review of youth training programs involving energy conservation from around the country, a program administered by the Mile High Youth Corps in Denver and the Colorado Governor's Office of Energy Management showed promising results. With a \$67,375 start-up grant from The Abell Foundation, Civic Works adapted the Denver model to a pilot program in Baltimore called Project Lightbulb to provide skill-building experience through implementation of home energy-saving measures.

In the pilot program, Civic Works deployed teams of two AmeriCorps volunteers trained to work with homeowners and residents to increase knowledge and understanding of energy-saving devices and practices. First, Civic Works removed up to 15 incandescent bulbs and replaced them with compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) which provide up to 75 percent energy savings. The Maryland Energy Administration provided 1,800 CFL bulbs and Baltimore Gas & Electric (BGE) provided 1,000 CFL bulbs. Next, Civic Works tested and reviewed thermostat settings for heating and cooling systems, hot water heaters, and refrigerators and recommended optimal changes. Faucets in the kitchen and bathroom faucet were replaced with aerator faucets that reduced the flow of water by a gallon per minute; and showerheads were replaced with a low-flow version to reduce water consumption, as well as the energy needed to heat the water. As a safety measure, Civic Works provided a carbon monoxide monitor to detect stove and heating-system leaks. In an important step, it provided education on conservation by giving the residents tips on additional energy-saving measures, such as washing clothes in cold water and keeping freezers full – with cold-water containers if necessary. The AmeriCorps volunteers provided printed information to each resident on the energy-conservation items installed and tips for additional savings.

Project Lightbulb was implemented in two neighborhoods, Belair Edison and Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello. Both neighborhoods were selected after consideration of the low and moderate incomes of owners and renters most likely to be affected by rising energy prices, the predominant housing type of the two-story rowhouse with shared walls and some built-in energy-efficiency advantages, and strong neighborhood organizations with marketing capability to publicize the availability of the service. Each of the organizations

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advertised the availability of the services through newsletters and community meetings, and Civic Works received many requests through participant referrals. The service was offered at no cost to the participants.

By the end of February 2008, Civic Works had visited 330 homes, installing 4,060 CFL bulbs, 287 kitchen aerators, 258 bathroom aerators, 219 low-flow showerheads, and 330 carbon- monoxide detectors, and provided 164 names and addresses to the fire department for smoke- detector installation. It found that in the majority of homes, residents had very limited knowledge of energy conservation and most did not have thermostats, freezers, and water heaters set at the recommended temperatures.

Civic Works compared electricity usage of residents in the pilot program from February and March 2007 to February and March 2008; it measured an average monthly reduction of 53kW and 54kW hours respectively, a reduction that, at current rates, translates into a monthly savings of about \$7 per month or \$83 per year, a 10 percent average reduction in household electricity usage. The cost of the service in each home averaged \$212; although the service is free to the homeowner, the savings cover the cost within two and a half years. In addition, the aerators installed in the 330 homes are expected to conserve more than 3 million gallons of water per year, resulting in gas savings from reduced hot water usage.

Based on the success of the pilot program, The Abell Foundation awarded a subsequent grant of \$213,000 to continue to offer the service to residents in the two neighborhoods and to expand to the neighborhoods of Harwood, Waverly, and Remington. The services were also expanded to include insulation of hot water heaters and 6 feet of water pipes. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, insulating a water heater can reduce heat loss by 25 percent to 45 percent, saving approximately 4 percent to 9 percent in water-heating costs.

**PHILIP MERRILL COLLEGE OF JOURNALISM,
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**

ABELL PROFESSORSHIP IN BALTIMORE JOURNALISM

The University of Maryland’s Philip Merrill College of Journalism is considered among the top ten journalism schools in the country in multiple rankings, including U.S. News and World Report. The college boasts highly talented graduates from both its undergraduate and graduate academic programs. The college’s Capital News Service, a well-respected daily news wire staffed by students at bureaus in Annapolis and Washington, D.C., provides hundreds of news stories each year to newspapers throughout the region. The college also operates a university cable TV station that reaches more than 500,000 households

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in suburban Washington. While these activities are centered in the Annapolis and Washington D.C. areas, until fall 2008, the college had no significant student presence or activity in Baltimore City.

With a \$500,000 grant from The Abell Foundation, the college made a 20-year commitment to create and fund a new position, the Abell Professorship in Baltimore Journalism, for a full-time member of the college faculty. The professor designs and directs courses that train student writers and journalists in the special problems of urban affairs reporting, using Baltimore City as a laboratory. Sandy Banisky, a 30-year writer and editor at The Baltimore Sun, was tapped for the Abell Professorship.

The course is offered minimally twice a year to upper-level undergraduate and graduate students who travel from College Park to Baltimore City to learn research, interviewing, and investigative skills, and to produce print, broadcast, and Web-based reporting on Baltimore issues. The student stories and reports are offered through the Capital News Service and posted on the college Website, and the college makes every attempt to distribute via regional and national services and in area newspapers and regional broadcast outlets.

To increase its presence in the Baltimore region, the college intends to hold an annual seminar in Baltimore City where prominent journalists, community leaders, and public officials will have the opportunity to discuss in-depth issues they feel deserve wider coverage. In addition, the college will provide opportunities for mentoring and training to Baltimore City high school students who have an interest in journalism.

BALTIMORE NEIGHBORHOOD COLLABORATIVE (BNC)

In 2008, the United States Joint Economic Committee (JEC) estimated that more than 25,000 subprime mortgages in Maryland will go into foreclosure before the end of 2009. In Baltimore City, the numbers are rising steadily: Per 1,000 owner-occupied housing units, the foreclosure rate was 25.8 percent in 2005, 26.9 percent in 2006, and 33.9 percent in 2007. The JEC estimates a property-related wealth loss of approximately \$122 million. A disproportionate number of foreclosure filings takes place in predominately African-American neighborhoods and in neighborhoods with homes selling for less than \$100,000.

A \$50,000 Abell Foundation grant, along with support from other private sector and foundation partners, funds these efforts. Baltimore Neighborhood Collaborative (BNC) is working to address foreclosure through direct support to community development agencies that assist homeowners facing foreclosure as well as leadership and fiscal oversight for the Baltimore Homeownership Preservation Coalition.

Awards totaling \$265,000 were made to seven organizations to fund pre- and post-purchase homeownership counseling, financial counseling, legal assistance, and targeted housing development. Located in communities across Baltimore City, the grantees serve their local communities and homeowners across the state in need of assistance. They are: Belair-Edison Neighborhoods, Inc.; Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity; Garwyn Oaks/Northwest Housing Resource Center; St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center; Southeast Community Development Corporation; Druid Heights Community Development Corporation; and Reservoir Hill Improvement Council.

In 2007-2008, grantees provided pre-purchase and foreclosure-prevention counseling to more than 5,400 people: 1,970 people received foreclosure counseling, 1,300 received pre-purchase counseling, 580 received reverse equity counseling, and 1,600 received financial counseling and free tax preparation. The outcomes reflect what is working in the counseling world, what the trends are in the broader foreclosure mitigation industry, and the challenges and successes that agencies and their clients face.

The BNC grantees are a strong cadre of trained, quality homeownership counseling agencies that continually change strategies in order to assist clients who are in danger of losing their homes. They work with homeowners across socio-economic lines, and negotiate with lenders, mortgage servicers, and others to try to help their clients achieve an optimal end result, which can include the sale of the home or modification of the mortgage.

BNC reaches out to homeowners facing mortgage trouble through workshops designed to prepare them for foreclosure counseling. The workshops outline the foreclosure process, define related terms, describe various homeowner options, and provide suggestions on how to plan for life after foreclosure.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ADDICTIONS

EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES OF MARYLAND JERICHO REENTRY PROGRAM

In 2006, Episcopal Community Services of Maryland (ECSM) received funding from the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Prisoner Reentry Initiative to implement a new prisoner reentry program, the Jericho Reentry Program (Jericho). Under this initiative, ECSM provides case management, job placement, training, and life skills to 200 ex-offenders who have been released and are returning to Baltimore City each year. The Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) also received an award from the federal government to complement this initiative. The DPSCS funding provides institutional programming such as counseling, life skills, and job training to assist with the transition to the Jericho Reentry Program and to the community. Preparing an individual for reentry two to three months prior to release minimizes the risk of failure.

The funding from DOL is limited to job training and placement services only and cannot be used to support the other necessary wraparound services for a successful transition, such as housing and drug treatment. ECSM discovered that approximately 70 percent of the 200 individuals they serve per year were not able to find stable housing on their own. Having limited success in finding quality supportive housing for its clients without the incentive of funding, ECSM requested funding in 2006 from The Abell Foundation to support housing stipends for its participants and was awarded a grant of \$50,000. ECSM received an additional grant of \$60,000 in 2009 from The Abell Foundation to continue its support of transitional housing stipends. The stipends have proven to be an important part of the program's success.

The Jericho Reentry Program has been operating for several years and has a 70 percent job placement rate for full-time employment (usually within two weeks of entry into the program) with an average wage of \$8.85 per hour and a 68 percent job retention rate (tracked annually). Recently, Jericho was a recipient of a competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) for reentry services through the Open Society Institute (OSI). This funding will allow for expansion to accommodate more residents. Jericho also received an award in 2009 from the Department of Labor to continue its program for an additional three years.

Jericho completed an evaluation of its transitional housing services, which found the following: 36 percent of the participants (56 men) stated that they had lived in a shelter or in transitional housing prior to their incarceration. The occasions of homelessness were three times higher for the recipients of transitional housing services than the non-recipients prior to prison.

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EDUCATION

BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM/ CHARTER SCHOOL FACILITIES

Since Maryland's charter school legislation was enacted in 2003, Baltimore City Public Schools have led the development of charter schools in the state. As of September 2009, the city will boast 28 operating charter schools. Despite the academic success that many of the schools are enjoying, an ongoing problem impacting the growth of the program has been the lack of available school buildings. Under Maryland charter school law, charter schools are responsible for providing their own facilities, at a time when the Baltimore City Public School System has little excess property. As a result, charter schools are often required to develop or renovate old, no longer functioning school buildings.

Beginning with a loan guarantee of \$450,000 to City Neighbors Charter School in 2004 which allowed the school to renovate a church school facility and open its K-8 school in Northeast Baltimore, The Abell Foundation has subsequently provided loan guarantees to four charter schools that made it possible for each to function successfully in its own facility.

