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## A HISTORY OF THE ABELL FOUNDATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

### **WATERFRONT PARTNERSHIP OF BALTIMORE/ STATE OF THE HARBOR REPORT**

The biggest challenge to the health and attractiveness of the Baltimore Harbor is the enormous volume of pollution and trash resulting from upstream runoff. In 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency declared that the Baltimore Harbor was an impaired waterway, the second such designation in the state after the Anacostia River.

Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore was formed in 2005 to address concerns about maintenance and investment in the public infrastructure around the harbor. The organization identified the need to expand its mission to address water quality issues in the harbor; and, in 2010, the Partnership established a goal to meet the broad objectives of the Clean Water Act for the harbor to be swimmable and fishable by 2020. The Partnership was encouraged by the results of sampling data from the Center for Watershed Protection, showing that 200 hours after heavy rain, high bacteria levels in the harbor drop dramatically. These findings indicate that not only can changes in water quality be quantified, but also steps to control pollution and runoff make a difference—and impaired conditions in the harbor may be reversed.

Surprisingly, as critical as the harbor is to Baltimore City, no report to date has ever established a baseline analysis of water quality from which to measure change. To begin this process, Waterfront Partnership identified numerous organizations and agencies with an interest in water quality and watershed protection that collect sample data and evaluate the health of waterways and watersheds leading into the Baltimore Harbor. The groups' sampling data were shared, compared, and analyzed by Ecocheck, a partnership of the University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The resulting report, "The State of Baltimore Harbor's Ecological and Human Health," funded with a \$55,000 Abell Foundation grant, gives the first snapshot ranking of the health of the Baltimore Harbor. It measures bacteria, nutrients, sediment, trash, and toxicants; paints a grim picture of the water quality and level of contaminants; and highlights the challenges that will have to be overcome to improve water quality.

Using the report as a baseline, Waterfront Partnership worked with the Center for Watershed Protection and Biohabitats to create "A Healthy Harbor Plan," which addresses each major source of pollution affecting the harbor. Drawing from research on successful clean-up efforts in other cities, including Los Angeles and Philadelphia, the plan proposes a new stormwater utility assessment, as well as green infrastructure projects, floating wetlands, algal turf scrubbers, inlet trash grates, and trash netting systems. The plan recommends actions to reduce nutrients and pollutants coming from upstream sewage, trash, and stormwater, and outlines a timeline for implementation of improvements.

### **CIVIC WORKS/IN-HOME ENERGY MONITORING PILOT**

To test new ways of encouraging residential energy efficiency and to expand a basic understanding of residents' pattern of energy usage, Civic Works, with a \$4,950 grant from The Abell Foundation, created a pilot project to install home energy display units that allow low-income residents to view their real-time electricity usage.

Residents are offered display units that monitor utility usage in a user-friendly format, and reflect results and cost savings of resident actions such as turning off vampire power-using appliances or unplugging an old refrigerator. The direct and immediate feedback of viewing usage on a screen is intended to raise energy awareness and provide information that will enable residential customers to better understand ways of reducing energy consumption. One study of the use of similar monitors in Great Britain showed that residents achieved a 30 percent savings in electricity.

Over the past year, Civic Works interviewed product manufacturer representatives and met with BGE to discuss the benefits and drawbacks of various in-home energy monitoring devices. Through its research, Civic Works determined that the best product for the pilot was a battery-powered Honeywell In-Home Energy Display, which costs \$150. Civic Works then identified 50 homeowners who had received Project Lightbulb services and were interested in participating in the free pilot project. Through Project Lightbulb, participating residents received energy-efficient CFL (compact fluorescent light) bulbs to replace incandescent light bulbs, hot water heater insulation, adjustment of heating and cooling thermostats for the hot water heater and refrigerator, and installation of low-flow faucet aerators in the kitchen and bathrooms. Civic Works also offers homeowners information and helpful hints on additional ways to conserve energy and provides referrals to additional assistance services, such as the federally funded Weatherization Assistance Program and the Baltimore Neighborhood Energy Challenge.

Civic Works has engaged four AmeriCorps members to work with 50 households participating in the pilot, educating homeowners on how to use the device, and monitoring energy usage and savings. As a contribution to the pilot project, Honeywell discounted the total cost of the devices by \$3,000 and provided one day of technical training. BGE agreed to install and calibrate meters to accept the in-home monitoring device in the 50 homes, and to provide the energy-usage data that will measure consumption before and after the meter and monitoring devices are installed. As it does for Project Lightbulb, Civic Works will measure and document the residential utility usage of all participants before and after installation of the home energy monitoring devices, and calculate the resulting changes in electricity consumption over a one-year period.

#### **HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS, INC./LOAN POOL**

Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc. was formed in 2004 by bank, foundation, and community leaders to help undervalued neighborhoods increase occupancy rates and home values by stimulating property improvements. The initiative is designed to increase demand for the neighborhoods' homes, expand city tax revenues, and create a higher level of confidence among residents. To attract new residents and increased investments, 10 neighborhoods with devalued housing markets and signs of deterioration were initially selected for direct intervention. Healthy Neighborhoods provides operating grants to the participating neighborhood groups for marketing, community organizing, and block projects. The neighborhood groups encouraged homeowner purchase and investment, as well as infrastructure improvements to

enhance the visual appeal of the selected neighborhoods. The organization has since expanded the program and resources, and technical assistance is now provided to 41 participating neighborhoods.

In 2006, Healthy Neighborhoods created a \$40 million loan pool, funded through 10 contributing lending institutions and partially guaranteed by the Abell, Goldseker, and Weinberg foundations, and the Maryland Housing Fund. To encourage lender participation in the loan pool, The Abell Foundation provided a \$2 million loan guaranty of 5 percent of each acquisition and rehabilitation loan, challenging an equal match from partner guarantors.

The pooled funding allows three below-market products: purchase-rehabilitation loans, refinance-rehabilitation loans, and home renovation loans up to a maximum of \$40,000. M&T Bank underwrites and administers the loans during the construction phase, and participating lenders provide the permanent financing through the loan pool. Healthy Neighborhoods provides training to realtors and housing counselors to expand the loan marketing and promotion to potential homebuyers. Healthy Neighborhoods contracts with an architectural firm to offer design and technical assistance to homeowners undertaking renovations, including establishing a clear scope of work; maximizing the value of improvements; and assisting in identifying contractors, bidding, and managing construction.

Since its inception, the Healthy Neighborhoods loan pool has closed 230 loans, totaling \$38.1 million. In 2011 alone, 59 loans totaling \$8.1 million were closed, including two acquisition-only loans, 18 acquisition-rehabilitation loans, 24 refinance-rehabilitation loans, and 15 home improvement loans. In the six-year history of the loan program during a tumultuous housing and job market, the vast majority of Healthy Neighborhoods homeowner-borrowers have consistently paid their mortgages on time, and the program has a very low default rate.

