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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, and 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 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

In the last year and a half, residential customers of Baltimore Gas and Electric Company (BGE) in the Baltimore area have experienced an increase of 70 percent in the costs of electricity and more than 5 percent in natural gas, creating a community focus on the need to counter rising costs of energy by reducing consumption of it. Because such an effort can be daunting, consumers need information on simple, cost-effective ways to manage the reduction of the energy they use, from replacing light bulbs with energy-efficient models to cleaning vents of appliances. For low- and moderate-income households, combining installation of energy-saving devices with information on energy conservation is critical to getting successful control of the problem.

With a start-up grant of \$67,375 from The Abell Foundation, Civic Works, a neighborhood community service agency, created Project Lightbulb as a pilot program designed to address the five problem areas in a house that can quickly and cost-effectively reduce energy consumption and lower household energy costs. The program's focus is on light bulb replacement, recommending the physical removal of up to 15 incandescent bulbs within a house, replacing them with compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs, and disposing of the old light bulbs. The Maryland Energy Administration provided 1,600 CFL light bulbs for the pilot and BGE provided 1,000 CFL light bulbs. In addition, Civic Works will be testing thermostat settings for furnaces and air conditioners and temperatures of hot water heaters and refrigerators, replacing kitchen and bathroom faucets with aerators; and installing showerheads with low-flow versions to reduce consumption of hot water. As a safety measure, Civic Works now provides carbon monoxide detectors and makes referrals to the Fire Department for smoke detectors in houses where there are none. Importantly, Civic Works provides education on conservation and tips on additional energy-saving measures, such as washing clothes in cold water and cleaning dust off refrigerator coils and furnishes printed information on installed energy conservation items.

Project Lightbulb began as a pilot program in two neighborhoods, Belair Edison and Coldstream-Homestead-Montebello in November 2007. Each of the neighborhoods was chosen for its demographics of low- and moderate-income households most likely to be affected by energy prices, for the type of housing predominating the two-story rowhouse with some built-in energy efficiency advantages and for the strength of the neighborhood's ability to market itself. Civic Works trains AmeriCorp workers and deploys them in teams of two to visit each home.

By the end of January 2008, Civic Works had visited 241 homes, installing 2,930 CFLs, 232 kitchen aerators, 201 bathroom aerators, 167 low-flow showerheads, 231 carbon monoxide detectors, and provided 104 names and addresses to the Fire Department for smoke detector referrals. Civic Works found that in the majority of homes, residents had very limited knowledge of energy conservation measures and most did not have thermostats, freezers, and water heaters set at the recommended temperatures.

Actual energy savings will be calculated by BGE for the first month following the installation as compared to the same month in the prior year. Civic Works has conservatively estimated that in the first year the 300 participating households will save \$27,000 in combined electricity costs, or 213,884 Kilowatts of electricity, and 1.7 million gallons of water, not including any reductions from adjusted thermostat settings or hot water usage.

#### **PUBLIC JUSTICE CENTER AND CITIZENS PLANNING AND HOUSING ASSOCIATION/EVICTION REFORM INITIATIVE**

In fiscal year 2007, there were 7,864 evictions in Baltimore City, representing nearly 7 percent of all renters. These evictions proved to be devastating for tenants, an event contributing to homelessness; and, because the city routinely allowed landlords to deposit in public right-of-ways items remaining in the units, the evictions had a negative effect on the well-being of neighborhoods. Three full-time crews were employed by the city's Department of Public Works to follow every eviction and to pick up and dispose of items left on public right-of-ways at a cost to city taxpayers of more than \$1 million each year. And while the Department of Public Works attempted to accomplish this within 24 hours of an eviction, in reality, the department reported that the crews took an average of 2.7 days to clear the streets. In the meantime, piles of the evicted person's possessions wound up scattered by wind and weather, and picked through by scavengers. The resulting debris blighted neighborhoods, demoralized residents, blocked pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and hindered community investment.

The city's program was hardly a commendable one: other states and cities were handling evictions differently, certainly more humanely. A March 2003 Abell Report found that Baltimore has a higher rate of eviction per tenant than Cleveland; Washington, DC; Detroit; New York City; and Philadelphia. The research showed that Maryland's eviction process was markedly different from that of other states in that the court eviction process assigned less responsibility to landlords to notify tenants and to store and dispose of remaining belongings, or chattel.

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In response to the issues raised in The Abell Report, the Public Justice Center (PJC), with grants of \$295,000 from The Abell Foundation, and Citizens Planning and Housing Association (CPHA), with grants of \$114,000 from The Abell Foundation, worked together to organize tenant and neighborhood groups, and to set a public agenda to change the process of evicting residential tenants in Baltimore City. PJC built a coalition of 25 tenant groups and advocacy organizations working toward eviction reform, and CPHA convened neighborhood groups and became an effective voice speaking out against the blighting and demoralizing impact of evictionf chattel on neighborhoods. The two organizations played complementary roles, with PJC focusing on outreach to tenants and tenant organizations, and CPHA on outreach to neighborhood groups.

PJC conducted extensive legal research on comparative landlord-tenant laws across the country, including the practice of tenant notice of scheduled eviction, tenant right to reclaim, and alternatives to chattel being placed on the street. In addition, PJC researched the jurisdiction of the Maryland district court in order to determine whether certain reforms could be accomplished at the state or local level. Based on this research, PJC and CPHA formulated proposals to change the way the city handles evictions. They crafted policy proposals to provide notice to tenants of the date of eviction, and to require landlords to dispose of remaining items, prohibiting dumping in public right-of-ways.

Last year, policymakers at the city and state levels began to signal interest in reforming the eviction process. Mayor Sheila Dixon's transition report highlighted elimination of eviction chattel from public streets as a priority for the new administration. After taking office, Mayor Dixon assigned the City Solicitor to form a workgroup of landlords, tenant advocacy groups, and community leaders to address this issue, and Councilman Harris followed with the introduction of City Council legislation.

In August 2007 the Baltimore City Council passed a landmark "Clean Streets" bill, based on the principles advocated by PJC and CPHA. The legislation requires landlords to provide a two-week advance notice to the tenant of the exact date of eviction and dispose of all items remaining in the rental unit, and prohibits tenant belongings from being placed in the streets following eviction.

The PJC has worked with the district court judges and clerks, the Sheriff's Office, and eviction prevention programs to ensure compliance. The PJC wrote and published a brochure informing tenants and landlords of their rights and responsibilities under the new law. Not only does the center make daily announcements about the changes in district court to tenants and landlords, the center has issued public service announcements to local media, including a video announcement produced by the Megaphone Project. CPHA has met with neighborhood groups to inform them of the changes in the law and to encourage reporting of non-compliance and illegal dumping.

Recent numbers show the early success of the new law in reducing both evictions and illegal dumping. The numbers of landlord lawsuits to evict tenants and landlord judgments against tenants last month are favorably comparable to those in October 2006. Now that the tenants receive a two-week advanced notice of the date of eviction, the number of evictions in the last quarter of 2007 dropped by 30 percent.

With the new advance notice of the eviction date, tenants can work out repayment with the landlords or arrange to move out. For the first time in Baltimore City, neighborhoods have not been blighted by tenant belongings piled in the streets. There has been only one instance of illegal dumping as a result of an eviction, for which the landlord was subject to a fine of \$1,000 per day. The elimination of Public Works sanitation costs and landfill costs associated with chattel pickup is expected to save the city \$1 million annually.

#### **ASHOKA: INNOVATORS FOR THE PUBLIC/ COMMUNITY GREENS**

Community Greens, miniature-size parks hidden among the row houses and alleyways of residential neighborhoods, are collectively owned and managed by the neighbors whose homes and backyards, decks, patios, and balconies enclose the green. In response to community interest, in 2004, the Maryland General Assembly approved a change in the Baltimore City Charter (HB 1533) that gave the city legal authority to close and lease alleys to homeowners on a block, and to facilitate the creation of the mini-parks. In April 2007, the Alley Gating and Greening Ordinance was passed, making Baltimore one of the first cities in the country to allow the creation of new community greens through citizen action. The resident-led movement to reclaim open space has a number of benefits: residents can convene without fear of outsiders and crime; children can play safely and get the exercise they need; and the green area itself creates a serene, environmentally sustainable area. Community Greens is an initiative of Ashoka: Innovators for the Public, which has been working for the past four years in Baltimore to create this initiative and bring the enabling city ordinance into being.

With a \$49,000 grant from The Abell Foundation, Ashoka's local staff will work with block leaders to unite their neighbors in a common vision for their alleyways. As the regulatory requirements for the ordinance are developed and finalized, residents interested in greening will have a number of steps to implement. They will have to determine if they want to gate their alleys, leaving the concrete intact, or gating and greening the alleys, and whether they want traffic obstructed. A petition for gating/greening must be supported by 80 percent of landowners. Absentee landowners must be located to secure their approval.

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Once majority approval is received, residents must submit an application to the Department of Public Works that includes “green design” specifics; obtain approvals from police, fire, sanitation, and private utility companies; and provide stipulated public notifications of public hearings and alley closures. Residents of each block may be required to form a legal entity. Fund-raising to pay for gates, application fees, public notice in newspapers, locks and access methods for emergency personnel and utility companies, as well as planters, soil, and shrubs will be the responsibility of residents.

Researchers from the University of Maryland and William and Mary College will determine the impacts of green spaces on residents and communities. The yet-to-be-developed measures can include crime statistics, calls to 311, housing values, and environmental impact measures. Community Greens will work with residents anywhere in Baltimore City, particularly with neighborhoods in transition, to assist them as they navigate the bureaucracy to gain approvals for their projects. They will train neighborhood leaders, staff of neighborhood associations, religious groups, CDCs and others, raising public awareness of alley greening and empowering residents to undertake these projects.