Today, City Neighbors is a thriving K-8 school with 200 students, and plans to open a second school in Northeast Baltimore in the fall of 2009. In 2007, The Abell Foundation provided a loan guarantee of \$4 million to the Patterson Park Charter School (grades K-8 serving 600 students) to purchase and complete final renovations of a former Catholic school located on Patterson Park in southeast Baltimore. Working with a local developer, The Abell Foundation also provided a loan guarantee that allowed two new charter schools, AFYA (grades 6-8 to serve 350 students) and the Green School (kindergarten through grade 5 serving 130 students), to renovate and share a vacated Catholic school in Northeast Baltimore. In 2008, The Abell Foundation approved an escrow account of \$180,000 for City Neighbor's expansion to a K-8 school that required the provision of an elevator. Currently, The Abell Foundation is working to relocate an existing K-8 charter school in southwest Baltimore to a newly renovated building.

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BALTIMORE EDUCATION RESEARCH CONSORTIUM (BERC)

Three years ago, inspired by the work of the Consortium on Chicago School Research, which has conducted external research related to Chicago’s public schools since 1996, a group of Baltimore foundations sponsored a forum with the Chicago Consortium and local universities. As a result of this informational session, foundations and researchers from The Johns Hopkins University and Morgan State University, in collaboration with the Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS), launched the Baltimore Education Research Consortium (BERC) in fall 2006. With leadership from The Abell Foundation and the Open Society Institute, BERC successfully raised start-up funding for the first two years from local foundations and national foundations, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

BERC is an independent research organization designed to bring the effort and expertise of its participants to bear on questions of critical importance to the education and welfare of the city’s school children. The consortium is a collaborative effort of The Johns Hopkins University (represented by researchers from the Department of Sociology, Center for the Social Organization of Schools, School of Public Health, Institute for Policy Studies, and the School of Professional Studies in Business and Education), Morgan State University, the Fund for Educational Excellence, and Baltimore City public schools. BERC’s goal is to identify classroom, school, and systemic practices and policies that are helping to boost student achievement in Baltimore City in order to impact future education decision making.

In the first two years, BERC set its educational research agendas, acquired and assessed data, conducted research and data analysis around priority agenda items, and disseminated the findings in the following reports to key constituents and the public:

“First Grade and Forward: A Seven-Year Examination with the Baltimore City Public School System;”

“The Challenge of On-Time Arrival: The Seven-Year Flight Path of Baltimore’s Sixth Graders of 1999-2000;” and

“Lost Days: Patterson and Levels of Chronic Absenteeism Among Baltimore City Public School Students 1999-2000 to 2005-2006 (Absenteeism Issue Brief).”

BERC's Executive Committee has agreed to a series of proposed projects to be conducted between July 2008 and June 2011. Focusing on the twin themes of keeping on-level students on track to educational success (including on-time graduation) and decreasing the dropout rate, these projects will identify school and classroom practices that equip students for success at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. In addition, BERC produces "rapid response" research to comply with requests from city school leaders, the Board of School Commissioners, local foundations, and other nonprofit groups. All will require access to shared databases, beyond those of the school system's, that will integrate the disparate data sources that currently exist within Baltimore City.

In the future, BERC will expand to include other local universities and partners, and engage the larger community with publications and forums related to its findings. With the belief that data collection and analysis are critical sources of knowledge and support for large school districts and their boards, BERC will examine the underlying conditions and environments that can impede or propel student and teacher success in Baltimore City, and help both BCPSS and the greater school reform community in Baltimore respond authoritatively to current conditions.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MARYLAND CITIZENS' HEALTH INITIATIVE

A March 2009 report by Families USA found that 29.1 percent of Marylanders under the age of 65 – more than 1.4 million people – were uninsured for some period of time during 2007-2008, and nearly three-quarters of them had no health coverage for six months or more. This burden fell most heavily on minorities and families with limited incomes: 33.9 percent of African-Americans and 62.9 percent of Hispanics under age 65 were uninsured, while 55.8 percent of families with incomes below 200 percent of the federal poverty level (\$44,100 for a family of four) had no insurance for some portion of 2007-2008. The Families USA report found that the vast majority of those without insurance (76.7 percent) live in families in which at least one member is employed. A February 2009 study by the Kaiser Commission on Medicaid and the Uninsured

documented the difficult choices families without insurance are forced to make as they struggle to manage expenses. The study found that health care expenses were among the biggest financial worries facing these families. Moreover, many of the families interviewed for the Kaiser Commission study reported that the lack of insurance, and/or the fact that they already had medical debts, led them to put off getting needed medical care.

In fall 2007, in response to concerns about the rising number of uninsured Marylanders, the Maryland General Assembly met in a special session and enacted legislation to expand Medicaid coverage for adults in the state. The legislation raised the income eligibility level for parents of children on Medicaid from 40 percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) to 116 percent of FPL, or approximately \$21,000 per year for a family of three. When the new law went into effect on July 1, 2008, an estimated 52,000 Maryland parents became eligible for Medicaid benefits.

Recognizing that the new law would only benefit those who learned about and enrolled in the expanded Medicaid program, the Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative (MCHI) teamed up with Baltimore HealthCare Access (BHCA) to implement a public information and outreach campaign with the goal of enrolling newly eligible Baltimore City parents in Medicaid. With a \$125,000 grant from The Abell Foundation, together with funding from several other local foundations, MCHI and BHCA developed an innovative marketing campaign that featured Governor Martin O'Malley and members of the Baltimore Ravens promoting the new program. Launched in July 2008, the campaign included public service announcements on Baltimore radio stations, and billboards and posters on both the outside and inside of Baltimore City buses. In addition to the advertising, MCHI and BHCA conducted targeted mailings and door-to-door outreach in neighborhoods with high rates of the uninsured, published articles in community newsletters and church bulletins, and made presentations at health fairs and community events to publicize the new program.

A hotline staffed by BHCA provided assistance to individuals who wanted to enroll in the new program or who wanted more information about program eligibility. As a result of the efforts of MCHI and BHCA, more than 7,400 adults in Baltimore City were enrolled in the new Medicaid program during the first nine months of the outreach and enrollment campaign. Statewide, more than 34,000 adults have enrolled since the new Medicaid eligibility levels went into effect in July 2008.

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HISTORIC EAST BALTIMORE COMMUNITY ACTION COALITION

HEALTHY MINDS PROJECT

The Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition (HEBCAC), founded in 1994, works to improve the lives of residents of East Baltimore through a range of social, physical, and economic initiatives. One such initiative is the Youth Opportunity (YO) Center, which provides comprehensive services to out-of-school, unemployed youth between the ages of 16 and 22. The YO Center provides case management, literacy, and GED classes; job-readiness training; employment opportunities; and youth development services, all with the goal of assisting high-risk young people to finish their educations and obtain employment.

In 2003, the Johns Hopkins Center for Adolescent Health (CAH) began a partnership with the YO Center to integrate health promotion into the center's employment and training activities. Over a two-year period, CAH staff conducted interviews and focus groups with YO clients and staff, and health screenings of clients. At the end of the data collection process, CAH researchers met with YO staff and clients to review the data and select a focus for health-promotion activities. The group overwhelmingly selected mental health as its top priority. Subsequent data collected by CAH showed that one-third of newly enrolled YO members suffer from severe depression, another third suffer from mild or moderate depression, and 30 percent had witnessed a homicide. Of those clients who screened positive for depression, less than 25 percent had received mental health services.

Depression is a debilitating disease that undermines the ability to function effectively and perform routine activities. Left untreated, depression can interfere with a person's ability to obtain or keep a job, or lead a healthy, productive life; people suffering from depression are at high risk for a variety of other problems, including substance abuse, HIV, and homelessness. Moreover, the trauma caused by witnessing violence can create long-lasting emotional scars, including feelings of fear and helplessness, detachment, or aggression. Barriers to mental health care include lack of adequate health insurance, lack of knowledge of mental-health disorders, and reluctance to seek treatment because of the stigma attached to mental illness.

To address the problems of these barriers, and the unmet need for mental-health care identified by YO staff and clients, HEBCAC created the Healthy Minds Project. With a three-year grant of \$90,000 from The Abell Foundation, together with funding from other local foundations and the Robert

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Wood Johnson Foundation Local Initiative Funding Partners program, the Healthy Minds Project combines mental-health education and training of YO staff and clients, screening of YO clients for depression and related disorders, on-site mental health treatment, and peer support groups to dispel myths and stigma regarding mental health disorders. By educating both staff and clients about mental health concerns and by increasing access to mental health care, the Healthy Minds Project is expected to improve retention in program and job placement among YO clients. Through an ongoing partnership with the Hopkins Center for Adolescent Health, HEBCAC will be able to track data on receipt of mental-health services, length and type of services received, retention in the YO program, GED attainment, job placement, and job retention.

**JOHNS HOPKINS BLOOMBERG
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH/
BRIEFING PAPER ON ALCOHOL TAX**

Although illegal, alcohol use by adolescents in the United States is one of the leading public health problems facing this age group. According to the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, a national survey of high school students, 75 percent of high school students in the United States have consumed alcohol on at least one occasion, while nearly 45 percent had consumed at least one alcoholic drink during the 30 days prior to the survey – far higher than the percentages who reported using tobacco or other drugs. A 2007 report by the U.S. Surgeon General warned that “[u]nderage alcohol consumption in the United States is a widespread and persistent public health and safety problem that creates serious personal, social, and economic consequences for adolescents, their families, communities, and the nation as a whole.” Moreover, a 2003 report by the National Research Council and the Institute of Medicine estimated the cost of underage drinking in the United States at \$53 billion annually.

A strong body of evidence supports the use of alcohol taxes as an effective means of reducing underage drinking. The 2003 report by the National Research Council and Institute of Medicine recommended that states raise excise taxes on alcohol as one of four key strategies for reducing alcohol consumption by minors. Despite strong evidence of the public health benefits of increasing alcohol taxes, Maryland has not raised taxes on beer and wine since 1972; taxes on distilled spirits have remained the same since 1955. Moreover, as is the case in many states, Maryland’s alcohol taxes are flat taxes (not calculated as a percentage of the cost of the product sold); they do not rise with inflation, so their real value has declined significantly over the years.

With a \$24,754 grant from The Abell Foundation, two prominent researchers from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health have undertaken a detailed analysis of the economic and public health research on alcohol taxes, including economic models that will estimate the revenues that would be produced, and the impact on state employment of specific increases in the state's beer, wine, and spirits taxes. The researchers, Dr. David Jernigan and Dr. Hugh Waters, will produce a briefing paper to inform the public debate over increasing alcohol taxes in Maryland.

Dr. Jernigan and Dr. Waters will conduct analyses of available data and create economic models to assess the effects of alcohol tax increases in the state of Maryland. The briefing paper will address the following issues:

Evidence of the possible health impact of raising alcohol taxes in Maryland;

Analyses of likely economic gains and burdens of alcohol tax increases in Maryland, including effects on employment, industries, and personal budgets;

Comparison of Maryland's alcohol taxes with the other 49 states and, in particular, the contiguous states;

Revenue estimates for various scenarios of tax increases; and

Summaries of lessons learned from tobacco tax increases and smoking bans regarding cross-border effects and influence on policies in neighboring states.