In 2012, recognizing the success of the first loan pool, Healthy Neighborhoods will finalize the creation of the second loan pool of \$23 million with six participating lenders. As it did in the first loan pool, The Abell Foundation will provide a \$1.15 million guaranty, matched by guaranties from the Goldseker and Annie E. Casey foundations, as well as the Maryland Housing Fund.

### **HISTORIC EAST BALTIMORE COMMUNITY ACTION COALITION/NORTHEAST MARKET**

According to the Baltimore Healthy Stores project, the census tract that includes Northeast Market is one of the city's "food deserts." Although there are 16 food stores in this tract, there are no sources for low-fat milk, and none that provides three or more fresh fruit or vegetable options. The nearest full-service grocery store is

approximately two miles away, and access to it is difficult for shoppers who are elderly or infirm, or depend on public transportation. In contrast, suburban residents enjoy shopping at supermarkets where the choices are wide, the food is more wholesome, and prices are competitive, whereas many city residents must deal with stores offering narrow choices and prices as much as 37 percent higher. Northeast Market is no exception: It reflects the problems of the area in that offerings are comprised mostly of high-fat or fried foods, and very little by way of affordable fresh meat, fish, and produce.

Though the current owner of the Northeast Market has made improvements to the roof, and the core systems are in good repair, the market, renovated in 1955, is architecturally dated. Improvements are expected to help change the perception of the market, encourage additional investment in the district, and lead to increased patronage by neighborhood residents and nearby Johns Hopkins Hospital employees and visitors. Renovation of the market and more diverse food choices will accommodate residents' interest in and need for fresh, affordable, nutritious food.

The Abell Foundation granted Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition (HEBCAC) a total of \$150,000 in support of renovations to the market. In the spring of 2011, HEBCAC convened a two-day meeting with Project for Public Spaces, which helped to shape the exterior and interior renovation standards for the market.

Exterior improvements will include installation of bike racks and murals, improved lighting, and landscaping. Energy-efficient lighting will be added to the interior, along with vendor relocations; facelifts on stalls; additional customer seating; cleaning and painting of the ceiling; installation of uniform stall lighting; and mechanical, electrical, and plumbing kitchen upgrades. New signage and graphics will be added to both the interior and exterior of the market. Renovations are scheduled for completion by fall 2012.

New vendor space will be available to the Civic Works' program Real Food Farm, which sells its locally grown food at the market; other local growers will be solicited. HEBCAC will manage a community intensive design process in order to be responsive to the needs and interests of the surrounding community. The Baltimore City Food Policy Director is working with existing vendors to expand and upgrade the nutritional quality of menu offerings. The Maryland Institute College of Art is creating concepts to rebrand the market using a fresh/healthy food theme.

The Center for a Livable Future at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health will conduct annual surveys of customers to measure whether the expanded offerings at the market have contributed to a healthier diet. HEBCAC, along with the Baltimore Development Corporation, will measure sales and rent trends on the blocks to the east and west of the market, and measure the number and types of new businesses.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ADDICTIONS

### **ALTERNATIVE DIRECTIONS, INC./ HAND IN HAND BALTIMORE**

According to research conducted by the Just Kids Partnership, approximately 1,250 boys and girls under the age of 18 in Maryland are charged as adults every year. In Baltimore City, on average, 95 youth are held on a daily basis in the Baltimore City Detention Center (BCDC), awaiting trial as adults, spending as much as six months at a time in confinement. Of the cases in which youth are tried as adults, 34 percent are dismissed, and the youth are subsequently returned to their communities without access to any effective intervention services. While Maryland does not keep data on the recidivism rate of youth charged as adults, data collected by the Pew Center on the States in April 2011 reveals that 40 percent of people released from adult prisons are incarcerated within three years. This high recidivism rate can be linked to the adult criminal system, which is not required to provide rehabilitative services—such as life skills, education, job training, and counseling. For youth in BCDC, success upon release is dismal at best.

Upon graduating from The Johns Hopkins University with a degree in psychology, Jessica Turrall decided to work with young people, but was unsure of how to do so. She began researching volunteer opportunities and quickly became discouraged at the lack of services available for youth charged as adults and detained at BCDC awaiting trial. In response to this lack of services, Ms. Turrall started an organization called Hand in Hand (HIH) Baltimore, which helps to connect juveniles charged as adults with caring mentors who provide them with counseling, individual and group therapy, mentoring, academic enrichment, and case management. HIH partners with the Community Law In Action program, Youth as Resources, and Living Classrooms Fresh Start program, to provide job training and GED classes. It also has relationships with surrounding colleges and universities in Baltimore that provide HIH with interns, while enabling graduate students to receive school credit. It is the only program offering services to this target population.

HIH offers two distinct programs. The first is a pre-release program that works with youth awaiting trial at BCDC. Its volunteer staff (college students, graduate students, and community members) visits these youth five days a week to work with them on academics, case management, and goal planning. The application process involves an interview, a two-week behavioral trial period, an initial reading assessment, and career aptitude testing. The participating youth are placed into one of two small mentoring groups. The second is a re-entry program that provides employment, housing, individual and group mentoring, and placement in educational opportunities. It operates out of the Johns Hopkins Homewood Campus. The goal is to work with 30 incarcerated youth in the pre-release program and 15 in the re-entry program. The intent is to expand the program to include referrals of youth who had been detained as adults, but released before they were able to connect with HIH.

In its first 18 months of operation, HIH has had four clients released from BCDC, and only one has been re-arrested. The remaining three are enrolled in school or an alternative educational program, and have been arrest-free for more than a year. Funding of \$56,000 from The Abell Foundation went toward the hiring of additional staff to support the expansion of HIH efforts.



## **OFFICE OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR BALTIMORE CITY/ PROSTITUTION DIVERSION INITIATIVE**

Baltimore averages an estimated 940 prostitution arrests each year (five-year average). Among those arrests are many defendants who are repeat offenders, re-arrested for prostitution and related crimes such as drug possession, trespassing, and fourth-degree burglary. In 2006, the residents of the Brooklyn and Curtis Bay areas of South Baltimore, alarmed about the increased occurrence of prostitution in their neighborhoods, created a Prostitution Task Force. As a partner in the task force, the Baltimore City Office of the State's Attorney (OSA) conducted research on Prostitution Court models in several jurisdictions around the country that were established to address the same concerns as those expressed by the task force. Through a collaborative process, the Specialized Prostitution Diversion (SPD) initiative was created on the theory that providing comprehensive services such as drug treatment, mental health treatment, employment training, and housing to these defendants would more effectively reduce recidivism than traditional prosecution, which typically results in minimal jail sentences and/or standard probation.