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ADDICTIONS**

### **PRISONERS AID ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND, INC.**

Baltimore City is home to two-thirds of the men and women who are released from Maryland prisons each year. Approximately 50 percent recidivate. In 2006, there were 8,685 ex-offenders returned to Baltimore City. Prisoner’s Aid Association (PAA) provides case management and supportive housing to help these ex-prisoners. PAA received and responded to more than 1,000 letters from inmates from Maryland’s Correctional System. Sixty-five percent of those inmates received much needed services from PAA upon their release. Services ranged from providing transportation to securing housing, obtaining medical care and substance abuse treatment to securing employment or locating their children.

The Prisoners Aid Association of Maryland is one of the oldest social service organizations in Maryland. Founded in 1869 and incorporated as a nonprofit four years later, it serves ex-offenders and homeless individuals by providing emergency and transitional housing, case management, employment training and placement, substance-abuse counseling, and family supportive services. PAA manages three housing programs, which include an emergency shelter for homeless men, female transitional housing, and Shelter Plus Care for



men and women. PAA's new facility is located at 221 East 25th Street, directly across the street from the organization's headquarters. Once the house is renovated, PAA intends to use the facility to add to its continuum of housing for women, which begins in a transitional facility and ends in permanent housing in a PAA Shelter Plus Care unit. The first floor of the new facility will accommodate four women in two rooms and will operate as transitional housing for which the women will pay \$55 rent per month. The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) provides funding for case management services and supportive services for these women. The second floor will act as a Single Room Occupancy (SRO) and will house five women in separate rooms. HUD will pay up to \$700 per month for each SRO unit (the women are to contribute one-third of their income for rent). PAA estimates that 25 women will be served in this new facility per year at a cost of approximately \$8,604 per person.

PAA has purchased the property and The Abell Foundation provided a grant of \$100,000 to support the renovations. Ongoing operating expenses of the new facility will be covered through rents and HUD subsidies.

## EDUCATION

### DONORSCHOOSE.ORG

DonorsChoose.org is a nonprofit website where public school teachers can submit proposals for supplies and materials to support projects that they feel show promise of increasing student achievement. Individuals interested in providing the support are invited to search the web, identify proposals and elect to fund them.

DonorsChoose.org was developed by Charles Best, a teacher in a Bronx public high school in 2001, and the concept grew quickly. In 2006, the project raised nearly \$5 million in 2006 in four cities for use in classrooms primarily in low-income communities. DonorsChoose.org became a national organization in November 2007, with a commitment to develop active giving programs in Baltimore and three other mid-Atlantic cities in the next two years.

DonorsChoose.org is dedicated to addressing the scarcity and inequitable distribution of learning materials in public schools, and aims to improve public education by engaging citizens in an online marketplace where teachers describe specific student projects that individuals can fund based on their own personal interests.

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Potential donors can search teacher proposals on the DonorsChoose.org website by area of interest or geographical location. Proposals range from Magical Math Centers (\$200) to Cooking Across the Curriculum (\$1,100). DonorsChoose.org verifies each proposal and coordinates the procurement of materials, and each donor receives a feedback package of student photographs and thank-you notes, as well as an expense report.

With a grant of \$50,000 from The Abell Foundation, DonorsChoose.org has successfully launched the website initiative in Baltimore City public schools and the Baltimore community. Six months after its entry into Baltimore, 771 city teachers have registered projects for funding with DonorsChoose.org. In its first six months, visitors to DonorsChoose.org have funded 370 teacher projects in Baltimore City public schools, generating \$135,000 in new resources for the schools. Another 135 teacher projects are partially funded and 130 proposals are waiting for initial funding.

The Abell Foundation expects that DonorsChoose.org will enable givers to link directly to Baltimore City teachers and attract new contributors to the Baltimore City Public School System. Interested individuals can log in on-line at [www.DonorsChoose.org](http://www.DonorsChoose.org); organizations may also choose to buy DonorsChoose.org gift certificates for employees to use.

### **COLLEGEBOUND FOUNDATION – COLLEGE RETENTION PROJECT**

Since 1989, the CollegeBound Foundation has enabled numerous Baltimore City public high school students to attend college by providing both college advising and scholarships. CollegeBound provides college advising and college access centers in 20 Baltimore City public high schools and has served 15,000 of the City's most disadvantaged high school students. According to data from the National Student Clearinghouse, however, many City students with college acceptances don't actually enroll. Furthermore, only 7 percent of 2001 Baltimore City graduates completed college degrees within five years of high school graduation.

In the past two years, the CollegeBound Foundation set out to discover what could be done to increase the college graduation rates of Baltimore

City public high school graduates. To make a significant improvement in the college graduation rates, the CollegeBound Foundation determined that realistic financial aid packages, additional mentoring, academic and financial aid advising, and other counseling practices have been shown to reduce college drop-out rates. As regards financial aid, CollegeBound has long offered a Last Dollar grant program that provides up to five years of college grant funding to low-income students based on financial need. Now the Foundation sought to leverage higher college completion rates.

In fall 2006, with a two-year grant of \$173,966 from The Abell Foundation, CollegeBound initiated a College Retention Project at six Maryland public colleges and universities beginning with 60 recipients of the The CollegeBound Foundation's Last Dollar grants. In its second year, there are now two cohorts and 115 students participating in the retention program. Each June following high school graduation, CollegeBound meets with families and students of the incoming college scholars to ensure that they are prepared for enrollment and success in the fall. The CollegeBound retention coordinator visits each campus monthly to meet individually and in groups with students in the project, as well as key support personnel on each college campus. There are frequent email and telephone check-ins, as well as a 24-hour hotline for students. The cohort regroups mid-year in Baltimore and over the summer of each school year. The retention coordinator also works closely with Student Support Officers at each campus to overcome barriers to college completion. In the future, CollegeBound hopes to develop junior and senior Baltimore City graduate mentors on each campus who will help incoming Baltimore City students.

After three semesters, 93 percent of the CollegeBound-supported students in the first cohort are still in college versus the average of 84 percent of previous Last Dollar grant recipients. This also compares most favorably to the 80 percent freshman to sophomore retention rates in Maryland colleges and the comparable 72 percent retention rate for African-American students. All 60 of the freshman in the Retention Project are currently enrolled.

With this college retention program, CollegeBound further invests in and guides the pathway of untapped talent in Baltimore City toward achieving a college education and economic independence.

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## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

### BALTIMORE HEALTHCARE ACCESS – FLUORIDE VARNISH PROJECT

According to a 2000 report on oral health care by the United States Surgeon General, tooth decay is the single most common chronic childhood disease. The Surgeon General's report identified a "silent epidemic" of dental disease that disproportionately affects low-income and minority populations, particularly children and the elderly. According to the report, poor children suffer twice as much tooth decay as non-poor children, and their disease is more likely to be untreated. The Surgeon General's report highlighted the significant impact of oral disease in children, including pain and suffering due to untreated tooth decay, which can lead to problems in eating, speaking, and learning activities. In extreme cases, untreated tooth decay can lead to extensive infection and even death, as happened to a 12-year-old Prince George's County boy who died in 2007 as a result of an untreated tooth infection.

In Baltimore City, as elsewhere, access to oral health care is severely limited for children who are on Medical Assistance and those who are uninsured. A shortage of pediatric dentists, coupled with inadequate Medicaid reimbursements, have limited the number of dentists who are willing to treat low-income children, leaving many of these children without a regular source of oral health care. As a result, untreated tooth decay has become a widespread and costly disease in this population. A recent Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene statewide oral health survey of children in kindergarten and third grade found that 31 percent of children in these grades had untreated tooth decay. Moreover, the survey found that African-American children, children in low-income families, and those who were uninsured or on Medicaid had higher rates of untreated tooth decay than other children.

With proper care, tooth decay can be prevented. Fluoride varnish is a proven, cost-effective intervention aimed at preventing the progression of tooth decay in at-risk children. Studies have shown that fluoride varnish can reduce tooth decay by 30 percent to 50 percent. The varnish is applied twice a year, is easy to apply, and has been proven to be safe for use in children. It is also inexpensive, costing less than a dollar per semi-annual dose.

In an effort to address the lack of access to oral health care among low-income children in Baltimore City, Baltimore HealthCare Access, a quasi-public agency of the Baltimore City Health Department, initiated a pilot project in 2007 to train pediatricians and their staff to administer fluoride varnish to

children during well-child visits. With a \$50,000 grant from The Abell Foundation, the pilot project is administering fluoride varnish to children at four Baltimore pediatric clinics that serve large populations of children who are uninsured or on Medicaid, who would otherwise be unlikely to receive preventive oral health care. In the first three months of implementation, the project treated more than 500 children. An evaluation will assess the feasibility of incorporating fluoride varnish application into pediatric practice on a larger scale. If, as expected, the pilot project proves successful, Baltimore HealthCare Access and the Baltimore City Health Department will seek funding from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to expand the program to serve more children.

### **HEALTH CARE FOR THE HOMELESS – HOUSING FIRST PROGRAM**

Despite renewed national attention to the problem of homelessness, the number of homeless people in the United States continues to increase. According to a December 2006 report by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, 68 percent of cities surveyed reported an increase in homelessness in the previous year, with requests for emergency shelter assistance increasing an average of 9 percent during that time. Of the cities surveyed, 86 percent reported that emergency shelters may have to turn away homeless families due to lack of resources, while 77 percent reported that they may have to turn away other homeless people.

In Baltimore City, an estimated 3,000 men, women, and children are homeless on any given night. In a 2007 census of the city's homeless population, more than half of those surveyed reported being homeless for more than a year, and nearly a quarter reported being homeless for more than three years. Housing and health-related issues, including substance abuse, mental illness, and disability, were cited as the two primary reasons for homelessness among those surveyed, and housing was listed as the most important need by 67 percent of survey respondents. The 2007 homeless census noted that while the number of homeless in Baltimore City did not change appreciably between the 2005 and 2007 censuses, the percentage of those reporting that they had been homeless for more than three years increased from 15 percent to 24 percent between 2005 and 2007.