Once completed, the report and its findings will be disseminated to state policy makers, the media, key constituencies including representatives of public health departments throughout the state, and the general public.

TOWSON UNIVERSITY

HELPING UP MISSION ORAL HEALTH PROJECT

While nearly all oral diseases can be prevented, diseases affecting the mouth and throat continue to cause pain and disability for millions of Americans. Poor oral health significantly impacts quality of life and may result in unnecessary pain and suffering; loss of self-esteem; decreased productivity through lost days at work and school; difficulty chewing, speaking, or swallowing; and even

death. Recent research has linked gum disease to diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and pancreatic cancer. In addition to health concerns, persons with serious dental problems may have difficulty finding a job because employers may be reluctant to hire someone with rotting or missing teeth.

Homeless persons are disproportionately at risk for oral-health problems. Poverty, substance abuse, and co-occurring medical and psychiatric disorders render this population particularly susceptible to poor oral health. Compounding these problems, oral-health resources for the homeless are scarce, under-funded, and generally inadequate to meet the needs of this population. Programs that do exist often have long waiting lists, and some have co-payment requirements that are prohibitively costly for homeless clients.

To address this gap in services, Towson University partnered with the Helping Up Mission (HUM) in 2006 to launch an oral-health screening and treatment program, in collaboration with the University of Maryland Dental School. HUM is a nonprofit, faith-based organization that provides housing, supportive services, and residential substance-abuse treatment for homeless men in Baltimore City. Most of the HUM residents have not seen a dentist in years and their oral-health problems are significant, ranging from abscessed teeth to serious decay and rotting teeth. The project leverages extensive volunteer resources, including Towson University nursing students who provide oral-health education and coordinate care for the HUM residents; University of Maryland dental students who provide on-site, oral-health screenings at HUM; and volunteer dentists, hygienists, and oral surgeons from the dental school who provide restorative care to HUM residents.

In 2007, with the support of The Abell Foundation, Towson University was able to expand the HUM Oral Health Project. The Foundation has awarded two grants totaling \$150,000 to support the program in 2007 and 2008. The investments helped to provide emergency and comprehensive oral-health care to nearly 300 HUM residents in the first 18 months of funding, as well as education on oral hygiene and oral cancer screenings.

In addition to providing critical oral-health care to an underserved population, this project is educating a new generation of health-care providers on the needs of homeless individuals. More than 160 dental students and more than 30 nursing students have participated in the program since its inception, and they report dramatic changes in their views on homelessness and a greater desire to work with underserved populations as a result of their experience with this project.

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

HUMANIM, INC.

Built in the 1800s, the American Brewery Brewhouse, located at 1701 North Gay Street in East Baltimore, has stood vacant for more than 33 years. According to The Baltimore Sun, efforts to redevelop the building have repeatedly stalled over the years because the city could not attract enough investors. The community surrounding the building has experienced similar neglect. Nearly half of Broadway East neighborhood residents live in poverty (46 percent) and more than half of residents 16 years and older are not in the labor force. Further, nearly half the residents over age 25 do not have a high school diploma or GED (44 percent).

Humanim is a nonprofit human services organization founded in 1971 to provide workforce development and clinical support services to disadvantaged youth, adults, and seniors with disabilities and other barriers to employment and independence. More than 85 percent of the individuals served by Humanim fall below the poverty level, and the vast majority have an identified disability. With a staff of 650, Humanim currently serves more than 4,500 individuals annually throughout the State of Maryland, with the highest concentration of services being provided in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. Humanim provides employment, residential, behavioral health, neuro-rehabilitation, and developmental disabilities services to 18 of the 24 Maryland counties.

In its search for a new headquarters in Baltimore City for its vocational programming, Humanim identified the American Brewery building. A \$500,000 grant from The Abell Foundation enabled Humanim to secure \$10.8 million in historic and new market tax credits toward the renovation of the building. Humanim raised more than \$20 million for the project, receiving funding from the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, the France-Merrick Foundation, Struever Bros. Eccles and Rouse (the contractor for the project), Constellation Energy, and the Maryland Historic Trust.

In addition to being the sole owner of the Brewhouse, Humanim was awarded development rights to the building from the City of Baltimore. Humanim plans to devote part of the \$3.2 million developer's fee toward workforce development programming in the new building.

Humanim is working with neighborhood partners in the hope that the American Brewery Project can help spark the community's redevelopment. The building is scheduled to open in summer 2009.

A \$500,000 GRANT
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2008 GRANTS

EDUCATION

**ACLU Foundation of Maryland, Inc. \$75,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Baltimore City Education Reform Project. The purpose of the project is to represent the interests of disadvantaged students in Baltimore City, by ensuring increased operating and capital funding, and continued academic reform. ACLU will monitor the Baltimore City Public School Systems' budget allocations to assess whether increased expenditures are translating into academic improvements.

**ACLU Foundation of Maryland, Inc. \$34,200
Baltimore, MD**

For a study of the costs of financing public school renovation and new construction projects in Baltimore City. The study will identify innovative strategies to develop new revenue sources and address the issue of deteriorating school buildings.

**Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of programs designed to integrate the arts into the curriculum of Maryland's public schools.

**Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Educational Funders Affinity Group. In this forum, grantmakers interested in educational issues and initiatives learn about school reform efforts, collaborative funding opportunities, and availability of educational resources and materials. In addition, three cities, including Baltimore, exchanged information of best practices, and learned about philanthropic endeavors in public education.

**Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS)/
Academy for College and Career Exploration \$50,000
Baltimore, MD**

To launch a Saturday Academy, an intensive weekly six-hour academic intervention during the school year to support struggling seniors. The goal of the effort is to realize a graduation rate of 90 percent of 12th graders for 2009, the first class that must pass the Maryland High School Assessments in order to graduate.

**\$75,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
AMERICAN CIVIL
LIBERTIES UNION
FOR SUPPORT
OF ITS
EDUCATION
REFORM PROJECT.**

\$173,200 WAS
 AWARDED TO
 THE BALTIMORE
 CITY PUBLIC
 SCHOOL SYSTEM'S
 NATIONAL
 ACADEMIC
 LEAGUE.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
 Baltimore City College \$35,000
 Baltimore, MD**

For support of teacher recruitment and professional development designed to strengthen the International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) programs. The purpose of the initiative is to recruit three highly qualified teachers, one each in physics, statistics, and history; and to provide summer training in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Program for all eight City College IB teachers committed to increasing the number of 11th-grade and 12th-grade participants.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
 Early Identification and Intervention Project \$46,000
 Baltimore, MD**

Funding in support of a one-year demonstration project designed to test expanded delivery of the BCPSS Early Identification and Intervention Project to pre-K and first-grade students at Barclay Elementary/Middle School and Edgewood Elementary School. The project is intended to measure the effectiveness of a reading intervention specialist as a core member of the educational team in achieving grade-level performance at the end of first grade, and of reducing the number of failures in kindergarten.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
 National Academic League \$173,200
 Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2008-2009 National Academic League in 26 Baltimore City public middle schools. The league, engaging more than 600 students, provides extracurricular, interscholastic programming in an atmosphere traditionally associated with athletic events.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
 Surgical Technician and Nursing Programs \$5,000
 Baltimore, MD**

To underwrite the cost of certificate exam fees for students participating in the Surgical Technician and Nursing Assistant programs.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
 Western High School \$38,007
 Baltimore, MD**

To fund the purchase and installation of computers, monitors, and software for use in the University of Baltimore Game Design Course. The object of the initiative is to engage Western High School students in college-level studies in courses related to mathematics, technology, and graphic design. Successful participants will earn three college credits.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
William H. Lemmel Middle School. \$24,085
Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of hardware, teacher training material, and programming. The initiative will support the integration of a pilot technology program into the curriculum in an effort to affect increased attendance and achievement through exposure to technology instruction.

**Baltimore Community Foundation, Inc. \$100,000
Baltimore, MD**

Five-year funding toward an endowment for the Gilbert Sandler Fund for Speech and Debate and Mock Trial at Baltimore City College. The endowment will help ensure the viability of the program, which teaches students research, persuasion, and public speaking, and affords them the opportunity to compete in local and national tournaments.

**Baltimore Council of Foreign Affairs \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

Two grants for continued support of the Cable Television Outreach program.

**Baltimore Kids Chess League, Inc. \$42,300
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the 2008-2009 Chess Education Project, an after-school program in 50 Baltimore City public elementary, middle, and high schools. The project provides students the opportunity to receive coaching; engage in intermural, regional, and national competitions; and attend weeklong USA Chess Camp during the summer. The “First Move” chess curriculum is being offered in second-grade classrooms in three elementary schools as a pilot project.

**Boys Hope Girls Hope. \$50,000
Baltimore, MD**

Capital funding toward the purchase of land, construction costs, furnishings, and related expenses for the Girls Hope Home project.

**Boys’ Latin School of Maryland \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward expenses related to enrollment of a former Baraka School student for the 2008-2009 school year.

**\$100,000 WAS
AWARDED TO THE
BALTIMORE
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION,
IN SUPPORT OF
THE GILBERT
SANDLER FUND
FOR SPEECH AND
DEBATE AT
BALTIMORE CITY
COLLEGE.**

\$200,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
CORE KNOWLEDGE
FOUNDATION
FOR FOUR
BILINGUAL
HEAD START
CENTERS.

**CollegeBound Foundation, Inc..... \$110,000
Baltimore, MD**

Two-year funding to create a College Access Associate position to support the Baltimore City Public School System College Readiness/College Access Initiative, designed to increase the number of Baltimore City public school students enrolling and completing post-secondary education. This position will reinforce Baltimore City's efforts to increase the scope of college- access advising services, assist in increasing the number of students taking college entrance examinations, and prepare a gap analysis of college-access providers and scholarships.

**CollegeBound Foundation, Inc..... \$49,400
Baltimore, MD**

For third-year support of the College Retention Project for Last Dollar grant recipients at nine participating Maryland colleges. Two advisors working with individuals are responsible for student retention on each campus, and serve 180 students. They offer one-on-one support with course selection, academic advising, financial aid, communication, tutorials, and remedial services. Other enhancements include training of junior/senior mentors to serve as resources for underclassmen. Summer jobs are provided for students completing their junior year.

**The Community School, Inc..... \$15,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of an alternative school setting for an academic and mentoring program serving youth and adults in the Remington community. This high school alternative program parallels the regular course of study in all content areas, with the goal of qualifying students to pass the GED, and obtain a job or enter college. The Community School serves as a site for the External Diploma Program which allows adults to earn a Maryland high school diploma by demonstrating experiential learning.