In 2008, the OSA received an Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to hire a social worker, who was also an LCSW-C, to assist in creating a prostitution pilot program. The SPD program is a 90-day pre-trial diversion option for defendants charged with prostitution. The pilot program was built on established problem-solving principles: enhanced information, community engagement, collaboration, individualized justice, and accountability. The pilot program was started in August 2009, with the diversion program being placed in the Early Resolution Court at the Eastside District Courthouse. Benefits of the program include:

- One-on-one specialized counseling by a dedicated clinical social worker;
- Pre-trial monitoring, including drug testing and supervision;
- Immediate and ongoing access to substance abuse assessment and referral;
- Access to a diversion program for persons who have a record (other diversion programs generally require that the person be a first-time offender);
- Referral to other services such as trauma counseling, health services, employment training, etc.; and
- A nolle pros rather than a conviction record upon the successful completion of the SPD program.

In addition to its positive impact on crime and public health, SPD saves expense associated with sentencing the defendant (average sentence length is 30 days or less) to incarceration or supervised probation, and reduces pre-trial detention. If a defendant who is otherwise eligible for the program is incarcerated because he or she cannot afford the set bail, the OSA may ask that the defendant be released on his or her own recognizance to take part in the SPD program. For the individuals served to date, the overall successful completion rate is 67 percent. In order to be eligible for the program, an individual must be charged with prostitution and cannot be under parole or probation supervision.

The capacity of SPD was limited to 40 individuals at any one time, but funding from The Abell Foundation (\$127,982) has allowed the program to double its capacity. The OSA is working in conjunction with researchers at the University of Maryland to complete an evaluation of the program. A comparison group for this evaluation will be made up of individuals who were eligible, but unable to participate in the program due to space limitations. The OSA intends to use the evaluation results, if warranted, to lobby for the court system to institutionalize the program.

#### **TURNAROUND, INC.**

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, sex trafficking is a form of modern day slavery, where women and young girls are forced to engage in the commercial sex trade. There is no one type of sex trafficking victim, but generally they are women in vulnerable situations. In fact, many women engaged in sex trafficking are survivors of childhood sexual abuse.

The U.S. Trafficking Victims Protection Act defines a sex trafficking victim as anyone who engages in commercial sex as a result of force, fraud, or coercion, or who is under the age of 18 (anyone underage cannot give consent to engage in prostitution). It is unclear how many women and girls are victims of sex trafficking in the Baltimore area, but the numbers are large. For example, in 2010 in Baltimore City, there were 1,200 arrests for prostitution. All of these women are at risk for trafficking and may already be victims. Once women are being trafficked, they are susceptible to continual exploitation, physical violence at the hands of clients and traffickers, and sexual assault.

TurnAround, Inc. began providing counseling in 1978 as the Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Center of Baltimore County. The agency has since expanded to serve clients in both Baltimore City and Baltimore County, and offers a broad continuum of services for survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, and child molestation. In fiscal year 2010, with a budget of nearly \$1.3 million, the agency provided direct services to 1,100 adult and child victims, including 122 adults and children who were sheltered, representing approximately 5,000 overnight stays. TurnAround also delivered prevention and community awareness information to an additional 10,300 people, two-thirds of whom were school-aged children.

With a \$245,700 grant from The Abell Foundation, TurnAround is now providing emergency shelter and support services for Baltimore City's victims of sex trafficking. TurnAround is currently serving 38 girls—all victims of sex trafficking in Baltimore City—with plans to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing for 20 more, focusing on those under the age of 18. TurnAround works closely with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Baltimore City Trafficking Task Force to remove young women from sex trafficking and to provide adequate safety, especially in cases where the victim wishes to report her trafficker.

## EDUCATION

### **BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS/ SUMMERREADS**

Baltimore City students, much like peers in other large urban districts, continue to lag behind the nation as a whole in reading achievement. While improvements have been made over recent years, according to the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP), 60 percent of Baltimore City fourth-grade students scored at the below-basic level, indicating that they had difficulty in locating information and drawing inferences from text, as well as difficulty in understanding the meanings of words from context.

A consistent finding in social science research is the positive and statistically significant relationship between the number of books in a child's home and academic achievement in reading. According to the NAEP, slightly more than half of Baltimore City fourth-grade students report having fewer than 26 books in their homes, and these students score significantly below their peers who enjoy greater access to print resources in the home (more than 26 books).

Research, most notably the work of Johns Hopkins researcher Karl Alexander, has identified summer vacation as a major culprit in widening the achievement gap in reading between low-income children and their wealthier peers. A number of studies in the past decade have shown that low-income and minority students experience larger summer reading losses than their more affluent and white classmates.

However, a series of voluntary summer reading programs implemented in public school systems since 2004 by Richard Allington, Ph.D. of the University of Tennessee and James Kim, Ed.D. of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, demonstrated that students had little to no reading loss over the summer. These programs underscore the impact that an appropriate, high-interest summer book distribution program can have on the reading levels of disadvantaged children.

In response, during the summer of 2011, The Abell Foundation initiated the SummerREADS book distribution program, which distributed 12 books, all matched to each student's reading level, to 1,000 second- and third-grade students in nine high-poverty, low-performing Baltimore City elementary schools. Children chose their own books and completed book logs over the summer to document their reading. Teachers provided classroom lessons to prepare children and their families. At the end of the summer, students turned in their completed book logs. The Abell Foundation supported SummerREADS with a \$95,630 grant.

The first year's evaluation by Johns Hopkins University found that the SummerREADS program distributed approximately 12,000 books to almost 1,000 students enrolled in high-poverty and poor-performing schools. Given that more than half of Baltimore City fourth-grade students reported owning fewer than 26 books in their homes on the 2011 National Assessment of Educational Progress, the program increased dramatically the number of books in the homes of participating students.

Raw score comparisons between SummerREADS students and a comparison group of similar students who did not participate in the program, showed that SummerREADS students lost, on average, six fewer correct words read per minute as measured on a test of Oral Reading Fluency.

It is evident from parents' comments in student summer reading logs that the SummerREADS program was a success. Many parents commented on areas where their child had difficulties (e.g., pronunciation of new words, pausing appropriately with punctuation) and how, over the course of the summer, their child's reading was improving.

Teachers were, on the whole, positive about SummerREADS. A teacher from Windsor Hills noted:

*"I want to thank you and The Abell Foundation for making this wonderful opportunity available to our students. They were all very excited about receiving the books, and I am sure that whatever amount of reading was done over the summer was enjoyable! It has been a pleasure working with you and I look forward to continuing the project next year!"*

In its first year, the SummerREADS program has demonstrated its ability to provide effective support for student summer reading. The program will be expanded to an additional 11 schools in summer 2012 and will serve 2,000 second-, third-, and fourth-grade students.