To address the serious and persistent problem of homelessness in Baltimore City, Health Care for the Homeless, in collaboration with Baltimore Homeless Services, initiated a pilot project in 2005 to replicate a successful national model program for the homeless called "Housing First." The Housing

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First model places chronically homeless and disabled individuals in permanent housing with intensive supportive services. By getting homeless people off the streets and into a stable living situation they are better able to address other problems, such as addiction, mental health disorders, lack of education, and lack of job skills, which may be contributing to the person's homelessness and inability to lead a stable, productive life.

Research has shown the effectiveness of this model. A study of New York City's Pathways to Housing program, an early Housing First model, showed that five years after enrollment in the program, 88 percent of participants remained housed, compared to just 47 percent of participants in the city's traditional residential treatment system for the homeless. Another study of the Los Angeles Housing First program, Beyond Shelter, found that 2,200 of the 2,500 homeless families housed over a 12-year period had relocated to, and stabilized in, permanent housing. Other studies have documented significant cost savings – primarily from reductions in hospital visits, substance abuse treatment and arrests – produced by Housing First programs.

The initial Baltimore Housing First pilot project produced encouraging results, with 21 of the 28 original clients remaining housed nearly three years after the pilot began. Given the population targeted by this effort – people who were living on the streets, with significant addiction and mental health disorders – this is a remarkable track record. In addition to placing clients in permanent housing, Health Care for the Homeless case managers assisted these clients in obtaining Medicaid coverage and federal disability benefits, and helped a number of clients enter addiction treatment and obtain needed mental health services.

Building on the success of this initial pilot project, in 2007 Baltimore Homeless Services obtained a five-year federal grant to expand the Housing First model in Baltimore, and once again contracted with Health Care for the Homeless to provide the case management services to Housing First clients. The Abell Foundation provided \$75,000 in critical start-up funds to Health Care for the Homeless to expand its capacity to implement this successful model on a larger scale. Under the Housing First expansion, Health Care for the Homeless and Baltimore Homeless Services will work together over the next five years to place 100 individuals with extensive histories of homelessness in permanent housing, and provide needed supportive services to enable them to maintain that housing. Services will be delivered by an Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) Team that includes a licensed clinical social worker, a psychiatrist, a psychiatric nurse, two addiction counselors, a vocational specialist, a peer advocate, and an administrative assistant. The Housing First program is a key component of Baltimore City's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### CIVIC WORKS B'MORE GREEN

Brownfields are abandoned or underutilized industrial and commercial properties where expansion or redevelopment is hindered by real or perceived environmental contamination. According to the Baltimore Development Corporation (BDC), an estimated 1,000 acres, or half of all vacant and underutilized industrial/commercial land in the city, is likely contaminated, and the other half is perceived to be contaminated. More than 400 of these properties lie within Baltimore's Empowerment Zone. BDC estimates that the redevelopment of these brownfields could produce 27,000 jobs and \$25 million in new annual property tax revenues. According to BDC, since 1996, Baltimore has completed 30 brownfields projects, producing more than 3,000 new and retained jobs, leveraging \$300 million in new investment.

Civic Works' B'more Green program trains individuals for entry-level jobs as environmental technicians and laborers to work in the brownfields projects. The training consists of a seven-week, 250-hour program of hands-on fieldwork and classroom study. Trainees receive certification in lead abatement and First Aid/CPR, and training in hazardous-materials remediation, emergency response, environmental site assessment and sampling, ecological restoration, and storm water management.

Since 2001, with funding from the Environmental Protection Agency, Civic Works has trained 130 B'more Green participants, graduating 107 and placing 97 (or 91 percent of program graduates) into employment. From 2006 to 2007, 70 participants were trained, 66 graduated, and 61 were placed into environmental employment positions, with an average starting wage of \$13.62 per hour. The program targets hard-to-serve clients—predominately African-American men with criminal records and high-school diplomas. In fact, of the 77 percent of those B'more Green graduates placed in jobs, 47 have criminal records.

The program is averaging a 75 percent one-year retention rate. At least one quarter of those placed in jobs are currently employed by union contractors and have become dues-paying union members, with entry-level union wages ranging between \$12 and \$16 per hour.

With a \$108,195 grant from The Abell Foundation, Civic Works will double the number of participants trained in 2008, with an average cost per placement of \$5,000.

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## EDUCATION

**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 . . . . . \$35,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For continued funding of the Supporting Public Schools of Choice initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to provide support for Baltimore City's charter schools striving to meet their goals. Through the creation of an active network of charter school leaders and principals, the project will foster effective governance for charter schools, help develop funding sources, strengthen instructional delivery for special education students, and put in place long-range facilities management plans.

**Baltimore City College Alumni Association . . . . . \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the 2007-2008 Speech and Debate Program.

**Baltimore City Public School System/  
National Academic League . . . . . \$109,740  
Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2007-2008 National Academic League in 22 Baltimore City public middle schools. The league, engaging more than 550 students, provides extracurricular interscholastic programming in an atmosphere of competition traditionally associated with athletic events. The purpose of the program is to increase students' awareness of local, national, and international current events, and strengthen background knowledge in all disciplines, particularly mathematics.

**Baltimore Kids Chess League, Inc. . . . . \$45,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For support and expansion of the Chess Education Project, an after-school program for 70 Baltimore City public elementary and middle schools. The project will also encourage chess players to attend competitive regional and national tournaments, as well as a week-long USA Chess Camp during the summer of 2008.

**The Baraka School, Inc. . . . . \$23,843  
Baltimore, MD**

For expenses associated with maintaining the school campus in Kenya, East Africa, until the property is sold. The Baraka School, now closed, was a boarding school serving underachieving Baltimore City middle-school boys.

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DISCIPLINES.**

**BCPSS/Academy for College  
and Career Exploration . . . . . \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase of equipment for a state-of-the-art computer lab.

**BCPSS/The Bluford Drew Jemison  
Math Science Academy . . . . . \$64,800  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the extended week and summer bridge program for a new charter school for middle-school boys in Baltimore City. The extended time will allow for academic and cultural enrichment, as well as athletic programming. Saturday workshops will be offered to students and family members, providing life skill mentoring, housing, counseling, instruction in financial literacy, health services, and introduction to technology.

**BCPSS/City Neighbors Charter School . . . . . \$25,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For a feasibility study comparing two options designed to accommodate expansion to the middle school grades in Baltimore City. The study will weigh the value of renovating the third-floor of the facility rented from Epiphany Church, as well as acquiring property adjacent to the existing school building for new construction in anticipation of completing the expansion.

**BCPSS/Roland Park Elementary/  
Middle School PTA. . . . . \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward costs of renovating space for the Roland Park Elementary/Middle school gymnasium, and to expand and improve spaces for the middle school physical education and recreational programs.

**BELL Foundation  
(Building Educated Leaders for Life) . . . . . \$50,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Summer Learning Initiative to enhance the academic and social achievement of 2,000 Baltimore City public elementary school students. The program offers six weeks of high-quality academic and social enrichment, eight hours a day, five days a week. Serving students from nine schools identified as needing improvement, the initiative has a goal of ensuring that 100 percent of the BELL participants advance out of the failing level, and at least 75 percent achieve proficiency levels in core academic skills.

**Boys' Latin School of Maryland . . . . . \$18,860  
Baltimore, MD**

Two grants to support tutoring, a meal plan, and a scholarship for a former Baraka School student.

**Building STEPS, Inc. . . . . \$30,000**  
**Brooklandville, MD**

For expansion of a science and technology college access program for an additional 20 underserved students in two to three Baltimore City public schools. Beginning in 11th grade, the program is designed to recruit students who have an interest in science, technology, and math, and who have average grades. During the course of the year, the students will be exposed to science and technology-based professionals through monthly off-campus seminar series. The seminars will be followed by placements in summer internships with companies focusing on science and technology. Throughout the 12th grade, STEPS will assist in the college application process and free SAT tutoring. After the students matriculate in college, the STEPS staff will maintain contact with them and encourage graduation, to ensure employment in promising science, technology, engineering, and math fields.

**Chester Bridge Foundation, Inc. . . . . \$50,000**  
**Chestertown, MD**

For start-up costs of the Chesapeake Marine Trades School, Atlantic Maritime School, and the Anchor Academy, a Baltimore City Public School System charter high school. These programs are part of an overall strategy to provide a seamless workforce training system ensuring well-paying employment for graduating high school students within the commercial maritime industries.

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

For general support of an alternative school setting for an academic and mentoring program serving students in the Remington community. The grant will provide programming designed to increase enrollment of disadvantaged students and prepare them for graduation and enrollment in college. The school also plans to launch an External Diploma Program designed for adults without a high school diploma by offering the opportunity to meet the requirements for a Maryland State high school diploma.

**Core Knowledge Foundation . . . . . \$270,980**  
**Charlottesville, VA**

Two grants in support of the Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence Initiative in four Baltimore City Head Start Centers for March 2007 through June 2008. The initiative provides teacher training covering the implementation of language, social, mathematical reasoning, and number sense skills; leadership development; Core Knowledge resources and supplies; effective responses to issues of educating children with English as a Second Language, and collecting a comprehensive student baseline data for ongoing assessments of each child.

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HEAD START  
CENTERS.**

**Cristo Rey Jesuit High School . . . . . \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For competitive scholarships for one team of four students participating in the Corporate Work-Study Program at the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Maryland Science Center, the National Aquarium in Baltimore, and at the YMCA for the 2007-2008 school year.

**DonorsChoose, Inc. . . . . \$50,000**  
**Charlotte, NC**

Toward the implementation of an online website to provide needed resources to Baltimore City public school teachers and students. Teachers in need of money to purchase materials can post descriptions of student project proposals on the not-for-profit website, while concerned individuals can search for areas of interest, learn about classroom needs, and choose to fund the most compelling projects in full or in part. DonorsChoose will then purchase the materials and ship items to the schools. Connecting citizen philanthropists with classrooms in need serves as a powerful link to ensuring community involvement in the local schools.