**Core Knowledge Foundation \$200,000
Charlottesville, VA**

In support of the third year of the Core Knowledge Preschool Initiative in four Baltimore City Head Start Centers. Core Knowledge offers a skill-based curriculum and parent program that prepares 275 bilingual Head Start children for kindergarten, and provides teacher training covering the implementation of language, social skills, mathematical reasoning, number sense, and leadership. Comprehensive student baseline data will be collected for ongoing assessments of each child.

Cristo Rey Jesuit High School \$50,000
Baltimore, MD

To provide funding in support of scholarships for placement of up to eight incoming ninth-grade students in Baltimore City foster group homes. Cristo Rey Jesuit High School functions in a small-school setting with about 110 students in each grade in partnership with corporations, and offers a rigorous curriculum, transportation, social service options for students and families, mentoring, and one-day-per-week paid internships.

DonorsChoose, Inc \$50,000
Charlotte, NC

For support of a national nonprofit donation website that provides the opportunity for Baltimore City and other public school teachers to post proposals online for needed teaching resources, materials, and equipment. Potential donors then browse the teacher postings and are able to fund requests online in full or in part.

Food Studies Institute \$5,000
Trumansburg, NY

For a study on sustainability and issues related to replication and expansion of the “Food Is Elementary” curriculum. The hands-on model introduces and creates awareness about nutritious meals for Baltimore City public school students.

Greater Homewood Community Corporation, Inc. . . . \$45,000
Baltimore, MD

Two grants for expansion of the Experience Corps tutoring and mentoring programs in Baltimore City public elementary schools identified as “low performing.” Currently, 325 Senior Corps members, paired with classroom teachers, work in 19 Baltimore City elementary schools, providing one-on-one remediation, assistance with classroom logistics, and classroom- management support 15 hours per week.

Incentive Mentoring Program \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

For support of the Incentive Mentoring Program at Dunbar High School, including community service activities, a summer camp, and SAT tutoring.

The Ingenuity Project \$390,000
Baltimore, MD

For support of the 2008-2009 Ingenuity Project, a gifted and talented math, science, and research program at three Baltimore City public middle schools and one flagship high school. Qualified students are identified and exposed to a program designed to develop them into nationally competitive, college-bound math, science, and engineering students.

**\$390,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
THE INGENUITY
PROJECT, A MATH
AND SCIENCE
PROGRAM FOR
GIFTED AND
TALENTED
STUDENTS IN
FOUR BALTIMORE
CITY PUBLIC
SCHOOLS.**

\$125,000 WAS
AWARDED TO NEW
LEADERS FOR
NEW SCHOOLS TO
RECRUIT AND
TRAIN 15 NEW
PRINCIPALS FOR
BALTIMORE CITY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Institute of Notre Dame \$83,600
Baltimore, MD

To provide four-year Abell Foundation scholarships for two academically talented minority students from low-income families in the East Baltimore community. Each student is expected to maintain a GPA of 85 percent or better and participate in one extra-curricular program each year.

Maryland Disability Law Center \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward support of the CityWide Special Education Advocacy Project for Baltimore City public school students with disabilities. The project brings together diverse voices to discuss strategies that hold promise of affecting the design of special education services, and impacting outcome in the areas of funding, discipline, high school completion, and transitional services.

Maryland Institute College of Art \$15,800
Baltimore, MD

Last Dollar support toward tuition and related fees in support of a former Baraka School graduate for the 2008-2009 school year.

Mother Seton Academy \$50,000
Baltimore, MD

Capital funding toward renovation and expansion of the former St. Ann School, a tuition-free Catholic middle school in the Midway/Barclay community. The move to the renovated space enables the school to better serve its students and will provide them with a science laboratory; gym; media center; technology, art, and music rooms; and outdoor recreation space.

New Leaders for New Schools \$125,000
Baltimore, MD

For continued support of the fourth year of the New Leaders-Baltimore program created to recruit and develop 15 new principals for Baltimore City public schools over a three-year period. The training program provides a five-week Summer Foundations Institute, a year-long residency working with a mentor principal; placement support; and two additional years of professional development, coaching, and support by veteran principals. In return, New Leaders will make a six-year contractual commitment to the Baltimore City Public School System.

**Office of the Mayor/Mayoral Fellowships \$12,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward expenses of two Fellows participating in the 2008 summer Baltimore City Mayoral Fellowships. The ten-week internships are offered to undergraduate and graduate students who have expressed an interest in public service employment in Baltimore City government.

**Peabody Institute of The Johns Hopkins University . . \$35,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Music Teacher Mentoring Program to provide professional development for 77 first-year and returning music teachers. Two Peabody mentors offer enhancements to the music curriculum, age-appropriate materials and lesson plans, strategies on effective classroom management skills, and new methodologies to encourage student engagement.

**The Piney Woods School \$99,000
Piney Woods, MS**

To provide scholarships for 11 male students from at-risk environments in Baltimore City to attend a college-preparatory boarding school in Mississippi for the 2008-2009 school year. This grant includes funds for a resident counselor to help each student adjust to boarding school, by encouraging positive attitudes, study habits, appropriate social behavior, and academic achievement.

**Public Justice Center, Inc. \$50,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the School Continuity Project for youth adversely affected by disruption in housing due to homelessness or awaiting foster-care placements. The purpose of the project is to improve access to public education as required by law for these children by providing information and advocacy, offering services to families, and connecting the efforts of educators and homeless/foster-care providers.

**Saint Frances Academy/Peace Camp \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

To fund a six-week summer camp for 32 third, fourth, and fifth graders. The focus of the camp is the teaching of anger management as an alternative to violent responses popularized in the movies, hand-held video games, and television.

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PINEY WOODS
SCHOOL, A
COLLEGE
PREPARATORY
BOARDING SCHOOL,
FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR BALTIMORE
CITY STUDENTS.**

\$125,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
TEACH FOR
AMERICA –
BALTIMORE TO
RECRUIT AND
TRAIN 85 NEW
TEACHERS.

**Sinai Hospital of Baltimore \$91,280
Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Vocational Rehabilitation Services' Youth Achieving Potential program. The program offers career assessment, paid work experiences, and placement services for 80 high school seniors with special needs from four Baltimore City public schools. After being placed in jobs, participants receive six months of counseling to help ensure appropriate on-the-job performance.

**Teach For America-Baltimore \$125,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continuation of an initiative to recruit and train 85 Teach For America Corps members, and work with 75 second-year corps members committed to teaching in Baltimore City public schools. These recent college graduates, who commit to work in classrooms for two years, are offered the opportunity to earn a Master of Arts in teaching at The Johns Hopkins University.

**University of Baltimore/
Center for Community Technology Services \$40,000
Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of computers, training, and support of the LATCH (Let's All Take Computers Home) technology program in five Baltimore City public schools: Baltimore Freedom Academy, Collington Square, Southwest Baltimore Charter, City Springs, and General Wolfe. Each school will identify 25 families to receive a computer, printer, software, Internet access, and computer maintenance service. Parents attend workshops to learn basic skills and how to help students with computer-based homework.

**University of Maryland Baltimore County \$18,151
Baltimore, MD**

In continuing support of an evaluation of the Core Knowledge Preschool Program at St. Vincent de Paul Southeast Head Start centers. The evaluation measures the effectiveness of the Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence in the areas of language development and early literacy, math reasoning and number sense, social skills, visual arts, music, and readiness to learn. The sample of Southeast Head Start Center children, 70 percent of whom are Spanish-speaking, will be compared with a control group, half of whom are Hispanic. Once the children enter kindergarten, follow-up studies will track the academic progress of the two groups.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**Advocates for Children and Youth (ACY) \$60,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support of programming designed to improve quality of life for Baltimore City children. As part of the “Maryland Can Do Better for Children” campaign, ACY provides research-based recommendations for strategies to meet the needs of Maryland’s children, including the implementation of the Family Team Decision Making model to help reduce the number of foster-care placements; the promotion of bonuses to attract strong school principals; support for community-based programs such as Multi-Systemic Therapy and Functional Family Therapy which have been shown to reduce recidivism; and expansion of oral health care for children on Medicaid.

**American Civil Liberties Union
Foundation of Maryland, Inc. \$150,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Regional Housing Equity Project. The purpose of the project is to provide more than 6,000 families the opportunity to move from racially isolated public housing units in Baltimore City to nonimpacted, low-poverty, racially integrated neighborhoods throughout the region that offer greater education, employment, and housing opportunities.

**Anne Arundel County Food & Resource Bank, Inc. . . . \$5,000
Crownsville, MD**

For repair of the food bank’s only commercial refrigeration unit, allowing the food bank to continue to distribute perishable, nutritious food to an increasing number of people in need.

**B-SPIRIT-A2Y \$40,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of after-school tutoring and mentoring programs for at-risk students in the Park Heights Community, and for operating expenses to provide utilities, insurance, and security monitoring for a newly renovated and expanded after-school facility. Located in one of the poorest and most distressed neighborhoods in Baltimore City, B-Spirit-A2Y offers an opportunity for 50 children and adolescents to engage in tutoring, homework support, community service projects, organized games, and sporting events in a safe and nurturing environment.

**\$150,000 WAS
AWARDED TO THE
AMERICAN CIVIL
LIBERTIES UNION
IN SUPPORT OF
THE REGIONAL
HOUSING
PROJECT.**

\$100,000 WAS
AWARDED TO BIG
BROTHERS AND
BIG SISTERS OF
CENTRAL
MARYLAND'S
AMACHI
MENTORING
PROGRAM.

Baltimore HealthCare Access, Inc. \$10,000
Baltimore, MD

To continue to provide birth certificates and photo IDs for Baltimore City residents who are in need of health insurance, shelter, housing, and addiction services. Baltimore HealthCare Access will screen applicants for eligibility for health insurance programs and, if needed, purchase identification and citizenship documents for clients applying for benefits.

Baltimore Stars Coalition/AAU \$40,000
Baltimore, MD

For continued support of a volunteer-run basketball program for 120 inner-city boys ages eight to 17. The program provides the boys with the opportunity to compete successfully in AAU state and national basketball tournaments. In addition to being taught basketball skills, teamwork, and good sportsmanship, all Stars players receive mentoring, tutoring, and SAT preparation assistance. With the educational and personal support provided by Stars coaches, many of the players have attended the top private and public magnet high schools in Baltimore.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Maryland, Inc. . . \$100,000
Baltimore, MD

For continued support and expansion of the Amachi mentoring program for 650 children of incarcerated parents. The program is designed to match the children with caring and responsible adult mentors while, at the same time, providing case-management support for families, guardians, and volunteers. The program will continue to collect data on outcomes, including school performance, substance use, delinquent behavior, relationships with peers and adults, and degree of achieved self-confidence.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County \$50,000
Aberdeen, MD

Toward the implementation of Project Learn, an after-school mentoring program for 300 at-risk youth in the O'Donnell Heights and Brooklyn/Curtis Bay communities. Project Learn activities include Power Hour – the first hour of the afternoon activities set aside for children to complete homework, receive tutoring, and work on computers, as well as art activities, health education, and recreational activities. In addition, the program emphasizes parent involvement in club activities.