## **HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **ADOPTIONS TOGETHER, INC./ FAMILY FIND/STEP DOWN PROJECT**

According to data published by the Maryland Department of Human Resources in January 2011, there were 4,294 Baltimore City children placed in out-of-home care—including foster and kinship care homes, group homes, and residential treatment centers. While foster care is intended to be a temporary safe haven for children whose parents cannot provide them with adequate care, many of these children spend a large portion of their childhoods in foster care, eventually aging out of the system when they reach adulthood. During 2011, some 432 youths aged out of Baltimore City foster care, an average of 36 per month. These young people are reaching adulthood with no permanent families and very little support.

A 2007 report by the Pew Charitable Trusts found that the number of young people aging out of foster care in the United States increased 41 percent between 1998 and 2005, even as the total number of children in foster care declined. Most of these young people spend years in the foster care system before aging out, and face steep challenges as they transition to adulthood. Young people who age out of foster care are at high risk for incarceration, homelessness, and joblessness, and are far

less likely than their peers to attend college. One long-term study, published in 2010 by the Chapin Hall Center at the University of Chicago, found that only half of youth who aged out of care at age 18 were employed by their mid-20s, some 60 percent of the men had been convicted of a crime, and 75 percent of the women were receiving public assistance. Just 6 percent had completed a community college degree.

Although federal law provides incentives to encourage families to adopt children from foster care, the number of children adopted from Baltimore's foster care system has declined in recent years. A July 2010 Abell Report documented this trend: In 2002, some 702 children were adopted from Baltimore's foster care system; seven years later, in 2009, just 338 children were adopted from foster care in Baltimore, less than half as many as in 2002. Moreover, as of 2009, the median time to adoption for children in Baltimore foster care was 53 months—almost 4.5 years—compared to a national median of 32.4 months.

In an effort to address these challenges, Adoptions Together partnered with the Baltimore City Department of Social Services (BCDSS) in 2011 to create the Family Find/Step Down (FFSD) project, supported by a \$214,835 grant from The Abell Foundation. Modeled on a successful program that Adoptions Together designed and implemented in Washington, DC, the FFSD project works to find permanent homes for children who have been in Baltimore's foster care system for many years. Adoptions Together works closely with BCDSS staff as part of an FFSD team, addressing six key steps on the path to permanency:

1. **Assessment and Planning:** FFSD team members review case files, reports, and BCDSS plans for children, in an effort to identify children who have been in foster care for 10 or more years, are living in group homes, and have no current prospects for permanency. These children are referred to the FFSD project.
2. **Child Preparation:** The FFSD team provides counseling to the children to reduce barriers to adoption, and engages them in the process of finding potential adoptive families.
3. **Family Location and Preparation:** The FFSD team works to identify and recruit family members and others who may be interested in adopting the children. It conducts recruitment events and interviews adults who have had positive relationships with the child.
4. **Placement Preparation:** The FFSD team works to prepare at least one prospective permanent family for each child, providing 27 hours of training focused on building healthy family relationships with children who have experienced trauma. Staff initiates and monitors visits between child and family; assists the family in completing the state adoption process; and prepares the child for transition to a new, permanent home.

5. Placement Services: The FFSD team prepares the adoptive family and child for transition, creates a plan for post-placement supports, and identifies resources that the family may need to help ensure a smooth transition to permanency.
6. Post-Placement and Finalization Services: The FFSD team provides ongoing counseling, support groups, education, family networking events, and other supportive services to families and children following adoption to ensure the success of the placement.

In fall 2011, the FFSD project began working with an initial group of 31 children who range in age from 10 to 20, and have spent an average of 9.5 years in the foster care system. The project aims to place 135 children in permanent homes over the course of two years, providing them with stability and support of permanent families.

#### **BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION INITIATIVE**

Despite significant declines in recent years, Baltimore's teen birth rate remains one of the highest in the nation. According to the 2009 Maryland Vital Statistics Report, Baltimore City's teen birth rate was 64.4 births per 1,000 girls, ages 15 to 19, compared to a national rate of 39.1 per 1,000. This translates to 1,494 babies born to teen mothers, nearly 16 percent of all births in Baltimore in 2009. Moreover, many of these teen mothers were giving birth for a second or third time: Nearly 11 percent of births to 15- to 17-year-olds were at least second births, and more than one-quarter of births to 18- to 19-year-olds were second or third.

Research has shown that teenage childbearing can have long-term negative effects on both the adolescent mother and her newborn. A March 2009 Child Trends Research Brief summarized the research on the negative effects of teen childbearing on both the children and their parents:

- Compared with children born to older mothers, children of teen mothers are more likely to have low birth weights and to be born prematurely;
- Children of teen mothers are at higher risk for academic and behavioral problems in school, and are more likely to be sexually active at an early age and to become teen parents themselves;
- Sons of teenage mothers are more likely to end up in prison; and
- Compared with women who delay childbearing, teen mothers are more likely to drop out of high school and never graduate, and are at higher risk of receiving public assistance and of living in poverty.

In 2008, in an effort to address these concerns, the Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) contracted with the Healthy Teen Network—a research and training organization that focuses on teen pregnancy prevention and teen

parenting—to develop a strategic plan for reducing teen pregnancy in Baltimore. With a grant of \$47,000 from The Abell Foundation and funding from other sources, the Healthy Teen Network spent two years collecting data and conducting research on teen births in Baltimore and assessing the services and resources in the city that are directed toward reducing teen pregnancy. In September 2010, the Healthy Teen Network released its Strategic Plan to Reduce Teen Births in Baltimore City at a policy roundtable attended by Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Baltimore City Health Commissioner Dr. Oxiris Barbot, and representatives from a number of agencies that serve children and youth in Baltimore.

Based on the recommendations in the strategic plan, BCHD launched a Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) in 2011 with support from The Abell Foundation, together with funding from the Henry and Ruth Blaustein Rosenberg Foundation, the David and Barbara B. Hirschhorn Foundation and the Aaron Straus and Lillie Straus Foundation. Envisioned as a three-year initiative, the TPPI will incorporate a number of strategies aimed at reducing teen and unintended pregnancies in Baltimore:

- Adoption of the Nurse Family Partnership model, an evidence-based home visiting program that works with first-time teen parents, providing parenting support, education, and family planning, and has been shown to delay subsequent births;
- Creation and dissemination of a Web-based health-care provider “toolkit” to educate providers about best practices in adolescent reproductive health and effective contraceptive methods;
- Development and implementation of a social marketing/communications strategy which focuses on promoting effective contraceptive methods and is guided by advice from teens and young adults; and
- Promotion of evidence-based comprehensive sexuality education in Baltimore City public schools.