**Educational Opportunity Program . . . . . \$172,900**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To provide facilitators for EOP students at each of the two new Southwestern High Schools. The purpose of the program is to increase the high school graduation rate of Baraka School graduates, to provide them with tutoring, enrichment activities, and academic and social support.

**Food Studies Institute . . . . . \$52,500**  
**Trumansburg, NY**

For expansion of the Food for Life program at charter schools: Hampstead Hill Academy, The Stadium School, City Springs, and Collington Square. Designed to encourage the exposure to nutritional foods, the year-long hands-on food-based curriculum stresses the importance of acquiring knowledge about vitamins, whole grains, labeling, fat and sugar content, the difference between fruits, vegetables, and legumes, and the importance of exercise. Students are taught how to prepare food using recipes from around the world. The program involves families in community meals and gardens. To evaluate the degree of overall academic performance and student behavior as the consequence of healthier food choice, graduate students from Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health will document the effectiveness of the program, gauging obesity reduction and improving the general health of the children.

**Fund for Educational Excellence . . . . . \$75,500**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For expansion of the Math Works initiative, a professional training program for second-grade through seventh-grade teachers in Baltimore City public schools to help close the achievement gap. By using electronic textbooks and hosting best practices forums, teacher discussion and workshop, the program aspires to have 90 percent of Math Works schools achieve math scores at proficiency levels as determined by the State of Maryland.

**Gilman School. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the 2007 Baltimore Independent School Learning Camp. The four-week summer camp offers 45 academically promising Baltimore City public school students entering third, fourth, and fifth grades the opportunity to participate in Gilman School’s learning environment. It provides individualized classes in language arts, geography, science, mathematics, and a foreign language as well as cultural and recreational activities. The goal is to reduce the loss of academic skills often suffered by the Baltimore City Public School System’s at-risk students during summer break by focusing on reading, writing, and math skills.

**The Ingenuity Project . . . . . \$390,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2007-2008 Ingenuity Project, an intensive math, science, and research curriculum for BCPSS elementary, middle, and high school students. Launched in 1994 as a gifted and talented program, Ingenuity Project attracts students who receive superior math and science instruction and maintain high levels of student achievement, leading to acceptances into and substantial scholarships from highly selective colleges and universities.

**Institute for Christian & Jewish Studies (ICJS) . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward consulting fees in support of long-range planning, and to conduct independent evaluation in establishing models of greater interfaith understanding of ICJS programs aimed at increasing the organization’s effectiveness.

**Johns Hopkins University/ Center  
for Social Organization of Schools . . . . . \$8,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For an evaluation, “The KIPP Middle School in the Baltimore City Public School System, 2002 to 2006.” The focus of the analysis is to compare KIPP students with other Baltimore City public middle school students, to determine if pre-existing differences might explain higher academic achievement levels among KIPP students.

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THE INGENUITY  
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SUPPORT OF ITS  
MATH, SCIENCE  
AND RESEARCH  
CURRICULUM  
FOR BALTIMORE  
CITY PUBLIC  
SCHOOL  
STUDENTS.

**Johns Hopkins University/ Center  
for Social Organization of Schools ..... \$10,320  
Baltimore, MD**

Third-year funding for an evaluation of the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at Southwestern High School. By providing periodic reports of progress, this study will help to determine whether EOP as a strategy, aimed at increasing graduation rates, warrants expansion in Baltimore City public schools.

**Johns Hopkins University/  
Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies. .... \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For the 2007 Abell Foundation Award in Urban Policy given to an undergraduate for researching and writing a report identifying and recommending a solution to a quality-of-life issue in urban life.

**Learning, Inc. .... \$25,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support and expansion of The Learning Cooperative, a dropout prevention program for at-risk and over-age middle school students in Baltimore City public schools. The Learning Cooperative is an alternative to the traditional school setting, and offers an experimental curriculum to engage students in challenging individual and team-building initiatives, conflict-resolution training, environmental sciences, fine arts, job readiness community service, and life skills.

**Lion Heart Project, Inc. .... \$62,040  
Silver Spring, MD**

For the implementation of the Lion Heart Program, a mentoring program for 60 at-risk males at Harford Heights Middle School. After identifying at-risk students, the program provides information, resources, and support to help ensure good citizenship and on-time high school graduation.

**Maryland Academy of Technology  
& Health Sciences ..... \$7,716  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward the establishment of an applied health-science program at a recently opened charter school. The academy was developed to provide intellectually rigorous, personalized and supportive college-prep education for 8th to 12th graders, with an emphasis on biotechnology, health science, and bioengineering fields.



**The Maryland Mentoring Partnership . . . . . \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward expenses of an executive search, and for support in the transition to a new executive director and his or her administration.

**New Leaders for New Schools . . . . . \$110,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the New Leaders-Baltimore program created to recruit and develop school principals for Baltimore City public schools. The four-year program provides recruiting, training, and placing of a minimum of 40 principals in the schools over a three-year period. Each participant attends a six-week Summer Foundations Institute, undertakes a year-long, full-time residency with a mentor, then after placement, is given two years of professional development, coaching, and support.

**Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University . . . \$25,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support and expansion of the Music Teacher Mentoring Program, including staffing to provide coaching, mentoring, and professional development of approximately 75 new and returning music teachers at 70 schools. The two Peabody mentors offer expanded scope and sequence to the music curriculum, more age-appropriate materials and lesson plans, strategies on effective classroom management skills, and new methodologies to encourage greater student engagement and improved classroom behavior. The goal is to implement enhanced music curricula that meet state and national content standards and to increase the rate of teacher retention.

**The Piney Woods School . . . . . \$118,200  
Piney Woods, MS**

To provide scholarships for 13 under-achieving, at-risk male students from Baltimore City to attend a college preparatory boarding school in Mississippi for the 2007-2008 school year. The grant includes funding for a resident counselor to encourage positive attitudes, appropriate social behaviors, and academic achievement.

**Project Garrison/Meet Me Halfway Village Center . . . . \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward operating support of an in-school mentoring program for at-risk students at Garrison Middle School and Forest Park High School.

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THE PEABODY  
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THE JOHNS  
HOPKINS  
UNIVERSITY FOR  
CONTINUED  
SUPPORT OF  
THE MUSIC  
TEACHER  
MENTORING  
PROGRAM.

**The SEED Foundation . . . . . \$100,000**  
**Washington, DC**

Toward operating costs for the final phase of development of a boarding school for at-risk youth in Baltimore City. To achieve the goal of opening the school in the fall of 2008, the final phase of the planning will include establishing a board of trustees, helping to raise \$30 million in private funds, securing site control of the former Southwestern High School facility, completing construction, developing the curriculum and programming, hiring staff, training school leadership, and launching a statewide student recruitment campaign.

**Sylvan Beach Foundation, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For a feasibility study of an initiative designed to create a central kitchen to prepare and serve nutritional breakfast and lunch to students at the ten charter schools in Baltimore City.

**Teach For America-Baltimore . . . . . \$100,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continuation of an initiative for recruitment and training of 90 to 100 new Teach For America Corps members and ongoing support of 85 corps members teaching in Baltimore City public schools. These recent college graduates, who have made a two-year commitment, are offered the opportunity to earn a Master of Arts in teaching at the Johns Hopkins University, while being placed in appropriate schools.

**Towson University . . . . . \$31,000**  
**Towson, MD**

Planning grant for the development of the Cherry Hill Learning Zone Initiative, a partnership among the Baltimore City Public School System, Baltimore City, Towson University, and Cherry Hill's grassroots organizations. After preparing an analysis of the local neighborhood indications and publishing a report, Initiative partners will develop an action plan for specific interventions to address community needs. Outcomes for each intervention will be evaluated and best practices of comprehensive community approaches documented.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Advocates for Children and Youth (ACY) . . . . . \$120,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of a community outreach program designed to improve quality-of-life outcomes for Baltimore City children. ACY will be expanding its early targeted interventions for low-performing students and schools, increasing availability of health care, with a focus on preventive services, including dental care. ACY will advocate for the expansion of community-based services and programs for abused, neglected, and delinquent youth so as to allow more children to remain safely in their homes and will advocate for improved quality of case management and services that delinquent youth receive in facilities and after release.

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

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

**Baltimore HealthCare Access, Inc. (BHCA) . . . . . \$50,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For support of a one-year fluoride varnish pilot program for 6,000 low-income Medicaid or uninsured children, ages one to five, in Baltimore City. By partnering with three large pediatric practices: a clinic at the University of Maryland, a community-based clinic operated by Baltimore Medical Systems, and a private practice, BHCA will develop training materials and contract with dental educators who will train pediatricians and nurses to conduct oral health screenings and administer fluoride varnish treatments, and will track the number of children screened and receiving fluoride varnish, then being referred to primary care dental providers.

**Baltimore HealthCare Access, Inc. (BHCA) . . . . . \$15,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support and expansion of an initiative to assist low-income persons in Baltimore City obtain medical coverage through the Maryland Children’s Health Insurance Program and the Primary Adult Care Program. In an effort to help clients overcome barriers to health care, BHCA will provide funds to purchase identity and citizenship documents for clients applying for health care programs.

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ACCESS, INC.  
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BALTIMORE  
CITY OBTAIN  
MEDICAL  
COVERAGE.

**Baltimore Stars Coalition/AAU ..... \$30,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Baltimore Stars Basketball Program for 120 inner-city boys, ages eight to 17. This program provides the boys with an opportunity to compete in the AAU state and national basketball tournaments and serves as an incentive to maintain good grades and positive behavior on and off the court. Mentoring, tutoring, and SAT preparation assistance are available to all Stars players.

**Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation (BNCC). .... \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Patterson Park Youth Programs, including a basketball and football league, a reading club, an art club, and a youth employment project. Serving a minimum of 300 children and youth from the Patterson Park community, BNCC programs are designed to provide safe and healthy recreation. At least 70 adult volunteers act as coaches, mentors, teachers, and tutors. The summer employment program involves eight young people taking part in keeping Patterson Park and the surrounding blocks clean. The inter-generational activities with adults are expected to build positive generational relationships and reduce neighborhood conflicts.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Maryland, Inc. (BBBSCM) ..... \$100,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support and expansion of the Amachi mentoring program, designed to provide emotional support to 650 children of incarcerated parents. The program links these children with adult mentors, provides professional case management support, and engages the incarcerated in a mentoring program designed to facilitate a comfortable transition after release. BBBSCM will collect data on outcomes, including school performance, substance use, and relationships with peers and adults, so as to keep a measure on how effectively the program is working.