Catholic Charities/The Samaritan Center \$100,000
Baltimore, MD

Two grants for continued support of eviction prevention and traveler's aide programs administered by The Samaritan Center. The center provides direct financial assistance to homeless and low-income individuals in Baltimore City, helping them avoid eviction and utility termination, and providing

transportation vouchers to those stranded in Baltimore without lodging. Clients are referred to other counseling services to obtain income support, such as food stamps, Medicaid, Earned Income Tax Credits, and referrals to job training and placement.

**The Downtown Sailing Center \$30,000
Baltimore, MD**

For support of the center’s outreach programs, which include an Accessible Sailing Program for persons with physical disabilities, as well as sailing instruction programs for children from disadvantaged communities. The program utilizes volunteers to help maintain optimum instructor-to-sailor ratios, and teaches safety, self-confidence, communication, leadership skills, and teamwork.

**Empire Homes of Maryland \$150,000
Baltimore, MD**

Capital funding toward the completion of Restoration Gardens, a 43-unit permanent supportive rental housing development in the lower Park Heights community, to serve homeless, at-risk young adults, ages 18 to 24. These affordable units will be subsidized by Section 8 vouchers. Referrals to supportive services, such as job training and placement, substance abuse treatment and mental health services will be provided to enable the residents to gain the stability and skills needed to live independently.

**Food Research & Action Center \$25,000
Washington, DC**

Toward support of Maryland Hunger Solutions, an anti-hunger program for low-income residents of Baltimore City. The purpose of the program is to reduce hunger in Maryland by forming and coordinating a strong, anti-poverty coalition, and working on common solutions.

**Good Shepherd Center \$35,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward renovations to the Good Shepherd Center, a residential treatment facility providing services to troubled adolescent females. Renovations are being made in the physical plant to meet the special needs of residents with emotional disorders.

**Healthy Teen Network \$21,571
Baltimore, MD**

Toward costs related to the relocation of Healthy Teen Network’s headquarters from Washington, DC to Baltimore City. The teen pregnancy prevention program is focused on providing comprehensive educational resources to professionals working in the areas of adolescent reproductive health, with an emphasis on pregnancy prevention and supportive services for teen parenting.

**\$150,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
EMPIRE HOMES
OF MARYLAND
FOR SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING IN
LOWER PARK
HEIGHTS.**

HOMELESS
 PERSONS
 REPRESENTATION
 PROJECT, INC.
 WAS AWARDED
 \$75,000.

**The Hiding Place \$5,000
 Baltimore, MD**

Toward the completion of upgrades to a residential housing facility for homeless women and their infants. Upgrades include a new oil burner, vinyl siding, and replacement of all downspouts.

**Historic East Baltimore Community
 Action Coalition, Inc. (HEBCAC) \$90,000
 Baltimore, MD**

Three-year funding to provide mental health screening, education, and treatment for youth enrolled in the HEBCAC Youth Opportunity employment and training program. In partnership with Johns Hopkins Center for Adolescent Health, the program will focus on mental health education and staff training to address mental health needs of clients and increase the capacity to provide on-site treatment. By reducing the stigma associated with mental health treatment, the program anticipates that more clients will access available on-site mental health services. The program will track data on length and type of services received, retention in the program, GED attainment, and job placement.

**Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc. \$75,000
 Baltimore, MD**

For support of “Housing First,” a program designed to reduce chronic homelessness by providing immediate access to permanent housing, coupled with voluntary services to address underlying problems, such as mental illness and addictions. Funds from the grant will address legal issues related to the administration of the program, how candidates for the program are identified and assessed, and how to assure the legal rights of homeless individuals.

**The Humanitarian, Inc. \$14,000
 Baltimore, MD**

For support of mentor training materials, trainer/consultant, and mentoring screening fees to expand an after-school mentoring program for 80 at-risk youth in selected West Baltimore communities. Up to 40 mentors, trained by consultants certified by the Maryland Mentoring Partnership, will commit to participate in the program for at least one year and meet with the mentee for at least eight hours a month. The mentors will focus on helping each mentee reach his or her goals and develop decision-making skills.

**Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health . . \$24,754
 Baltimore, MD**

To develop and disseminate a report on the potential effects of an alcohol tax increase on the public health and economy in Maryland.

**Johns Hopkins University Center for Social Concern . . \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward the launching of the 95 Percenters, an initiative designed to mentor at-risk male youth in Baltimore’s inner city.

**Johns Hopkins Urban Health Initiative \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of two laptop computers and wireless airtime for an evaluation of the Urban eClinic project, a health clinic for the uninsured in East Baltimore. The project anticipates the improvement of clinical outcomes by using outreach workers recruited from the local community, with the goal of improving health education, fostering healthy lifestyles, and promoting the prevention of disease.

**Maryland Citizens’ Health Initiative
Education Fund, Inc. \$125,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Health Care Enrollment Campaign for Baltimore City, to encourage 10,000 newly eligible low-income Baltimore City residents to enroll in Medicaid. The campaign will include dissemination of information about the new Medicaid eligibility guidelines and benefits conferred under Medicaid coverage. Outreach coordinators will distribute applications and provide assistance to people who are eligible for and want to enroll in the new program.

**NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness)
Metropolitan Baltimore, Inc. \$20,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward the cost of leasehold improvements for expansion of existing office space used by NAMI volunteers and staff. Serving more than 7,000 clients a year, NAMI provides educational programs, support groups, training workshops, and other resources for persons with mental illness and their family members. The facility will offer two new meeting areas, dedicated space for volunteers, handicap-accessible facilities, and upgraded HVAC systems.

**Nehemiah House, Inc. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of appliances and furniture replacement for a homeless shelter for adult men. Nehemiah House provides shelter and meals, and makes medical/mental health and substance abuse treatment referrals.

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MARYLAND
CITIZENS’ HEALTH
INITIATIVE
EDUCATION FUND
TO ENCOURAGE
10,000 NEW
MEDICAID
ENROLLMENTS.**

\$95,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
NEIGHBOR TO
FAMILY, TRAINING
NEW FOSTER CARE
GIVERS FOR THE
SIBLINGS FOSTER
CARE PROGRAM.

Neighbor to Family \$95,000
Daytona Beach, FL

For the recruitment, screening, licensing, and training of new foster caregivers for the Neighbor to Family Sibling Foster Care Program in Baltimore City. The addition of 30 new family foster homes will help house and meet the special needs of a minimum of 60 siblings in foster care, and work toward reunification with their biological families whenever possible.

Parks & People Foundation \$60,000
Baltimore, MD

For continued support of the Hooked on Sports program for Baltimore City public school students. The multi-sport program serves more than 1,100 students participating in soccer, baseball, volleyball, and lacrosse leagues. This after-school program stresses the basic fundamentals of organized sports, and the value of teamwork and fair play. The organizers monitor academic achievement and attendance; participants are required to maintain a “C” average and at least a 95 percent school attendance rate.

The Salvation Army \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

For general support of services for the homeless and needy.

Santa Claus Anonymous \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

For the support of the 2008 Santa Claus Anonymous Campaign.

South Baltimore Emergency Relief, Inc. (SOBER). . . . \$20,000
Baltimore, MD

For general operating support and to fund the program’s energy assistance grants. Each month, SOBER provides food supplies in the form of snack bags to the homeless, three-day supplies for individuals and families, and basic necessities to more than 290 clients. Energy assistance grants are awarded to up to 100 clients who have received utility turn-off notices.

Towson University \$50,000
Towson, MD

For the continued support of an oral health intervention program serving up to 200 homeless persons at the Helping Up Mission. The program offers oral health education, screenings, dental care, and restorative health care with work done mostly by volunteer dentists, dental students, and nursing students.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ADDICTIONS

**A Few Good Men and Women, Inc. (AFGMW) \$20,000
Baltimore, MD**

For a supportive housing program to assist recovering addicts and ex-offenders. AFGMW offers recovery support and links to mental-health services, job-readiness training, literacy and GED preparation, and self-help groups.

**A Step Forward, Inc. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward the cost of hiring a full-time Volunteer Maryland coordinator to assist in new program development, linking residence to employment services, and reaching out to develop new community partners and relationships.

**Baltimore City Health Department \$100,000
Baltimore, MD**

For the expansion of Safe Streets. The initiative is designed to reduce gun-related violence in five high-crime communities in Baltimore City by training neighborhood outreach workers in the techniques of conflict resolution, in an effort to reduce violent confrontations. An evaluation of the initiative is being conducted by the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

**Baltimore Outreach Services, Inc. (BOS) \$50,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase and renovation costs of three new units to help meet demand for transitional housing. BOS provides housing services to the residents for up to two years.

**Baltimore Substance Abuse Systems, Inc. \$50,000
Baltimore, MD**

For the third and final year of Threshold to Recovery, a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Local Initiative Funding Partners program. The three Threshold centers are open for extended hours offering a low-cost, high-volume, effective means of increasing access to treatment, retaining people in treatment, and sustaining recovery. The centers welcome walk-ins and offer alternative healing therapies such as tai chi, acupuncture, and meditation.

**Center for Emerging Media \$75,350
Baltimore, MD**

For a study of War Room Offenders at the Baltimore Booking and Intake Center. The study will determine whether the criminal justice system is successfully focusing law enforcement resources on violent offenders and addressing the continuing cycle of violence.

**\$100,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
BALTIMORE CITY
HEALTH
DEPARTMENT FOR
THE EXPANSION
OF SAFE STREETS.**

**Episcopal Community Services of Maryland \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

To provide transitional housing stipends for ex-offenders enrolled in the Jericho Reentry Program.

**Foundation of Hope, Inc. \$35,000
Baltimore, MD**

Challenge grant for capital renovations of five Foundation of Hope locations, providing housing for Baltimore City men and women recovering from substance abuse. Foundation of Hope provides residential and supportive services for up to one year to those leaving prison and halfway houses, including: parenting classes, admission to certified after-care program and HIV education, NA/AA meetings, relapse prevention, training in social skills, educational/vocational training, computer skills, job readiness, and apprenticeships.

**Foundation of Hope, Inc \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward funding of the cost of food, supplies, and personal and household items for 40 male and female substance abusers in recovery and living in an environment that supports a transition to an addiction-free life.