The TPPI is overseen by the BCHD Assistant Commissioner for Maternal and Child Health and is staffed by a Prevention Fellow funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The TPPI operates in conjunction with the health department’s B’More for Healthy Babies initiative, which is aimed at improving birth outcomes in Baltimore. Now in its third year, the B’More for Healthy Babies initiative has done significant work to reform and strengthen Baltimore’s home visiting programs, and promote family planning. The TPPI will benefit from the B’More for Healthy Babies experience and contacts within the home visiting and reproductive health fields.



## **HEALTHCARE ACCESS MARYLAND/ FAMILY PLANNING WORKS ACT**

According to a July 2011 study by the Guttmacher Institute, 49 percent of pregnancies in the United States are unintended. While rates of unintended pregnancy have been declining among women with incomes above 200 percent of the federal poverty level over the past two decades, they have risen by 50 percent among women with incomes below 200 percent of the poverty level during the same time period. In 2006, low-income women (those below 200 percent of the federal poverty level) had an unintended pregnancy rate five times higher than women with higher incomes, and an unintended birth rate six times higher.

Unintended births are costly, both financially and in human terms. Studies have shown that unintended pregnancies are associated with, among other adverse outcomes, low birth weight and pre-term births, family stress, child abuse, and maternal depression. The U.S. Surgeon General's National Prevention Strategy, released in June 2011, highlighted the importance of family planning services in promoting the health of women and children: "Planning and having a healthy pregnancy are vital to the health of women, infants, and families, and are especially important in preventing teen pregnancy and childbearing, which will raise educational attainment, increase employment opportunities, and help bring about financial stability to families."

In 2011, Maryland expanded its Medicaid program to provide family planning services to women with incomes up to 200 percent of the federal poverty level (\$21,780 for an individual), with a goal of reducing the high rates of unintended pregnancies and births among low-income women. Prior to the expansion, women in Maryland were only eligible for Medicaid-funded family planning coverage if they had a birth that was paid for by the Medicaid program. The new program—known as the Family Planning Works Act—provides access to contraception, family planning counseling, and testing for sexually transmitted infections, among other services. While the Family Planning Works Act has great potential to reduce unintended pregnancies among low-income women, it will only be effective if women know about and take advantage of the program's benefits.

With a grant of \$199,832 from The Abell Foundation, HealthCare Access Maryland (HCAM) is conducting an 18-month outreach and enrollment campaign, to inform women in Baltimore City about the new family planning benefits, and enroll those who are eligible and interested. HCAM has a long and successful history of assisting low-income and uninsured individuals with enrolling in health insurance programs and accessing health-care services. The Family Planning Works Act strategic marketing campaign will be modeled on previous, successful outreach and enrollment campaigns conducted by HCAM, and will include the following components:



- **Internet Advertising:** HCAM will use advertisements on Facebook and Google to target and reach individuals with particular demographic profiles, and those searching the Internet for information related to family planning. Response to these advertisements will be reviewed on a regular basis to determine if they are generating inquiries about the family planning program.
- **Radio Advertising:** HCAM will place advertisements on popular Baltimore City radio stations that reach large audiences. The advertisements will provide a phone number that listeners can use to send text messages to HCAM, to which HCAM will respond with information about the family planning program.
- **United Way 211 “Help Line”:** HCAM will partner with United Way of Central Maryland to direct inquiries about the program to the United Way’s 211 phone line. The 211 line is a central intake and referral line that provides information about a variety of health and human services in Baltimore City. Callers to the 211 line will be assessed to determine their needs, and those who are interested in the Medicaid family planning program or other health insurance programs will be forwarded to HCAM for further assessment and program enrollment.
- **HCAM Hotline:** HCAM staff will assist callers who request information about the family planning program, screen callers for eligibility for the program, mail applications to those callers who want to enroll, and follow-up with the callers to ensure that they complete and return the application.

In addition to promoting family planning benefits, HCAM will work with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Baltimore City Health Department to ensure that the campaign coordinates with city and state outreach efforts. HCAM anticipates that, in addition to enrolling women in the new family planning program, the campaign will identify women who are eligible for other, more comprehensive health insurance programs, in which case HCAM staff will assist them in enrolling in insurance programs for which they are eligible. Over the course of the 18-month campaign, HCAM expects to enroll between 2,000 and 3,000 women in the Family Planning Works Act program or other health insurance programs for which they are eligible.

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

### ST. AMBROSE OUTREACH CENTER/ LEARN TO EARN PROGRAM

In today's economy, many jobs that pay \$10 an hour or more require education beyond high school. However, 23 percent of Baltimore's residents 25 years and older do not have a high school diploma, and an additional 30 percent lack education beyond high school.

Training programs can provide the necessary education needed for employment. Research shows that participants in industry-focused sector training programs are more likely to find employment, to work all 12 months after training, to earn higher wages, and to work in jobs that offer benefits.

For the past eight years, The Abell Foundation has supported Learn to Earn, a skills training and employment program of the St. Ambrose Outreach Center, located in the Park Heights neighborhood of Baltimore. In 2011, with an \$80,000 grant from The Abell Foundation, 251 participants successfully completed occupational skills job training: A total of 105 completed the seven-week, 99-hour child-care training and received a certificate that allows them to work as senior staff in a daycare or preschool program; 45 completed a 20-hour medical terminology class, with instruction provided by Sinai LifeBridge; and 114 completed an eight-week, 150-hour certified nursing assistant program in partnership with Genesis Healthcare. Thirty-four people completed the 140-hour, 12-week culinary arts training program and passed the ServSafe certification, a nationally recognized food safety course that requires completion of training and passing a written examination.

Over the past year, Learn to Earn has placed 169 participants into jobs, with an average starting wage of \$10 an hour. Some 76 percent remained employed for at least six months. All participants are required to complete two weeks of job-readiness training before enrolling in hard skills training.

Almost all participants are African-American, and more than half of the participants are male: Men appear to be more interested in the food service training. Roughly 60 percent of the program's participants reside in Park Heights, and most are between the ages of 30 and 40. Approximately two-thirds of the participants come to the program with a high school diploma or GED. The food service program does not require a GED, but it is highly recommended. The cost per placement is \$2,264.

St. Ambrose's for-profit social enterprise, KidzTable, continues to expand. Eleven employees (three of whom are culinary arts graduates) now provide 2,400 meals a day to Head Start programs, an after-school program, a shelter, and a small daycare center. Kitchen helpers earn \$9 an hour, drivers earn \$10, and two returning culinary arts students earn \$12 an hour as assistant chefs. A third returning student earns \$14 an hour. All receive full benefits.

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## EDUCATION

**ACLU Foundation of Maryland, Inc. . . . . \$50,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Baltimore City Education Reform Project, designed to ensure that schools serving disadvantaged students receive equal funding and resources. This agenda calls for advocating expansion of pre-kindergarten for low-income students, alternative strategies for suspension, improvement of teacher quality, protection of funding levels, retention of state responsibility for the cost of teacher pensions, increased levels of participation in free and reduced-price meals, adoption of a bully policy, and mobilization of parents.