**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. The program, along with tutoring and mentoring, provides utilities, insurance, and security monitoring for the newly renovated and expanded After-School Institute. Located in one of the poorest and most distressed neighborhoods in Baltimore, B-Spirit offers an opportunity to 50 younger people to take advantage of programming designed to improve their quality of life.

**East Baltimore Christian Athletic Association/EZRA . . . . . \$10,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of youth athletic programs for 375 inner-city children, ages nine to 17. Adult volunteers coach and teach fundamentals of playing organized sports while at the same time instilling values of sportsmanship, hard work, discipline, and respect.

**Harlem Park Buckeyes . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase of uniforms and equipment for 150 youth participating in the Harlem Park football program.

**Health Care for the Homeless, Inc. . . . . \$75,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Costs for expansion of the Baltimore Housing First pilot project for homeless persons with physical and mental disabilities. Based on a national model that places homeless persons in stable housing as a first priority and then follows up with supportive services provided by outreach workers, Baltimore's project expects to provide permanent housing and supportive services to 100 chronically homeless individuals over a five-year period.

**Health Care for the Homeless, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To provide emergency shelter for homeless persons with disabilities.

**Johns Hopkins Urban Health Institute . . . . . \$71,781**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the development and evaluation of the Urban eClinic Project, an electronic system created to improve health care in an urban setting.

**Koinonia Baptist Church . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For removal of lead in metal windows in a building that houses a day care program for toddlers.

**Madison Square Bucs Inner City Youth Program, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For general support of the Madison Square Buccaneers' basketball programs for more than 180 inner-city children, ages six to 14. Operated by volunteer coaches, the program focuses on teaching basketball fundamentals while emphasizing academic achievement. The in-house league and tournament play allows the children to participate in an instructional and competitive environment, and so benefit from the diversity they encounter in different regions and schools.

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IMPROVE  
HEALTH CARE IN  
AN URBAN  
SETTING.**

**Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative  
Education Fund, Inc. . . . . \$35,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For support of public education, maintenance, and strengthening the Health Care for All! Coalition. The program functions in a population where more than 21 percent do not have medical insurance and, consequently, need to learn health care options. The objectives of the coalition are to educate the public about Maryland's current health care system and the benefits available to the uninsured and underinsured, and to build grassroots support for a universal health care plan.

**Mental Health Policy Institute for Leadership  
and Training, Inc. . . . . \$40,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Poverty and Depression Initiative. The program provides educational services to low-income Baltimore City residents about mental health disorders and substance abuse issues at three sites: the Men's Health Center, Healthy State, and Rose Street Community Center.

**Mission Possible Ministries, Inc. . . . . \$20,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For capital expenses for a new facility to provide shelter and services to 21 homeless men in West Baltimore. The Ministries offer clean, safe furnished rooms, two meals a day, and assistance in finding employment and permanent housing. The average stay is 18 months, during which time the men are expected to find employment and become self-sufficient.

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

Emergency funding toward the purchase of new bedroom furnishings for the homeless shelter.

**On Our Shoulders, Inc. . . . . \$15,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of a 15-passenger van in order to provide transportation for youth from surrounding West Baltimore neighborhoods, enabling them to participate in educational, recreational, leadership development, and preventative street gang activities.

**Parks & People Foundation . . . . . \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

To provide a stipend for an AmeriCorp Volunteer Coordinator. The coordinator will assist in the recruitment and retention of volunteers who help tutor young people in SuperKids Camp, teach environmental education to elementary and middle school students, coach in their youth sports programs, plant trees, create community gardens, and improve the park's trails.

**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 children and includes soccer, baseball, volleyball, and lacrosse leagues. Along with playing-field skills, participants are taught the basic fundamentals of playing organized sports and the value of teamwork and fair play. The organizers monitor academic achievement and attendance, and encourage achievement and excellence.

**Pennsylvania Avenue Panthers Football Club . . . . . \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward equipment, uniforms, and related expenses of the Panthers Football Club for children in the Upton community. The program is designed to help provide sports, cheerleading, tutoring, and mentoring as healthy and safe alternatives to a life on street corners and continuing involvement with the juvenile justice system.

**Reclaiming Our Children and  
Community Project, Inc. . . . . \$100,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase of a building to help support after-school programs for at-risk youth in Southwest Baltimore. Operating as a community center, the project serves approximately 60 children and adolescents in an after-school program providing homework assistance and recreational activities while their parents are working.

**The Salvation Army . . . . . \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For general support of services for the homeless and needy.

**The Samaritan Center . . . . . \$50,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Two grants for continued support of the Travel Voucher Program. Up to 500 homeless persons in need of travel assistance will be provided with vouchers for bus travel to destination cities, where there are contacts willing to assist in finding housing.

**The Samaritan Center . . . . . \$50,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Eviction Prevention Assistance program at the Samaritan Center. In addition to providing a one-time only grant for past-due rent and requiring each client to contribute toward the unpaid rent balance, the center will assist clients in applying for food stamps, Medicaid, Earned Income Tax Credits, and with problems of unemployment and substance abuse.

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TO PARKS  
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FOR CONTINUED  
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PROGRAM FOR  
BALTIMORE  
CITY PUBLIC  
SCHOOL  
STUDENTS.

**Santa Claus Anonymous . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2007 Santa Claus Anonymous Campaign.

**Sandi's Learning Center . . . . . \$100,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Continued capital support toward completion of a daycare center in the Rosemont neighborhood of West Baltimore. The center will provide developmental and educational childcare and after-school services for 200 children from birth to 12.

**South Baltimore Emergency Relief, Inc.**  
**(SOBER) . . . . . \$15,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For general support and for the energy assistance program. SOBER provides food supplies and other basic necessities to more than 250 clients per month. Energy assistance grants are awarded to up to 100 clients who have received utility turn-off notices.

**Towson University . . . . . \$100,000**  
**Towson, MD**

For the implementation of an oral health intervention program serving up to 100 homeless persons at the Helping Up Mission. The program will provide follow-up oral health care to clients with oral-health needs identified through on-site screenings or referred by Helping Up Mission's case managers.

**University of Maryland School of Nursing . . . . . \$97,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two-year funding for continued support of the Maryland Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (MD H2E) initiative. The program has been designed to improve the environmental impact of health care institutions in Maryland over the course of two years by reducing reliance on medical water incinerators, reducing or eliminating the use of mercury-containing and PVC products, increasing reliance on locally grown food products, and conducting workshops for hospital management in an effort to make the hospitals environmentally safe.



## CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ADDICTIONS

**A Step Forward, Inc. . . . . \$77,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants for pre-development and renovation costs for a property to be used as a Single Room Occupancy facility to house recovering substance abusers. The newly renovated house, with its capacity to serve up to eight men, will be operated as an Oxford House, a democratically run, self-supporting, and drug-free facility. The residents will receive support and services from A Step Forward, Inc. until permanent housing becomes available.

**Alternative Directions, Inc. . . . . \$50,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Turn About Program, a transitional program that provides reentry services, case management, and self-advocacy training for female ex-offenders.

**The Answer, Inc. . . . . \$50,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Three grants toward operating support and renovation costs of a faith-based residential substance abuse recovery program serving up to 44 clients in Baltimore City each year.

**Baltimore City Council . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Baltimore City Citizen-Led Court Monitoring Program. The purpose of the monitoring, operating within the criminal justice system in Baltimore, is to ensure that there is accountability and transparency for those involved in proceedings.

**Baltimore Prevention Coalition . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of furniture, appliances, and related expenses for Beginning Effective Recovery Together, a transitional recovery program for women recovering from substance abuse. The purpose of the program is to reduce the recidivism rate by creating a safe, stable, and supportive environment for women with HIV or at risk of HIV infection.

**The Baltimore Station . . . . . \$250,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Challenge grant for capital expansion and renovation of a residential substance abuse program serving homeless men in South Baltimore. The new 10,000-square-foot facility will include living space for an additional 41 men, which will increase Baltimore Station’s shelter capacity to 91.

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 RE-ENTRY  
 SERVICES FOR  
 FEMALE  
 EX-OFFENDERS.

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

For continued funding of the three-year Threshold to Recovery initiative. The program seeks to demonstrate that threshold centers are a low-cost, high-volume, and effective means of increasing access to treatment, retaining patients in treatment, and sustaining recovery. Threshold centers distinguish themselves from other drug treatment centers in that they remain open for extended hours, accept walk-ins, and offer alternative healing therapies such as Tai Chi, acupuncture, and meditation.

**Bright Hope House, Inc. . . . . \$56,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Emergency funding to cover interim operating costs of a residential drug treatment program in Sandtown-Winchester, until Bright Hope House becomes certified as a fee-for-service provider.

**Catholic Charities. . . . . \$75,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Re-entry Partnership Initiative in West Baltimore, including salaries for the program director and casework coordinator. The initiative links offenders returning to the community with integrated services located in East and West Baltimore to provide transition from prison back into community.

**Citizens Planning and Housing Association. . . . . \$85,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of Access to Housing, a program designed to set standards for housing of homeless, ex-offenders, and recovering addicts. Baltimore Area Association for Supportive Housing (BAASH) will continually assess quality of housing for the homeless, and provide guidance on best practices. BAASH will train and provide technical assistance to new providers upon request.

**Foundation of Hope, Inc. . . . . \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For operating costs to provide supportive housing for 13 men and 20 women in Baltimore City who are recovering from substance abuse. Fountain of Hope operates five houses with minimum stays of six months, during which time clients seek and secure employment, enroll in a higher education program, and participate in ongoing self-help groups. Residents may stay as long as one year if they need additional time to make the transition back into the community.