**Helping Up Mission. \$250,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward capital renovations of Helping Up Mission's 1029 East Baltimore Street facility. The renovation will bring the 100-year-old building into compliance with the American Disabilities Act and State of Maryland building codes, and provide safe, temperature-controlled classrooms, a conference room, a library, a recreation area, and a multipurpose room for up to 370 men participating in the Spiritual Recovery Program. The site includes a dormitory for 60 to 70 emergency overnight guests and offices.

**Humanim, Inc. \$5,000
Columbia, MD**

Seed funding for Reality Resource Group, a residential housing program providing support for four Baltimore City residents recovering from substance abuse.

**The Light of Truth Center, Inc. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase of home furnishings for a transitional housing facility serving women recovering from substance abuse. The program's participants remain in residence from nine months to two years.

\$250,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
HELPING UP
MISSION FOR
CAPITAL
IMPROVEMENTS.

**Living Classrooms Foundation/
Operation Safe Streets \$12,000
Baltimore, MD**

For support of an outreach worker for the Mayor’s Violence Reduction Strategy initiative, designed to reduce violent crime in areas known for high rates of violence. The worker will identify and make contact with at-risk young people to encourage them to take advantage of supportive services and seek employment.

**No Turning Back Supportive Housing for Men \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward renovations to two transitional housing facilities operated by No Turning Back. The facilities provide housing and recovery support for ex-offenders and homeless men.

**Rays of Light, Inc. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of furnishings and appliances for a supportive residential housing program with an emphasis on spiritual healing, for men and women recovering from substance abuse.

**Recovery In Community (RIC) \$98,175
Baltimore, MD**

To provide for transitional housing support and outreach services for clients recovering from substance abuse. RIC is a State of Maryland certified substance abuse treatment program providing comprehensive services to the Franklin Square, Boyd Booth, and Fayette Street communities in Baltimore.

**Safe and Sound Campaign
for Children and Youth, Inc. \$500,000
Baltimore, MD**

Two-year funding toward the Public Safety Compact, a pre-release and reentry substance-abuse program for 250 ex-offenders each year. The goal of the program is to increase the chances that ex-offenders can successfully reenter their communities by linking in-patient substance-abuse treatment with community-based case management/reentry services. The early-release clients receive wraparound services, including substance-abuse treatment and residence in halfway houses before reintegrating into family and community.

**\$500,000 WAS
AWARDED TO THE
SAFE AND SOUND
CAMPAIGN FOR
CHILDREN AND
YOUTH, A
PRE-RELEASE AND
REENTRY
SUBSTANCE
ABUSE PROGRAM.**

\$150,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
TUERK HOUSE
TOWARD
RENOVATION
COSTS.

Transitioning Lives, Inc. \$75,000
Baltimore, MD

Challenge grant for capital expansion of a residential facility to create six double-room occupancy units and four single-room occupancy units for 16 male ex-offenders. Participants in this program are housed for a period of up to six months in a highly structured residential environment where they engage in substance-abuse and vocational counseling, and attend Narcotics Anonymous/Alcoholics Anonymous meetings. Job-readiness services, as well as planning for suitable housing options three months prior to departure, are available.

Tuerk House, Inc. \$150,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward Phase 1 renovation costs of Tuerk House, a residential treatment facility for recovering addicts and alcoholics. Serving as a 28-day residential program and out-patient clinic, Tuerk House is undertaking improvements to meet code requirements for the infrastructure and safety regulations, including the installation of a new sprinkler system and replacement of a roof. Tuerk House serves more than 900 individuals a year.

TuTTie's Place \$46,000
Baltimore, MD

For the purchase of furniture and equipment for a new 16-bed residential group home for Baltimore City foster-care children, ages 14-21. TuTTie's Place is committed to providing care for hard-to-serve foster children who have experienced multiple failed placements.

University of Maryland School of Medicine. \$37,900
Baltimore, MD

For the cost of producing ten PSAs and a three-minute violence prevention program designed to reach at-risk disadvantaged teens from Baltimore City through cell phones and other portable media. Links to the videos will be posted on You Tube and My Space. DVDs will be available to all Baltimore City public schools. An evaluation will be conducted to determine if these emerging technologies are a viable dissemination mechanism to reach the targeted audience.

Women's Housing Coalition. \$25,000
Baltimore, MD

To provide case management services at the new Jenkins House residence for low-income, disabled women. The goal of Jenkins House is to stabilize residents in permanent housing and prepare them for increased levels of independent living through supportive services with the help of a case manager. Services include counseling in life skills, job placement, education, relapse prevention, mental health, and entitlement benefits.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**1000 Friends of Maryland \$80,000
Baltimore, MD**

Two-year funding to advance education on comprehensive land use and transportation policy reform at state and local levels. 1000 Friends of Maryland advocates for statewide policies that address land use and transportation planning, and focus on promoting infill and redevelopment, and promote land conservation and protection of sensitive areas and farmland.

**Arundel Habitat for Humanity \$40,000
Arnold, MD**

Toward the renovation of eight rowhouses in the Brooklyn neighborhood of Baltimore City. Using the national Habitat for Humanity model, Arundel Habitat staff supervises volunteer crews to perform the majority of work on each house, including demolition, framing, and finishing. Construction focuses on energy-efficient appliances and windows. Each of the houses is sold to a low-income household at 0 percent financing offered by Arundel Habitat.

**Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers/
Baltimore Neighborhood Collaborative \$50,000
Baltimore, MD**

To strengthen the capability of community development organizations in targeted neighborhoods offering assistance to households facing foreclosure. Support is given to groups providing pre- and post-purchase counseling and legal assistance.

**Baltimore City Foundation/
Curran Memorial Clock Tower \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward renovation costs of the Curran Memorial Clock Tower, located at York Road and Woodbourne Avenue. The clock serves as a landmark for the Govans neighborhood now undergoing revitalization.

**Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation \$25,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of Clean Streets Program in the Patterson Park community. The program calls for daily cleaning of streets, sidewalks, and alleys, and weekly dumpster roll-offs for bulk trash. The effort is intended to help eliminate trash and create a visibly appealing, comfortable, and secure community in the 22-block area.

**\$80,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
1,000 FRIENDS OF
MARYLAND TO
ADDRESS LAND
USE AND
TRANSPORTATION
ISSUES.**

\$25,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
CHESAPEAKE BAY
TRUST FOR
EXPANSION OF
BALTIMORE'S
GREEN COVER
AND TREE
CANOPY.

**Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation \$20,000
Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Home Maintenance Program for low-income, elderly homeowners in Southeast Baltimore. The purpose of the program is to assist the elderly to remain in their homes, improve the safety and livability of the neighborhood housing stock, and enhance neighborhood stability by responding to home maintenance calls, making minor repairs, and helping to negotiate upkeep issues.

**Belair-Edison Neighborhoods, Inc \$35,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of residential and commercial revitalization efforts, including the Foreclosure Prevention Initiative. The objectives of the program are to expand foreclosure counseling service delivery in Northeast Baltimore to the Greater Lauraville community, track investor home-buying activity in Belair-Edison, track foreclosure activity in Belair-Edison, and engage renters through pre-purchase homeownership counseling, and encourage homeowner use of incentives to strengthen the residential real estate market.

**Center for Emerging Media \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward start-up costs of the Marc Steiner Show with Morgan State University's public radio station, WEAA. The daily interview format with selected guests, and follow-up by call-in questions, addresses current issues of local interest.

**Charles Village Community Foundation, Inc \$15,000
Baltimore, MD**

Challenge grant for support of the Trash Basket Initiative, in operation evenings and weekends. Funding will support purchase of a truck and associated costs, fuel, insurance, and maintenance. The goal of the program is to eliminate trash on streets and alleys in Charles Village, improve the appearance of the neighborhood, and encourage resident retention and reinvestment in their homes and neighborhood.

**Chesapeake Bay Trust \$25,000
Annapolis, MD**

Toward the Urban Greening Initiative designed to help meet Baltimore City's goal to expand the green cover in urban areas and double the tree canopy in 30 years. This grant will help fund the planting of 4,500 to 5,000 trees; provide technical assistance and support to nine low- and moderate-income neighborhoods participating in their competitive sub-grant process; and reach out to other neighborhood organizations, encouraging them to work with and support grassroots and resident-based efforts.

Civic Works \$213,000
Baltimore, MD

For continued support of Project Lightbulb, an energy-conservation pilot project in the Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello and Belair-Edison neighborhoods. This program offers free home-energy education and energy-saving assistance to low-income households. Trained AmeriCorps members implement practical strategies to combat rising energy costs including hot water heater and water-pipe insulation, lightbulb replacement with compact fluorescent bulbs, installation of carbon-monoxide detectors, low-flow showerheads and faucets, and setting appropriate thermostat temperatures.

Civic Works \$50,000
Baltimore, MD

For support of the Weatherization for Nonprofits Pilot Program, which provides ten transitional housing facilities with services to improve energy efficiency. The objectives are to decrease operating costs, reduce energy consumption, improve the quality of supportive housing facilities, and develop an air sealing and insulation training program for replication.

Everyman Theatre, Inc. \$500,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward the renovation of the former Town Theatre, located at Fayette and Eutaw Streets, to create a new, expanded, and permanent home for Everyman Theatre. The four-story building will provide ample space for rehearsal halls; meeting rooms; scene, costume, and prop shops; administrative offices; a lobby; and increased seating capacity in the theater.

Greater Baltimore Committee Foundation, Inc \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

For a research paper to determine whether expanded gaming would have a positive impact on economic development in Maryland.

Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc \$75,000
Baltimore, MD

For continued support of neighborhoods targeted for revitalization. Healthy Neighborhoods, a partnership of banks, foundations, government, and community organizations, provides operating grants and a home purchase and improvement loan program to help underserved neighborhoods increase home values, market their communities, maintain efforts for property improvement, and increase the level of renovation and investment.

**\$500,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
EVERYMAN
THEATER FOR
RENOVATION
COSTS FOR A NEW
PERMANENT
HOME.**

\$500,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
PARKS AND
PEOPLE
FOUNDATION FOR
THE RESTORATION
OF THE
SUPERINTENDENT'S
HOUSE IN DRUID
HILL PARK.

**Historic East Baltimore Community
Action Coalition, Inc \$26,856
Baltimore, MD**

For energy management and security system expenses of 901 North Milton Avenue in the Madison East End neighborhood. This newly renovated 55,000-square-foot building is fully leased with nonprofit and minority-owned business tenants at affordable rents, and serves as a community center.

**Locust Point Civic Association. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

Seed funding toward construction costs of the Locust Point Dog Park in Latrobe Park. This project has been developed as a strategy to enhance quality of life for the community.