**Art on Purpose. . . . . \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Black Male Identity Project in 50 Baltimore City public schools.

**Arts Education in Maryland Schools Alliance . . . . . \$10,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

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

**Arts Every Day. . . . . \$25,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

To increase the number of Baltimore City Public Schools' students and teachers participating in the Arts Every Day Schools Program. The objective is to incorporate arts into the lives of students through a curriculum that meets Maryland content standards. The program offers professional training to classroom teachers and artists-in-residence, and maintains an updated website promoting opportunities to collaborate with local cultural institutions, and the use of arts integration tools and strategies.

**Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers . . . . . \$120,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued funding of the Supporting Public Schools of Choice initiative. The purpose of the initiative is to provide the technical assistance needed to ensure increased student achievement.

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

**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Educational Funders Affinity Group.

**Baltimore City Head Start. . . . . \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the cost of a consultant to provide the 2011 Baltimore City Head Start Community Assessment.

**Baltimore City Public Schools/  
Carver Vocational-Technical High School . . . . . \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward travel expenses for students who participated in the Baltimore-Xiamen Sister City Exchange Program in the summer of 2011.

**Baltimore City Public Schools/  
City Neighbors Charter School. . . . . \$50,000  
Baltimore, MD**

In support of the development of a new charter high school, now serving 180 ninth- and tenth-grade students. Based on the progressive model charter school, the City Neighbors High School features the independent project-based learning and advisory system called PODS (groups of 15 students) that meet and work with a teacher for 90 minutes in their own workspaces. PODS were designed to provide leadership development and mentoring for academic skills and work habits.

**Baltimore City Public Schools/  
The Mount Washington School. . . . . \$100,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For the salary and benefits of an International Baccalaureate coordinator at The Mount Washington School. The coordinator will oversee the implementation of the International Baccalaureate Programme (IB) into the school's curriculum and ensure that the IB standards are met. The IB program, emphasizing intellectual challenges and development of critical and reflective skills, focuses on the integration and interrelationship of all content areas in a global context. The program will serve up to 80 students in three sixth-grade classes.

**Baltimore City Public Schools/  
National Academic League . . . . . \$177,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2011-2012 National Academic League (NAL) in 28 Baltimore City public middle schools, involving up to 675 sixth-, seventh-, and eighth-grade students, in a year-long scholastic extracurricular activity. The NAL games are designed to function as competitive events, with team coaching after school two to three times a week under the guidance of teachers. Interscholastic competitions are held every two weeks. Teams that place first and second go on to compete nationally through video conferencing. The purpose is to bring the visibility and spirit of school rivalry of sports competition to academic competition.

**Baltimore City Public Schools/  
National Academy Foundation High School . . . . . \$5,000  
Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of 30 NOOK eReaders for the 11th-grade English class, to encourage reading e-books inside and outside of school.

**Baltimore City Public Schools/  
Southwest Baltimore Charter School . . . . . \$23,600  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward implementation of the Measurement of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment system. MAP, in order to assess students' progress throughout the year, offers individualized computerized tests to measure strengths, weaknesses, and growth. The goal is to increase the percentage of students achieving year-to-year improvement on the Maryland State Assessments.

**Baltimore City Public Schools/SummerREADS. . . . . \$95,630  
Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2011 SummerREADS book distribution program and its evaluation of second and third grade students in nine high-poverty, low-performing Baltimore City public schools. The first of the three-year summer reading and home library program has been designed to prevent literacy loss over the summer months. With the support of teachers and family members, participating students will be given 12 books to encourage voluntary summer reading.

**Baltimore Kids Chess League, Inc. . . . . \$63,670  
Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2011-2012 BCPS Chess Education Project, an after school program in 60 Baltimore City elementary, middle, and high schools. The long-term strategies are designed to increase the number of after-school chess clubs, provide more effective teacher training for competitive chess, arrange organized chess activities to bring children and community members together, and sponsor more Baltimore students in regional and national tournaments.

**Boys Hope Girls Hope . . . . . \$66,495  
Baltimore, MD**

For tuition, fees, and living expenses for eight boys graduating from Boys Hope and enrolled in four-year colleges. It is expected that all promising Boys Hope scholars will maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 and finish college. Boys Hope Girls Hope is an educationally focused residential program offering college preparatory education for at-risk, yet academically capable, students.

**Calvert Educational Services . . . . . \$5,000  
Hunt Valley, MD**

For the implementation of the Verticy Learning Program, a phonics and spelling curriculum at Abbottson Elementary School.

**Carnegie Institution for Science. . . . . \$15,000  
Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support of the BioEYES science education program in Baltimore City public schools. The week-long, hands-on biology unit provides a student-centered approach to science instruction to more than 3,200 students. The intent of the program is to encourage students to demonstrate enthusiasm for science, and improve the science experience in under-resourced Baltimore City schools.

**CollegeBound Foundation, Inc. . . . . \$87,920**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For sixth-year support of the College Retention Project for Last Dollar Grant recipients at participating colleges. The goal of the project is to increase college graduation rates among low-income and first-generation college students from Baltimore City public schools. The students are provided the opportunity for one-on-one and group on-campus counseling sessions, parent/student seasonal workshops, emergency hotlines, identification of learning assistance centers, labs, tutorials, and remedial services.

**The Community School, Inc. . . . . \$10,750**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued funding of the College Support Program serving current students and graduates of The Community School. The program provides ongoing support and mentoring for students studying to graduate from high school or pass their GED, and to enter and graduate from college.

**Cristo Rey Jesuit High School . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward a scholarship for a ninth-grade Baltimore City student living in a foster home.

**Destination ImagiNation, Inc. . . . . \$12,000**  
**Cherry Hill, NJ**

For the implementation of Destination ImagiNation, a literacy and book distribution program designed to develop creative and critical thinking skills at Baltimore City Head Start pilot sites. The 16-week program serves 500 children in select Head Start classrooms. The program, organized around a Head Start theme/unit, integrates specific read-aloud books and literacy activities each week. Half of the children are given books to keep at home, while the other half participate in classroom literacy activities without taking books home. An evaluation will be made to determine the effectiveness of different approaches.

**Fund for Educational Excellence . . . . . \$75,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To grow and enhance the capacity to provide high-quality district innovation support to increase student achievement in Baltimore City public schools. The Fund will design new models to increase and measure teacher and leadership effectiveness, create a pre-screening model for teacher applications, determine the effectiveness of new literacy professional development programs, and develop recommendations for the selection of new and charter schools.