**Foundation of Hope, Inc.**..... \$5,000  
**Baltimore, MD**  
 Toward the purchase of furniture, appliances, and related expenses of a new Single Occupancy Residency for men recovering from alcohol and substance abuse.

**Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition, Inc.**..... \$50,000  
**Baltimore, MD**  
 For continued support of Dee’s Place, a 24-hour substance abuse recovery center serving residents in East Baltimore. As a key partner in the Threshold to Recovery initiative, Dee’s Place offers counseling, auricular acupuncture, case management, mental health services, referrals for jobs, housing, and counseling programs throughout the night, from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m.

**Marian House** ..... \$62,400  
**Baltimore, MD**  
 Two-year funding to support salaries and benefits of a case manager and employment counselor for Serenity Place, a permanent housing facility for Marian House graduates. By providing stable housing, the program intends to increase the potential for women to obtain employment, while promoting self-worth and confidence.

**Minute By Minute, Inc.** ..... \$5,000  
**Baltimore, MD**  
 For roof repair and renovations to the basement of a long-term residential treatment facility that serves female ex-offenders in West Baltimore.

**New Vision House of Hope Transitional Program** ..... \$5,000  
**Baltimore, MD**  
 For the purchase of new appliances, including washing machines, dryers, and freezers, for a housing program serving men and women recovering from substance abuse.

**No Turning Back Supportive Housing for Men/A Step Forward, Inc.** ..... \$25,000  
**Baltimore, MD**  
 For the purchase and installation of a new HVAC system, and to cover costs of office supplies and staffing for a transitional housing facility for men recovering from substance abuse. The facility provides housing for up to one year, financial counseling, nutritional classes, family reunification services, along with job readiness and an opportunity to work for a landscaping and hauling business.

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**Prisoners Aid Association of Maryland, Inc. . . . . \$100,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the acquisition and renovation of an additional facility of the Female Transitional Housing Program, serving women who are homeless and/or ex-offenders. The expansion to the new facility will provide housing and support services for up to 25 women per year.

**Recovery In Community . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Start-up costs for the new transitional housing program, including training for a house manager and for Internet equipment and services.

**Sinai Hospital of Baltimore . . . . . \$36,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of an interim methadone maintenance study for clients participating in the Sinai Hospital Addictions Recovery Program. The study has been designed to evaluate both the efficacy and cost benefits of interim methadone treatment as compared with prompt entry into “comprehensive” treatment including counseling on enrollment, heroin use, cocaine use, HIV-risk behavior, and crime.

**TAEL Enterprise, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To provide rent, utilities, and related expenses at UPRISING House, a transitional housing program serving six female ex-offenders and their children. The clients will be encouraged to pursue education, acquire job skills, and set life goals to become self-sufficient and economically independent.

**TAEL Enterprise, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For expenses related to relocation of female ex-offenders to a new transitional housing facility. In addition to providing five women with safe housing, TAEL offers assistance with applying for social service benefits, classes on job readiness skills, medical evaluations, referrals to health services, daily meals, and basic computer training.

**Talitha Cumi Safe Haven . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of computer equipment and furniture to enhance computer training for women recovering from substance abuse in the Park Heights area. As part of the support, the program will help women prepare for GEDs and prepare them for the job application process.

**Transitioning Lives, Inc. . . . . \$18,580**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants for a reserve operating fund in support of residential, outreach, and advocacy programs for ex-offenders. Transitioning Lives houses up to eight ex-offenders for a period of up to six months and offers a highly structured program of counseling, job-readiness training, and homemaking.

**United Ministries, Inc. . . . . \$30,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of Earl’s Place Transitional Housing Project, targeting recovering addicts who are homeless and often HIV-positive. The program provides interim housing for 17 homeless men, and requires a monthly fee of 30 percent of the participants’ income, when they are holding down jobs and living in transitional housing.

**Women’s Housing Coalition. . . . . \$50,027**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Capital funding toward the acquisition and renovation of Jenkins House, a 22-unit residential mid-rise apartment building housing homeless women and their children, most of whom are referred from emergency shelters. Emphasis is placed on educational support services for children to ensure that all will be performing at or above grade level within one year of entry into the program.

**Women’s Housing Coalition. . . . . \$20,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two-year funding to continue support of services to homeless women with mental illness and drug addiction. By sustaining a contractual counselor and psychiatrist, the Coalition expects to reduce the rate of program incompleteness by 50 percent and to increase the medication compliance rate among participants.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**Action In Maturity, Inc. . . . . \$19,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase of a mini-bus to provide affordable transportation for low-income senior citizens in Baltimore City. By expanding transportation opportunities, the program seeks to increase mobility of elderly residents, enabling them to maintain their health and independence, and to create desirable neighborhoods and livable communities.

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**Alliance for Community Trees . . . . . \$5,000**  
**College Park, MD**  
For support of a national conference for urban forestry practitioners and community organizers.

**Arnold Preservation Council, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Arnold, MD**  
For speakers' travel fees and related expenses of a one-day conference on growth management in Anne Arundel County.

**Ashoka: Innovators for the Public . . . . . \$49,000**  
**Arlington, VA**  
Toward support of the alley gating and greening initiative in Baltimore City. As a strategy to reduce crime and excess dumping and to increase property values, the Community Greens concept provides an opportunity for neighborhoods to reclaim their alleyways, broaden the possibilities for involvement in communal life, and improve their communities.

**Associated Black Charities (ABC) . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**  
Toward the cost of a consultant to develop a long-term strategic plan. ABC was established to raise consciousness in the African American community to become self-sufficient, competitive, and contributing through responsible leadership; to promote philanthropy; and to increase resources toward supporting improvement of the community's well-being.

**Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers . . . . . \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**  
For support of the Neighborhoods for All Ages project, a pilot program designed to assist older residents to continue to live independently in their own homes by helping them gain access to services and providing them with assistance for home repairs.

**Baltimore Efficiency & Economy Foundation, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**  
Toward support of an effort to amend the City Charter to raise the minimum expense level requiring Board of Estimates approval, and for a study on privatizing the Baltimore City Department of Recreation & Parks' concessions.

**Baltimore Community Lending . . . . . \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Baltimore Homeowner Emergency Loan Program (HELP), an initiative to provide refinancing options for predatory loan victims. The program objectives are to refinance 18 predatory loans, to provide two-year financial counseling and budgeting services for each refinanced family through St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center, to make referrals to other needed services for 60 families, and to support future class-action lawsuits determined by Civil Justice, Inc. and St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center.

**Baltimore Development Corporation . . . . . \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward continuing support of administrative expenses for Maglev-Maryland, a program to develop a magnetic levitation high-speed train between Baltimore and Washington. When fully operational, the train could reduce travel time between the two cities to less than 20 minutes.

**Baltimore Neighborhood Collaborative/ABAG . . . . . \$15,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Transit-Centered Community Development initiative. The focus of the initiative is to expand transit-centered community-development strategies in Station North, West and East Baltimore; to promote and encourage employer investment and support of increased regional transit; to develop a targeted housing acquisition, rehabilitation, and development plan; and to support the creation of mixed-income communities.

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

For continued support of expenses for residential and commercial revitalization efforts, including expansion of the Foreclosure Prevention Initiative. To deter disinvestment, the program will work to create conditions to attract investment and new homeowners.

**Canton Community Association . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the development of a Master Plan for the Canton Dog Park, designed to serve as a model for a citywide network of dog parks.

**Charm City Land Trusts, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To complete the acquisition of eight tax-foreclosed properties for use as a community garden, park, and labyrinth in the McElderry Park neighborhood.

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LOAN VICTIMS.

**Friends of Patterson Park . . . . . \$15,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For general support of the maintenance of restored facilities and landscapes of Patterson Park. In addition to keeping the park facilities operational and well maintained, the program seeks to provide recreational opportunities, educational outreach, and cultural arts programming in partnership with other community organizations.

**Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward a strategic planning initiative. With the completion of Stadium Place in sight, the corporation sees the need to establish the direction of the organization, setting priorities for the population served, and determining the extent of expansion.

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

For general support of a partnership of banks, foundations, government agencies, and community organizations committed to strengthening underserved neighborhoods. The intent is to increase home values, create standards for property improvement, and increase the level of renovation and improvement in participating neighborhoods targeted for revitalization.

**Johns Hopkins University/  
Environmental Sciences and Policy Programs . . . . . \$43,328**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of Indicators for Urban Sustainability in Watershed 263 in West Baltimore. The project will measure trends in aspects of environmental, economic, and social characteristics related to planned restoration projects in Watershed 263, a systematic and holistic sustainability project. The project includes tree planting, clearing and greening of vacant lots, reducing litter, cleaning streets and alleys, creating community gardens, improving city parks, greening schoolyards, increasing recycling, and supporting community stewardship.

**Maryland PIRG Foundation . . . . . \$15,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the implementation of a statewide campaign to promote energy policies focused on efficiency and conservation. MaryPIRG will produce timely and relevant research on models for energy-efficiency and conservation programs and practices, including case studies with cost benefits, funding mechanisms, and best methods of program delivery. Such efforts will encourage the state to pursue energy policies that are consumer-oriented and environmentally sustainable.



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

Toward start-up costs of two revenue-producing ventures: Chesapeake Trees, an urban tree nursery; and Baltimore City Wood Works, LLC, a waste wood reuse/recycle business. The purpose is threefold: to grow and sell local urban-appropriate tree species that can be used to increase the tree canopy; create opportunities for city residents to learn about environmental restoration/mitigation projects; and generate examples of successful environmental social ventures.

**Patterson Park Community  
Development Corporation . . . . . \$30,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of an initiative to clean streets and alleys in the Patterson Park community. The effort is intended to help eliminate trash and create a visually appealing, comfortable, and secure community in the 22-block area.

**Progressive Maryland Education Fund . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the fund’s outreach campaign designed to educate the public and mobilize public involvement in the process of resolving Maryland’s fiscal crisis.