**Maryland ACORN/ACORN Institute, Inc \$35,000
Baltimore, MD**

To hire organizers and housing counselors for ACORN Housing in Maryland to assist low- to moderate-income homeowners in preventing foreclosure. ACORN expects to counsel at least 1,000 Baltimore City residents, help refinance at least 40 borrowers who are struggling with unmanageable loan payments, negotiate loan modifications and payment plans, and reach out to targeted homeowners having difficulty making mortgage payments.

**Newborn Holistic Ministries, Inc. \$100,000
Baltimore, MD**

Challenge grant toward renovation costs of the Harris-Marcus Community Center at 1947 Pennsylvania Avenue. This new multi-purpose center will accommodate the Jubilee Arts program serving 600 adults and children, the Martha's Place program's consolidated offices, and a neighborhood meeting space.

**Parks & People Foundation \$500,000
Baltimore, MD**

Capital funding for the restoration of the historic Superintendent's House, located at the heart of a nine-acre park improvement project in Druid Hill Park. The restored site will become part of the new headquarters of the Parks and People Foundation, which administers 14 programs providing greening activities and recreational opportunities. The building will be used for community training, special events, and meetings.

Parks & People Foundation \$60,000
Baltimore, MD

Second-year funding for support of two revenue-producing initiatives of the Social Enterprises Program: Chesapeake Trees, an urban tree nursery; and Baltimore Wood Works, LLC, a waste- wood recycling/reuse business. Once a permanent site for the nursery is secured and the tree brokering operation is fully operational, Parks & People anticipates sales of 5,000 trees a year.

Patterson Park Community
Development Corporation \$35,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward efforts to restructure the rental housing financial portfolio, close out sales of renovated and unimproved houses, and implement limited commercial development in Library Square. The objectives are to provide affordable rental housing options within the neighborhood, encourage homebuyers to purchase, and support existing homeowners to remain in Patterson Park.

People Acting Together in Howard \$20,000
Columbia, MD

To hire an organizer for residents of mobile home parks in Howard County that are likely to be sold to developers, and to explore options for resident purchase of the parks in order to retain them as affordable housing communities.

Public Justice Center, Inc \$20,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward the production and distribution of an educational film and written materials for use in District Court in support of tenants facing eviction. The educational material has been written and produced in consultation with the District Court, landlords, and tenants, to ensure accuracy and fairness, and will help interpret the court system to tenants. The goal is to reduce the number of tenant evictions and reduce the number of cases being processed through the system.

Southeast Community Development Corporation \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward expenses to extend the Baltimore Sculpture Project to the Highlandtown Arts and Entertainment District. Five works of art are temporarily installed in Patterson Park to help stimulate interest in a sustained public arts program for Highlandtown.

PATTERSON PARK
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION
WAS AWARDED
\$35,000.

\$150,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
THE UNIVERSITY
OF BALTIMORE
FOR AN
INTERNATIONAL
ARCHITECTURAL
DESIGN
COMPETITION.

**St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center. \$100,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase and revitalization of 55 FHA-foreclosed properties in the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay community over a two-year period in an effort to increase the number of homeowners and to help stabilize the neighborhoods.

**University of Baltimore \$150,000
Baltimore, MD**

To provide three honoraria for world-renown architects to participate in a design competition for a new University of Baltimore Law School on the corner of Charles Street and Mount Royal Avenue.

**U.S. Green Building Council Baltimore Regional Chapter, Inc./
Baltimore Bioneers Conference. \$5,000
Columbia, MD**

Toward expenses related to the 2008 Baltimore Bioneers Conference, a three-day event addressing national and local topics on economic and environmental sustainability and social justice. Based on the California model, Baltimore's effort is expected to stimulate, inspire, and move participants to a new level of action based on innovative solutions. Presentations will be offered on nutritional and sustainable food sources, urban farming, farm-to-school links, effects of climate change, energy efficiency, and recycling.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

**Art with a Heart, Inc \$20,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support and expansion of the Summer Job Program of visual arts for at-risk youth in the Rose Street community. The four-week program, designed as job-readiness training and operating five days a week, four hours each day, engages 30 youth in creating 60 pieces of art work, including mosaics and decoupage furniture, to be marketed at Artscape.

**Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

To provide support for part-time staff facilitating the Workforce Affinity Group.

**Baltimore Alliance for Careers in Healthcare, Inc. . . . \$90,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Pre-Allied Health Bridge Project and the Career Coaching Program. The alliance was created in response to the lack of requisite basic skills on the part of many entry-level workers applying for the post-secondary training that leads to high paying jobs. The program is designed to help entry-level workers and job seekers to advance in health careers and post-secondary education, by providing them with work-based learning opportunities and math remediation.

**Business Interface, Inc. \$75,000
Landover, MD**

To provide tuition assistance for the warehouse associate job-training program for 21 low-income, ex-offender minority males in Baltimore City. The program calls for a four-week training program in basic computer skills to track products, in reading skills to understand where products are retrieved and stored, and in basic math skills. Business Interface finds placement opportunities with local warehouse employers and tracks job retention for a six-month period.

**CASA of Maryland, Inc. \$100,000
Takoma Park, MD**

For continued support of the Baltimore Worker Employment Center for day laborers and low-income workers. The formal hiring center offers a safe and organized way of helping workers find jobs, helping them to avoid waiting on street corners to be hired. Each month, the center aims to place 300 workers into temporary jobs, and 10 workers into permanent jobs, all paying a living wage. In addition, CASA provides identification cards to those who register with them and helps to solve legal problems, such as recovering lost wages.

**Center for Urban Families \$400,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of STRIVE Baltimore, a job training and placement service for unemployed and/or underemployed men and women. In a three-week intensive workshop focusing on job readiness, the STRIVE model emphasizes attitudinal training, job placement, post-placement support, one-on-one and group counseling, parenting skills, and case management.

**\$400,000 WAS
AWARDED TO THE
CENTER FOR
URBAN FAMILIES
FOR JOB
TRAINING AND
PLACEMENT
SERVICES.**

\$50,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
MARYLAND
VOLUNTEER
LAWYERS SERVICE
TO INCREASE USE
OF THE EARNED
INCOME TAX
CREDIT.

**Community College of
Baltimore County Foundation \$75,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of a job-training program for 70 ex-offenders and homeless persons at the Our Daily Bread Employment Center in Baltimore City. This program will focus on training and job placement in commercial truck driving and building maintenance.

**GROUP Ministries, Inc. \$105,370
Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of a house in the Rosemont community, and to provide job training for ex-offenders engaged in the renovation work of that house. GROUP Ministries plans to train 20 to 30 men in carpentry, drywall, and painting in preparation for pre-journeyman status. The house, once completed, will be used as a transitional group home for ex-offenders in recovery.

**Job Opportunities Task Force \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Baltimore Food Service and Lodging Sector study which will provide an overview of the employment outlook of the sector; a description of types of employment opportunities available to Baltimore City residents; a discussion of challenges and opportunities regarding job quality, retention, and advancement; and information regarding careers.

**Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service \$50,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Baltimore CASH Campaign, an initiative designed to increase the use of the Earned Income Tax Credit, and free tax preparation services. The goal, utilizing creative marketing strategies, is to prepare at least 14,000 tax returns and initiate a financial counseling hotline.

**Mayor's Office of Employment Development. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

In support of the YouthWorks 2008 summer jobs program. This six-week program enables more than 6,000 young people to gain work experience in a variety of worksites, from community service initiatives at local nonprofit organizations to private employers and city agencies.

**Rose Street Community Center \$300,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of rehabilitation services for ex-offenders, adults recovering from substance abuse, and at-risk youth. The center provides transitional housing and case management to as many as 32 men per week, providing them with employment opportunities, stipends for living expenses, and referrals to drug-treatment and job-training programs. An average of 45 young adults (half of whom are homeless) participate in mental health counseling, on-site GED classes, homework assistance, and art activities. Daily peer mediation sessions are offered in an effort to help reduce gang-related crime.

**St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore, Inc \$80,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Learn to Earn Program, a job-training readiness program at the St. Ambrose Outreach Center, integrating adult education services with job training, placement, and post-placement services. Learn to Earn offers specialized training in child care, medical terminology, certified nursing assistance, culinary arts, administrative assistance, and computer technology.

**South Baltimore Learning Center \$22,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward a literacy skills program for adults at the Eastside Career Center. The program enables students to advance at least one grade level by the end of the first 72-hour session. After completing the second session, students are referred to other employment training programs.

**Vehicles for Change, Inc \$60,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continuation of an initiative to provide 30 reliable, reconditioned, and Maryland-inspected cars to low-income persons in Baltimore City. Partnering with community-based organizations, Vehicles for Change enables individuals to drive to work and transport their families to essential destinations.

**Year Up Washington, Inc \$120,000
Arlington, VA**

For the implementation of the Year Up Baltimore Pilot Program, a workforce development initiative for at-risk young adults ages 18 to 24 in Baltimore City. By providing a core group of talented students to serve the Baltimore business community, Year Up will recruit and train 40 low-income young people for entry-level positions in information technology. At the same time, Year Up will build partnerships with Maryland colleges to provide academic credit for program participants.

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RECONDITION 30
DONATED CARS
FOR LOW-INCOME
PERSONS.**

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THE CENTER FOR
WATERSHED
PROTECTION TO
PROVIDE FOR
TECHNICAL
ASSISTANCE TO
WATERSHED
ASSOCIATIONS.

CONSERVATION

Audubon Maryland-DC \$32,000
Bozman, MD

For continued support of educational services at the Audubon Center in Patterson Park. Collaboration with the Friends of Patterson Park has helped to change the perception of safety issues in the park and has contributed to increased visitation and utilization. Working closely with neighborhood schools, Audubon's curriculum-based programs, linked to Maryland State Standards, enhance the in-school science program by using the park as an outdoor laboratory. These school activities are supplemented by a series of after-school programs.

Center for Watershed Protection, Inc \$30,000
Ellicott City, MD

For continued support of collaboration between the Baltimore Harbor Watershed Association, Herring Run Watershed Association, and the Jones Falls Watershed Association. The center provides technical expertise to the local watershed associations with the implementation of water quality improvements, storm water retrofits, detection of illicit discharge, and downspout disconnection demonstration projects.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation \$5,000
Annapolis, MD

For support of the 2009 Environmental Legislative Summit.

The ETV Endowment of South Carolina. \$50,000
Spartanburg, SC

For the development of research and supporting materials for the production of a one-hour documentary on the Chesapeake Bay, "Poisoned Waters," for PBS Frontline to be aired in the spring of 2009. The focus is to inform the public about the relationships among the health of the bay, the local economy, and regional natural resources.

Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology, Inc \$75,000
Queenstown, MD

Three-year funding for long-term research on the effect of planting switchgrass to reduce subsurface nitrogen seepage from Eastern Shore croplands into the Chesapeake Bay, and on the feasibility of switchgrass serving as a perennial grass-based source of biofuel to local agricultural and conservation communities.