**Fund for Educational Excellence/**

**Green Street Academy . . . . . \$100,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For program and resource development for the Green Street Academy, a new transformation high school preparing students for careers in green economy. The curriculum model will prepare students for career paths in green construction, energy conservation, environmental sustainability, and transportation. By integrating career with hands-on and project-based instruction, the students will have the opportunity to do work in school and in the community.

**Fund for Educational Excellence/**

**STEM Summer Learning Program . . . . . \$60,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Three-year matching funding for the Middle School STEM Summer Learning Program, which was awarded a federal Investing in Innovation Fund (i3) grant. The primary goal of the summer program is to provide additional out-of-school time and alternative educational opportunities to targeted students so they can increase their mathematics grade-level aptitude. At the same time, the program seeks to develop students' interest in technology, science, and engineering as a motivator to attend college.

**Fund for Educational Excellence/**

**Successful Teaching Solutions . . . . . \$20,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of a research project, "Successful Teaching Solutions," designed to train teachers from Baltimore City public elementary and middle schools to use techniques from Doug Lemov's book, Teach Like a Champion.

**Greektown Community Development Corporation . . . . . \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of an after-school academic mentoring program for students at John Ruhrah Elementary Middle School and Patterson High School.

**Historic East Baltimore Community**

**Action Coalition, Inc. . . . . \$100,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the costs of creating a centralized, state-of-the-art commissary and warehouse in the Hoen Lithography building at 2101 East Biddle Street with the capacity of preparing as many as 150,000 meals a day for Baltimore City public school students. When rehabbing of the building is completed and the program is in operation, the commissary is expected to lower costs of meals served in Baltimore City public schools and to improve the nutritional value of students' meals. The commissary will also provide opportunities for Baltimore City Public Schools to realize quality control of food preparation, use locally grown produce, address the problems of childhood obesity, offer student apprenticeships, and create a community educational center offering workshops in healthy eating.



**Incentive Mentoring Program (IMP) . . . . . \$300,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the IMP mentoring program for 80 struggling students at Dunbar High School, the Academy for College and Career Exploration, and Dunbar Middle School. With teams of volunteers from Johns Hopkins University and Medical School graduate programs, the year-round program matches the cohorts of lowest-performing students with a family of mentors to remove obstacles that stand in the way of students being successful. These services include after-school tutoring, basic human needs, transportation, day care, job-placement referral, drug treatment, and college application assistance. As needed, mentors will meet with students three to seven times a week.

**The Ingenuity Project . . . . . \$455,800**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2011-2012 Ingenuity Project, an intensive math, science, and research curriculum for 510 Baltimore City public middle and high school students. The objective is to increase academic achievement levels by offering superior math and science instruction. Participating students are encouraged to enter national science competitions, undertake a formal research paper, and apply for an internship.

**Institute of Notre Dame . . . . . \$500,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To provide up to 15 need-based, full-four-year scholarships for a ninth-grade student cohort beginning in fall 2012 and available through graduation in June 2016. The goal is to maintain a 100 percent high school graduation rate and a 98 percent college enrollment rate.

**Johns Hopkins University . . . . . \$197,604**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants in support of a study, “Connecting Housing and Education Policy: Examining Educational Outcomes for the Children of the Baltimore Mobility Program.” The purpose of the study is to determine how residential relocation through the mobility program can affect access to school quality for Baltimore City children in the Thompson housing assistance program, as compared to achievement levels of those children who have not yet moved.

**Johns Hopkins University/  
Center for Social Organization of Schools . . . . . \$114,948**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Baltimore Education Research Consortium (BERC) core research program, and for continued work on College Access for Baltimore City students. Research includes analysis of college retention rates for graduates of city schools, and an evaluation of the CollegeBound College Retention Program. Forthcoming research topics will include: Understanding Under-Credited Students and Credit Recovery, Teacher Pipeline and Pathways, Best Practices for City School Attendance, Access to Higher Education, and Boys Thriving in Baltimore Schools.

**Johns Hopkins University School of Education . . . . . \$14,797**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For an evaluation of the 2011 SummerREADS book distribution program. The evaluation will determine the project's effect on maintaining student achievement in reading over the summer.

**KIPP Baltimore, Inc. . . . . \$75,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the KIPP Ujima Village Sixth Grade Intervention/Teaching Fellow pilot program for the 2011-2012 school year. The Teaching Fellow will serve as a full-time co-teacher, with a caseload of 25 students in the sixth-grade math class. The co-teaching model, designed to provide remediation, will enable small-group pullout sessions; one-on-one teacher/student assistance; use of additional learning resources; and increased conferencing with special educators, mental health professionals, and parents.

**Learning and Leadership in Families . . . . . \$35,000**  
**Washington, DC**

Toward support of the Perfectly Punctual Campaign, a preschool through elementary school intervention to reduce chronic absenteeism and lateness in Head Start and Baltimore City public schools. The campaign will provide training, technical assistance, materials, and a structure around punctuality designed to improve school attendance.

**Living Classrooms Foundation . . . . . \$240,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Three-year funding for support of the Physical Education Initiative for Commodore John Rodgers Elementary/Middle School to address severe gaps in the physical education program. In collaboration with Playworks, the Living Classrooms' Physical Education Initiative will offer at least one hour of moderate to vigorous physical activity per day with a structured before-school, recess, and after-school program. Along with the oversight of a physical education teacher, Playworks will provide training to school staff, install sports and playground equipment, and initiate intramural soccer and lacrosse programs. The goal is to increase student achievement by engaging the students in physical education.

**Maryland Institute College of Art . . . . . \$21,684**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants to cover senior-year tuition, room and board, and related fees for a Baraka School graduate for the 2011-2012 college year.

**National Council on Teacher Quality . . . . . \$22,500**  
**Washington, DC**

For support of the National Education School Study of 20 teacher-education schools in Maryland. Each school will be rated based on standards used in their teacher training programs, such as selectivity of the admissions process, how well candidates are prepared to teach reading, classroom management training, and the quality of student teaching.

**New Leaders for New Schools . . . . . \$150,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the New Leaders Baltimore program to place nine outstanding school principals in Baltimore City public schools for the 2011-2012 school year, and to recruit, train, and place an additional 13 by June 2012. After five weeks of coursework at the Summer Foundations Institute and a one-year full-time residency as an assistant principal alongside a mentoring principal, the New Leader is then placed as a principal in a Baltimore City public school. During the first year, the New Leader receives professional development, coaching, and support. In return, he or she makes a commitment to serve in the city public schools for six years.

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

For support of the Music Teacher Mentoring Program for first- and second-year elementary and middle school teachers in Baltimore City public schools for the 2011-2012 school year. Special attention is given on a one-to-one basis to lesson planning, delivery of lessons, teaching of rhythm, tone, instrument care, and classroom management strategies.