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

For continued support of the Tenant Advocacy Project. The objectives are to reduce the number of eviction cases and the number processed through the court and to eliminate the practice of depositing tenant belongings in the public right-of-way and the cost of chattel pickup and disposal.

**Rebuilding Together Baltimore . . . . . \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To fund the salary of a part-time program manager. The program manager’s responsibilities include client relations, and volunteer and contractor management. This intensive oversight will help Rebuilding Together Baltimore to increase the numbers of low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly, disabled, and families with children, served in targeted neighborhoods.

**Resources for the Future . . . . . \$25,000**  
**Washington, DC**

Toward expenses in support of a conference to commemorate the tenth anniversary of Maryland’s Smart Growth legislation. The conference is expected to identify strengths and weaknesses in the law, to present an assessment of how the Smart Growth laws are working, and to develop programming to strengthen state and local laws.

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**Sandtown Habitat for Humanity . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For a consultant's fee to train Habitat staff on cost-effective techniques for insulating, sealing, and improving energy efficiency of houses they are renovating.

**Skatepark of Baltimore, Inc. . . . . \$30,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward planning and pre-development costs of building a public skatepark for Baltimore City skateboarders, bikers, and rollerbladers.

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

For support of the Baltimore Bioneers' three-day conference, convening social and scientific innovators sharing positive solutions on issues of sustainability relating to green architecture, green living, and stewardship of the environment. As part of a national forum, the conference, held at the Maryland Institute College of Art, focused on practical and visionary solutions for restoring the environment and caring for people.

**University of Maryland/Philip Merrill**  
**College of Journalism. . . . . \$500,000**  
**College Park, MD**

Capital funding for construction of a new journalism building to establish The Abell Professorship in Baltimore Journalism. Each semester the professorship will provide the opportunity for eight to 10 students to develop stories on timely and important issues affecting quality of life in Baltimore City.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Art With A Heart . . . . . \$15,550**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support and expansion of Summer Jobcorps, a visual arts program for 30 at-risk youth living in the Rose Street community. Developed as a four-week job-training program for 14- to 21-year-olds, Art With A Heart offers summer work experience in the creating and selling of marketable art at the 2007 Artscape.

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

For continued support of career coaching, career mapping, and the Pre-Allied Health Bridge Project. The Alliance was created in response to reports that many entry-level workers lack requisite basic skills for post-secondary training leading to high paying jobs.

**BioTechnical Institute of Maryland, Inc. . . . . . \$75,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the BioSTART and Laboratory Associates Programs. BioSTART, a 12-week bridge program, has been developed to introduce Baltimore residents to bioscience terminology, employment possibilities, laboratory procedures, and laboratory math. Upon successful completion, students move on to the Laboratory Associates Program that includes nine-week laboratory classes, followed by three-week internships. The internships qualify the applicants for entry-level laboratory positions with average starting wages of \$12 per hour, plus benefits.

**CASA of Maryland, Inc. . . . . . \$200,000  
Takoma Park, MD**

For continued support of the Baltimore Worker Employment Center for day laborers and low-income workers. The formal hiring center, where day laborers can have a safe, organized way of finding work rather than waiting on a street corner, will enable more than 250 workers a month to find temporary jobs, 100 workers to find permanent positions, and more than 500 workers to obtain identification cards.

**Center for Urban Families . . . . . \$300,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Ninth-year support of STRIVE Baltimore, a job training and placement service for unemployed and underemployed men and women. STRIVE prepares participants for the workforce thorough a three-week intensive workshop focusing on job readiness. The STRIVE model emphasizes attitudinal training, job placement, one-on-one and group counseling, parenting skills, and case management.

**Center for Urban Families . . . . . \$750,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Three-year capital funding for construction of a new headquarters and workforce development center in the Mondawmin neighborhood. The new headquarters will house STRIVE Baltimore, the Baltimore Responsible Fatherhood Project, and the Baltimore Building Strong Families Program. All three programs target families and individuals with histories of substance abuse, ex-offenders, and people who lack access to social support systems.

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COLLEGE OF  
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JOURNALISM.

**Civic Works . . . . . \$108,195**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the B'more Green environmental job training program to serve unemployed or underemployed residents of Baltimore City. The training consists of a seven-week, 250-hour program of hands-on fieldwork and classroom study. Upon completion, the trainees will receive certification in lead abatement and First Aid/CPR, and training in hazardous-materials remediation, emergency response, environmental site assessment and sampling, ecological restoration, and storm water management.

**Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc. . . . . \$150,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of an initiative designed to reduce housing and employment discrimination against ex-offenders in Maryland. The program will provide direct legal representation for Baltimore City ex-offenders, helping to expunge past arrests and convictions from criminal records. The program educates ex-offenders about the ramifications of their criminal records, sentencing procedures, and probation and parole.

**Humanim, Inc. . . . . \$500,000**  
**Columbia, MD**

Capital funding toward the restoration of the American Brewery Brewhouse which will house Humanim's vocational programs and staff, serving nearly 1,000 clients a year. Once the building is completed in spring 2009, Humanim plans to launch a pilot employment program to serve the residents of Broadway East.

**The Jacob France Institute. . . . . \$19,300**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of a strategic planning project for funders investing in workforce development projects. The purpose of the project is to review private foundation workforce development investments and outcomes to help prioritize funding needs, inform any future investments, and identify joint funding opportunities.

**Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. . . . . \$75,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Child Support/Barriers to Employment Project, an initiative to address the financial needs of noncustodial parents with child support obligations. The project will provide individual representation to at least 200 noncustodial parents and work with the Child Support Enforcement Administration to identify and implement changes in policies and practices so that case managers act in the best interests of the children.

**Maryland Center for Arts and Technology, Inc. (MCAT) . . . . . \$75,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support and expansion of job training programs for unemployed and underemployed youth and adults in Baltimore City. The center has developed customized health care and customer service training programs that consist of classroom training, employer-specific training, and paid internships. MCAT plans to recruit and train at least 160 individuals for positions in health care and other industries, and to maintain high placement and retention rates for all graduates.

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

For continued support of the Baltimore CASH Campaign, an initiative to increase the use of the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and free tax preparation services. Its goal is to complete at least 7,000 tax refunds for low-income taxpayers who are eligible to receive the EITC refunds. The campaign will focus on promoting asset development strategies, including the directing of refunds to individual bank accounts and savings for homeownership and post-secondary education tuition.

**The Men’s Center, Inc. . . . . \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of a vehicle, insurance coverage, and related expenses for the Fresh Food Recovery Program. The vehicle is to be used to collect day-old food from farmers’ markets and redistribute the food to area soup kitchens and other community-based organizations serving approximately 2,000 people each week.

**The Men’s Center, Inc. . . . . \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

To hire a fund-raising consultant to assist with renovations for expansion of meeting space and the food distribution area.

**Normandy House, Inc. . . . . \$50,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For renovations of a resource center serving residents of the Coldstream/Homestead/Montebello communities. The center will provide 50 children and their families with a variety of programs designed to engage children in safe activities outside the school day, in order to help keep children off the streets. During the day, a computer lab will be open to neighborhood residents. Volunteers, serving as mentors, teachers, and tutors, will operate the center and offer tutoring assistance, computer classes, piano and other music lessons, sign-language instruction, and a book club.

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**Paul's Place, Inc. . . . . \$50,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Hot Lunch and Ambassador programs for residents of Washington Village/Pigtown. Paul's Place serves an average of 265 meals per day and more than 65 percent of the hot lunch guests use other supportive services or obtain referrals to other organizations. Approximately 30 guests participate in the Ambassador Community Volunteer Program, a pre-job readiness training program. For every hour worked, a participant earns points toward an incentive payment that can be applied to groceries, rent, or utility bills.

**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 30 men per week, linking them to employment opportunities, providing stipends for living expenses, and referring them to drug treatment and job training programs. An average of 35 at-risk youth and young adults participate in daily peer mediation activities designed to reduce gang-related shootings and homicides.

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

For continued support of the Learn to Earn Program, a job readiness training program at the St. Ambrose Outreach Center. The program offers adult education, job-training, and placement services. Job training includes coursework in child care, medical terminology, certified nursing assistance, clerical, computer skills, and computer terminology.

**Seedco (Structured Employment Economic  
Development Corporation). . . . . \$75,000**  
**New York, NY**

For continued support of EarnBenefits Baltimore, a Web-based tool that helps individuals and families apply for 26 different federal, state, and city benefits, including Maryland Earned Income Tax Credit, the Maryland Health Insurance Plan, Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program, the Maryland Energy Assistance Program, and the federal Food Stamp Program. The program is designed to streamline eligibility screening application submission, and tracking of submitted applications. Seedco will work with five community-based partners to assist 1,540 individuals in receiving at least one benefit and 385 individuals in receiving multiple benefits.

**Suited to Succeed . . . . . \$15,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward operating costs of a program providing professional clothing to women in transition from unemployment or welfare-to-work. The program provides appropriate interview and workplace attire to 1,400 unemployed women seeking work. In exchange for selecting two outfits, the women are asked to donate one hour of time to help sort clothing. After their first interview, they may return to select two more professional outfits in exchange for a second donated hour. Once they obtain a job, they may return to select a fifth outfit in exchange for a third hour of volunteer time.

**Vehicles for Change, Inc. . . . . \$57,600**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Ninth-year funding for the continuation of an initiative to provide 48 donated 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.

**CONSERVATION**

**1000 Friends of Maryland . . . . . \$20,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Challenge grant for continued support of staffing and expenses related to the Partners for Open Space campaign, to ensure full funding for Program Open Space. The campaign will also ensure that Program Open Space funds are spent strategically through the development of targeted and ranked priorities: 1) discussion of the transfer tax revenues for new programs, such as operating needs of state parks and forests; and 2) the need to engage in a public debate about the important role of open space and ongoing protection of the state's natural resources.