Herring Run Watershed Association \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward final construction costs of the Herring Run Watershed Center, a renovated corner storefront incorporating many “green technologies” leading to a LEED-silver certificate and aimed at reducing energy costs. This project serves as an energy-efficient model for other neighborhood rowhouses.

Maryland League of Conservation Voters
Education Fund \$10,000
Annapolis, MD

For continued support of programs to educate conservation voters about public policy issues and decisions at state and local levels. Through enhanced e-mail lists, the league will continue to educate and mobilize conservation voters around timely conservation issues, in particular, global warming.

Patuxent Riverkeeper/EarthReports, Inc \$20,000
Upper Marlboro, MD

Toward the implementation of the Patuxent 20/20 program, a plan designed to stem unchecked growth in the Patuxent watershed. Part of the plan calls for recommendations for legislative reform of the Critical Area laws, strengthening growth-management policies, joining in litigation to abate pollution infractions, and monitoring the impact of Base Realignment and Closure’s (BRAC) 11,000 new households moving into the watershed.

University of Maryland
Environmental Finance Center \$5,000
Adelphi, MD

Toward the launching of a virtual farmers’ market website, connecting buyers and sellers with availability of local produce. This project is among the first of its kind in the country, and provides an online venue for informing the general public about when food is harvested, how much is available, and where it can be purchased from local farmers’ markets.

Waterkeeper Alliance, Inc \$30,000
Irvington, NY

Toward support of the Chesapeake Stormwater Initiative, a collaborative project of local waterkeepers organized to monitor and initiate legal action against noncompliant developers known to be polluting the waterways. The regional office coordinates the activities of the “Get Out the Dirt” campaign, focusing on the reduction of stormwater from construction sites.

**\$10,000 WAS
AWARDED TO
WATERKEEPER
ALLIANCE FOR ITS
GET OUT OF THE
DIRT CAMPAIGN.**

ARTS AND CULTURE

Baltimore Clayworks, Inc. \$20,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward the renovation of the Gallery Building, 1883 Provincial House. The renovations will provide additional space for handicapped-accessible exhibitions, offices, workshops, visiting artist housing, and community meeting space.

Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

A challenge grant for support of the 2008 Baltimore Book Festival. The September festival features more than 300 authors, exhibits, workshops, discussions, reviews of student work by professionals and peers, storytelling, nonstop readings, street performances, and live music.

Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts \$125,000
Baltimore, MD

Five-year funding for support of the Janet and Walter Sondheim Prize, awarded annually at Artscape. The purpose of the prestigious award is to encourage artists to live and work in Baltimore.

Baltimore Opera Company \$32,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward the purchase of equipment to accommodate Metropolitan Opera Simulcasts at the Lyric Opera House, as a strategy to expand the audience for opera in Baltimore. A series of eight operas will be scheduled Saturday afternoons.

**Downtown Partnership of Baltimore/
Baltimore Art Exposure \$5,000**
Baltimore, MD

For continued support of Baltimore Art Exposure's installation of art work used to enhance empty storefront windows along Charles Street.

**Greater Baltimore Cultural Alliance/
Creativity in Education Art Everyday \$5,000**
Baltimore, MD

For support of an event featuring keynote speaker Sir Ken Robinson, an internationally recognized authority on creativity in education, for an audience of educators and arts professionals.

\$125,000 WAS
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THE BALTIMORE
OFFICE OF
PROMOTION AND
THE ARTS TOWARD
THE JANET AND
WALTER SONDHEIM
PRIZE AWARDED
AT ARTSCAPE.

High Zero Foundation \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

Challenge grant for continued support of the High Zero 2008 Festival of Experimental Improvised Music. The four-day event, now receiving national and international notice, attracts high quality avant-garde musicians from around the world to participate in all new collaborations with Baltimore musicians.

Maryland Citizens for the Arts Foundation. \$10,000
Baltimore, MD

Two grants for the continued support of educational and outreach arts programs for FY 2008 and FY 2009.

Museum of Ceramic Art. \$34,000
Baltimore, MD

For support of the 2008-2009 in-school and after-school ceramic art programs in 42 Baltimore City public middle schools. Developed to be integrated with core subjects and aligned with the Maryland State Content Standards, the program reinforces students' reading, writing, and creative skills. The nine-month program provides each teacher with equipment, supplies, a stipend, coaching, professional training workshops, and monthly networking. While student works are temporarily exhibited in public venues, such as Baltimore's Visitor Center, arrangements are made for participating schools to create ceramic murals for permanent installations around Baltimore.

Young Victorian Theatre Company \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward a permanent endowment of a Gilbert and Sullivan acting company.

OTHER

Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers. \$7,500
Baltimore, MD

For 2008 membership dues.

**\$34,000 HAS BEEN
AWARDED TO THE
MUSEUM OF
CERAMIC ART FOR
2008-2009
IN-SCHOOL AND
AFTER-SCHOOL
CERAMIC ARTS
PROGRAMS.**

**ADDITIONAL GRANTS OF \$5,000 OR LESS HAVE BEEN
AWARDED TO THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:**

EDUCATION

Archdiocese of Baltimore	\$4,100
Baltimore City Public School System/Flowermart	\$2,300
Baltimore Community Foundation/Speech and Debate	\$5,000
Baltimore Education Network	\$1,000
CollegeBound Foundation, Inc.	\$500
Fund for Educational Excellence	\$1,000
Fusion Partnerships, Inc.	\$4,500
Gilman School	\$2,500
Grantmakers for Education	\$1,000
Greater Homewood Community Corporation, Inc	\$3,000
Learning, Inc	\$2,400
Maryland Institute College of Art	\$1,000

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Harlem Park Buckeyes	\$3,668
Saint Frances Academy	\$3,440

CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ADDICTIONS

Druid Heights Community Development Corporation.	\$3,200
Druid Heights Community Development Corporation.	\$1,517
NCADD-Maryland.	\$499
New Vision House of Hope Transitional Program.	\$4,500
TuTTie's Place	\$3,500

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Civic Works	\$1,800
Downtown Partnership of Baltimore	\$3,500
Federal Hill Main Street, Inc	\$2,500
International Center for Sustainable Development	\$500
Station North Arts and Entertainment District, Inc	\$2,500

CONSERVATION

Chesapeake Bay Trust.	\$2,500
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ARTS AND CULTURE

Maryland Lawyers for the Arts.	\$2,500
Run of the Mill Theater	\$2,000

OTHER

The Foundation Center	\$1,000
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GUIDELINES FOR GRANTSEEKERS

The Abell Foundation seeks to serve the needs of Maryland in general, and Baltimore in particular. The Foundation meets the changing needs of the community by responding to unsolicited requests initiated by organizations demonstrating a high priority unmet need, requesting proposals for special programs, initiating programs that address key issues that show promise of effecting systemic change, and commissioning studies to gather pertinent information about communitywide issues.

The Foundation's interest is focused on public educational institutions with programs that encourage higher levels of achievement, further basic skills and enrichment, promote professional development, enhance curricula, increase parental involvement, and encourage the pursuit of higher education among the less affluent. The Foundation also supports the efforts of private institutions to provide educational opportunities for the economically disadvantaged.

The Foundation considers requests from health and human services organizations to support programs designed to help underserved, disadvantaged, and at-risk populations achieve fuller and more meaningful participation in the community, and to address issues of hunger and homelessness. Support is given to community development-related activities designed to expand the Baltimore region's economic base, job opportunities, tourism, and neighborhood revitalization. Workforce development initiatives designed to meet the needs of the unemployed and underemployed are also of interest.

The Foundation also focuses on support for programs and initiatives that increase public safety and reduce recidivism, with a special emphasis on transitional services for returning ex-offenders that promote successful community reentry and decrease the likelihood of reincarceration. It provides support for programs that increase the availability and effectiveness of substance abuse treatment for uninsured and underserved individuals within Baltimore City.

The Foundation provides funds to cultural organizations that are committed to building a diverse base of support and conducting strong outreach and educational programs. It also supports environmental programs that seek to preserve and protect Maryland's ecologically significant and endangered

natural resources – land, air, and water.

Only organizations with a 501(c)(3), 509(a)(1), 509(a)(2), and certain qualifying 509(a)(3) tax-exempt status are funded. Four types of grants are awarded: planning, seed funding (for start-up and demonstration projects), program development, and capital. Though grants are awarded on a one-time basis, the Foundation may make multi-year grants in exceptional cases. Decisions on the Foundation's funding preferences rest on criteria that include:

1. Demonstration of need;
2. Clearly defined goals and objectives;
3. Evidence of strong fiscal management and ongoing operational support;
4. Impact or benefit to the community;
5. Applicant's capability to achieve stated goals;
6. Determination that the project is not a duplicate effort;
7. Availability of other sources of financial support; and
8. Ability to evaluate effectiveness of the program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Requests for grants should be initiated by a one-page letter describing the applicant's mission, scope of activities, a summary of the project with its goals and objectives, and amount requested. Should the Foundation be interested in the preliminary proposal, the applicant will be asked to submit a formal detailed application.

Grants are awarded six times a year. Each applicant will be notified of any action that the Board of Trustees may take, usually within a week of the bi-monthly meetings. Deadlines:

January 1	for February meeting
March 1	for April meeting
May 1	for June meeting
August 1	for September meeting
September 1	for October meeting
November 1	for December meeting

Proposals should be addressed to Mr. Robert C. Embry, Jr., President, The Abell Foundation, 111 South Calvert Street, Suite 2300, Baltimore, MD 21202-6174.

NEWSLETTERS

FEBRUARY

“Guns Making Their Way Into the Hands of Criminals Pose Continuing Problems of Public Safety: Recommendations for Stemming the Flow”

Abell Salutes: Alternative Directions, for helping to write Charles and Stacey’s stories, and for aspiring to write the rest of them

AUGUST

“Growing! Growing! Gone! The Chesapeake Bay and the Myth of Endless Growth”

Abell Salutes: Women’s Housing Coalition, for creating a beautiful quilt of the lives of homeless, low- or no-income women

NOVEMBER

“Does Kalamazoo’s ‘Promise’ Hold Promise for Baltimore? The City of Kalamazoo, Michigan, is Pioneering a Provocative New Idea for Reversing Trends in College Enrollment and Retention, and Economic Development: Free College Tuition”

Abell Salutes: The Public Justice Center (PJC) and Citizens Planning and Housing Association (CPHA) Eviction Reform Initiative, for bringing greater dignity and cleaner streets to Baltimore

FULL REPORT:

“Growing! Growing! Gone! The Chesapeake Bay and the Myth of Endless Growth”

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