**American Farmland Trust . . . . . \$35,000**  
**Washington, DC**

For staffing costs and related expenses to facilitate the implementation of recommendations set out in Maryland's Statewide Plan for Agricultural Policy and Resource Management, and to build support for proposed reforms of the 2007 Farm Bill. The Trust will continue to provide community outreach and bridge farming communities with the environmental community, promote a more viable and sustaining agriculture economy in Maryland, help open greater access to fresh and locally grown food to local markets, and work toward tripling the protected acreage of productive farmland by 2022.

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

For continued support of educational services at the Audubon Center in Patterson Park. Joint programming with the Friends of Patterson Park is helping to change the perception of safety issues in the park and continuing to increase the overall visitation and use of the park. Working closely with neighboring schools, Audubon offers in-classroom curricula and integrates into the program Maryland Content Standards, field trips, and end-of-year service projects for elementary, middle, and high school students. After-school programming offers a 15-week series for third-grade through fifth-grade students to learn about bird biology.

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation . . . . . \$10,000**  
**Annapolis, MD**

Two grants in support of the 2007 and 2008 Environmental Legislative Summits.

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation . . . . . \$10,000**  
**Annapolis, MD**

Toward support of planned litigation activities in Maryland to ensure greater enforcement of existing laws and regulations critical to the restoration and protection of the Chesapeake Bay. The foundation will focus on incidents of damage to the Bay, such as encroachment on wetlands, erosion, stormwater run-off caused by developments, lack of setbacks creating buffer zones, power plant toxic airborne emissions, and will monitor permits and zoning variances being recorded at local planning and zoning boards.

**Chesapeake Climate Action Network . . . . . \$50,000**  
**Takoma Park, MD**

Toward a public education and outreach program addressing issues of global warming in Maryland. The network, in collaboration with Environment Maryland, will publish Blue Prints for Action reports for dissemination to legislators and media, and will train 300 volunteers for grassroots advocacy efforts working toward the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in Maryland by 20 percent by 2020 and 90 percent by 2050.

**The Chesapeake Rivers Association . . . . . \$15,000**  
**Annapolis, MD**

Two grants in support of the Severn Riverkeeper Program's efforts to protect, preserve, and restore the Severn River. Through daily shoreline and river monitoring, the Riverkeeper program protects vulnerable waterways by providing effective legal representation to stop inappropriate development and



promotes enforcement by local and state authorities. By providing scientific evidence and effective legal representation to stop inappropriate shoreline development, the association was influential in the Maryland Critical Areas Commission decision to increase penalties for non-compliance and infractions from \$500 to \$10,000. Ongoing efforts are being made to install living shoreline in place of traditional riprap for erosion control.

**The Chester River Association . . . . . \$5,000  
Chestertown, MD**

Toward a planning grant to serve as a catalyst for systemic change in the way environmental organizations address farming issues. The overall goal is to increase cooperation with farmers in the watershed and implement best management practices.

**Environment Maryland Research  
and Policy Center, Inc. . . . . \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For expenses related to promoting the Clean Car Program in Maryland. This advocacy effort calls for ten executive briefings with the governor’s administrative staff, the creation of a Commission on Climate Change, and scheduling of testimonials on global warming and environmental health at the legislative session.

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

For support of the Patapsco/Back River Tributary Team and Stormwater Action Coalition survey of citizen understanding of stormwater impacts, and of actions to be taken designed to reduce contaminated runoff.

**Maryland League of Conservation  
Voters Education Fund . . . . . \$5,000  
Annapolis, MD**

For support of educational programs for conservation voters in public policy decisions at the state and local levels. Through its role as a coordinator of the coalition of environmental groups and the use of its capacity-building tools such as the List Enhancement Program, the environmental Briefing Book, and Environmental Community Online System, the Education Fund helps the conservation community play a strong and more effective role in public health and conservation policy process at the state level.

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**South River Federation, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Edgewater, MD**

For continued support of the South Riverkeeper initiative. The Riverkeeper program, in its efforts to protect the South River, will undertake specific legal actions and related advocacy efforts to promote better enforcement of sediment control in critical areas and other laws governing the use of land and resources in the South River watershed. While investigating dozens of complaints, the Riverkeeper will continue to expand and use its neighborhood-based volunteers to watch over the creeks and provide the eyes and ears to spot critical area violations and problems with sediment and erosion control.

**West/Rhode Riverkeeper, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Shady Side, MD**

For continued support of outreach activities in efforts to protect, preserve, and restore the West River, the Rhode River, surrounding tributaries, and watershed. The group plans to enhance preservation and restoration efforts by operating a waste-water pump-out boat on the rivers, and expanding water quality monitoring and bacteria testing efforts to 12 sites. It will continue to advocate for greater enforcement of the Critical Area Act.

**ARTS AND CULTURE**

**Access Art, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward expenses of an art program for at-risk youth in the Pigtown and Morrell Park neighborhoods. The purpose of Access Art is to provide young children with creative resources that foster responsible citizenship and serve the community through projects such as murals in public spaces and anti-graffiti campaigns.

**The African American Festival Foundation . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2007 African American Heritage Festival, showcasing and celebrating the history, culture, heritage, and arts of African Americans. The Festival attracts local and national audiences of more than 500,000.

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

For support of the 2007 Baltimore Book Festival. The festival features authors, exhibitors, workshops, discussions, reviews of student work by professionals and peers, resources for young writers, tutorials with accomplished writers, and a contest for young writers that offers cash or a scholarship prize.

**Baltimore Opera Company . . . . . \$48,200**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase and installation of equipment for Metropolitan Opera simulcasts in the Lyric Opera House. Once the equipment is installed, the Baltimore Opera will launch a series of eight Saturday afternoon Metropolitan Opera simulcasts promoting opera to an expanded audience. The company will explore alternative forms of operatic entertainment to generate additional revenue.

**Baltimore Shakespeare Festival, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Challenge grant for support of a residency at Baltimore City College High School. The Festival places a teaching artist for a semester working with a class of up to 20 students. The students participating in the class often come to the program with no prior theatrical experience and a limited understanding of Shakespeare's work. Students develop stage presence, vocal projection, text comprehension, and they learn to perform on stage before an audience in a production of a version of a Shakespeare play.

**High Zero Foundation, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the High Zero 2007 Festival of Experimental Improvised Music. The four-day event, now receiving national notice, attracts high quality avant-garde musicians from around the world to participate in all-new collaborations with Baltimore artists.

**Maryland Citizens for the Arts Foundation. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Ellicott City, MD**

For continued support of educational and outreach arts programs designed to increase public awareness and support for the cultural arts in Maryland.

**Museum of Ceramic Art. . . . . \$32,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2007-2008 in-school and after-school ceramic art programs in 37 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. Student works are exhibited in public venues, while arrangements are made for participating schools to create ceramic murals for permanent installations around Baltimore.

**OTHER**

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

For 2007 membership dues.

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

**EDUCATION**

Archdiocese of Baltimore . . . . .	\$3,575
Baltimore City Community College . . . . .	\$4,989
Baltimore Education Network . . . . .	\$1,000
BCPSS/Calverton Middle School . . . . .	\$1,000
The Carnegie Institution . . . . .	\$3,000
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Civic Works . . . . .	\$3,506
CollegeBound Foundation, Inc. . . . .	\$1,559
Young Audiences of Maryland, Inc. . . . .	\$3,000

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Baltimore City Health Department . . . . .	\$2,413
Madison East End Multi-Purpose Center . . . . .	\$2,165
Mercy Health Services, Inc. . . . .	\$4,966
Public Justice Center, Inc. . . . .	\$2,500
Unity Center of Christianity . . . . .	\$3,500

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ADDICTIONS**

Druid Heights Community Development Corporation . . . . .	\$1,363
International Association of Reentry . . . . .	\$4,600
National Women's Prison Project . . . . .	\$2,500
New Life Program for Ex-Offender Women, Inc. . . . .	\$2,500
Transitioning Lives, Inc. . . . .	\$4,580

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Baltimore Neighborhood Collaborative/ABAG .....	\$2,500
Citizens Planning and Housing Association .....	\$1,000
Civic Works .....	\$4,600
Downtown Partnership of Baltimore .....	\$3,500
International Center for Sustainable Development .....	\$500
Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition, Inc.....	\$3,000
Neighborhoods of Greater Lauraville, Inc. ....	\$2,000

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies .....	\$3,000
Mayor’s Office of Employment Development .....	\$4,800
Saint Frances Academy .....	\$2,000

**CONSERVATION**

Parks & People Foundation .....	\$1,500
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**ARTS AND CULTURE**

A.D. Emmart Memorial Fund, Inc. ....	\$2,500
Downtown Partnership of Baltimore .....	\$2,500
Young Victorian Theatre Company .....	\$2,500

**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 community-wide 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 re-entry 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 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) 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.

### 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.

## ABELL PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

### NEWSLETTERS

#### JANUARY

##### **Hospital-Acquired Infections: A National Tragedy**

**Abell Salutes:** Patterson Park Community Development Corporation and Executive Director Ed Rutkowski for mastering neighborhood dynamics and for creating an “urban success story.”

#### FEBRUARY

**Maryland’s Property Transfer Tax:** Baltimore City deserves a fair share of the explosive growth of the Maryland Property Transfer Tax revenue collected. It isn’t getting it.

**Abell Salutes:** “The Environment Integrity Project” for doing what it does – forcing polluters to clean up their acts.

#### AUGUST

##### **The Market is Failing Low-Wage Baltimoreans**

The “poverty premium” is as much as \$3,000 a year in cost-of-living – Everything from groceries, financial transactions, cars, and home mortgages.

**Abell Salutes:** Preservation Maryland: Making history a partner in economic development.

#### SEPTEMBER

##### **The Dismantling of Baltimore’s Public Housing:**

Housing Authority cutting 2,400 homes for the poor from its depleted inventory – a 15- year trend shows a decrease of 42 percent in occupied units.

**Abell Salutes:** New Leaders for New Schools, and New Leader principal Shaylin Todd – for building a learning community by “mapping out the building.”

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