**The Piney Woods School. . . . . \$63,600**  
**Piney Woods, MS**

To provide five scholarships for students from Baltimore City for the 2011-2012 school year, and for the salary of a Retention Counselor. The counselor provides a range of services including monitoring class attendance and participation, overseeing study halls and dormitory behavior, and acting as a liaison and advocate for students and their families.

**Public Justice Center, Inc. . . . . \$80,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Educational Stability Project designed to increase outcomes for Baltimore City public school students suffering disruption due to homelessness, and for those awaiting foster care placements. In collaboration with Baltimore City Public Schools, the project includes hiring a director of homeless services; appointing a primary homeless services contact in each school to be trained to work with homeless students; monitoring test scores, attendance, graduation rates, and mobility; and evaluating compliance and student outcomes.

**Ready at Five. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the cost of a consultant to prepare a Maryland Early Learning Challenge grant proposal, designed to help early childhood infrastructure in Maryland overcome school-readiness gaps.

**Sisters Academy of Baltimore. . . . . \$11,150**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase of 10 laptops, software, and a Web-based student and graduation information system. These purchases will enable teachers to use the laptops as teaching tools and to track grades, report cards, attendance, and other data.

**St. Frances Academy . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the 2011 Summer Peace Camp at St. Frances Academy Community Center for 60 inner-city children.

**Stocks in the Future Foundation, Inc. . . . . \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the expansion of Stocks in the Future from 11 classrooms to 21 middle-grade classrooms in Baltimore City public schools. Participating at-risk students, selected by principals, take a weekly financial management class for three years exploring investment options, as well as how to open a business and “take the company public.” They will also be given the opportunity to purchase and track publicly traded stock. Upon graduation, stock ownership will be legally transferred to the students.

**Teach For America-Baltimore . . . . . \$250,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For expenses related to the cost of recruiting, selecting, training, and ongoing support for 165 new Teach For America (TFA) corps members, including funding to retain 160 second-year cohort members. The program will develop four TFA alumni for leadership positions as lead faculty, principals, or administrators in Baltimore City public schools for the 2011-2012 school year.

**Ultimate Block Party, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Cockeysville, MD**

Toward support of the Ultimate Block Party, a family day with learning activities for students in Baltimore City public schools. Inspired by supportive research, the organization is committed to raising awareness of the importance of play and play-based activities in children’s development and education.

**University of Maryland . . . . . \$62,500**  
**College Park, MD**

Toward scholarships for the top achievers at the University’s A. James Clark School of Engineering to ensure that students continue their education. The additional support to the Maryland Technology Enterprise Institute will help support faculty and staff as they educate the next generation of technology entrepreneurs, create successful technology ventures, and connect Maryland companies with university resources.

**YMCA of Central Maryland . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of Core Knowledge preschool home instruction workbooks for Head Start students at the All Saints site.

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

**ACLU Foundation of Maryland, Inc. . . . . \$150,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Regional Housing Equity Project in an effort to give African-American families the chance to move into racially integrated, safe neighborhoods with greater access to economic and educational opportunities. Nearly 2,000 inner-city families have moved through the housing mobility program.

**Adonai Ministries . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward expenses related to the five-week 2011 summer camp serving nearly 80 children ages two to 17 years.

**Adoptions Together, Inc. . . . . \$214,835**  
**Silver Spring, MD**

To partner with the Baltimore City Department of Social Services in a program to achieve permanency for 135 foster children. The program will identify and recruit family members and others who may be interested in adopting or becoming guardians. Once the children are placed with permanent families, the staff will create a plan for post-placement support.

**Advocates for Children and Youth . . . . . \$50,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support of activities to improve the outcomes of Baltimore City children in the child welfare system.

**Agape Family Empowerment Center . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward expenses related to the Park Heights Saints Football program for youth in the Park Heights community. The program emphasizes teamwork, self-respect, and achievement in school and in life.

**Baltimore Browns Football and Cheer Program . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward expenses including uniforms, equipment, referee fees, and traveling expenses for the Baltimore Browns Football and Cheer Program.

**Baltimore Child First Authority, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2011 Child First Rokkball Summer Program, a sports initiative that combines baseball and rock-and-roll music, for at-risk Baltimore City children and youth.

**Baltimore City Health Department . . . . . \$169,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Baltimore Vision Screening Initiative in Baltimore City public schools. The initiative will revamp the current vision-screening program to screen 95 percent of students in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and first grade, and provide follow-up care with medical providers for those who fail the screening. The Bureau of School Health will also recruit and train qualified volunteers to conduct screenings in an effort to reach 95 percent of eighth-grade students.

**Baltimore City Health Department . . . . . \$47,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative. The objectives of the initiative are to create a multi-agency collaboration aimed at improving reproductive health services, to strengthen sex education in City Schools, to promote effective contraceptive methods, and to improve family planning services for teen mothers. The long-term goal of the initiative is to reduce teen births in Baltimore City by 15 percent by 2015.

**Baltimore HealthCare Access, Inc. . . . . \$199,832**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of a hotline and media campaign to promote expansion of Medicaid funding of family planning services and other health-care needs. The goal of the campaign is to enroll 2,000 to 3,000 eligible women in insurance benefits.

**Baltimore Rowing Club . . . . . \$10,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward expansion of Reach High Baltimore, an initiative designed to serve 40 at risk Baltimore City middle school students through rowing and academic mentoring. The four-season program will prepare participants to row on high school teams.

**Baltimore Stallions Youth Programs/  
American Youth Football . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase of uniforms and equipment for the Baltimore Stallions Football program established for 200 inner-city youth. Along with athletic experiences, the program will provide instruction in leadership, teamwork skills, tutoring, and mentoring.

**Baltimore Stars Coalition/  
Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) . . . . . \$40,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Baltimore Stars Basketball Program for 96 inner city boys, ages eight to 17. The program, run by an all-volunteer staff, provides opportunities to compete in AAU state and national basketball tournaments. In addition to teaching basketball skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship, the program provides educational support that includes mentoring, tutoring, and SAT preparation, and encouragement for the players to maintain good grades and positive behavior off the court.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Maryland Mentoring Partnership . . . . . \$15,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of “B’Mentors: The Baltimore City Initiative” for 235 at risk youth in six troubled neighborhoods. By matching youth with mentors, it is expected that there will be improvements in confidence, competence, academic performance, and relationships with adults and peers.

**Catholic Charities . . . . . \$50,890**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants for continued support of the Traveler’s Aid Voucher Program at the Samaritan Center. The purpose of the program is to assist homeless persons who want to move out of Baltimore City to reunite with family, find employment, and/or access treatment for substance abuse, by providing one-way travel vouchers. Persons using the program must have a contact in the destination city willing to assume responsibility for finding new accommodations for recipients of the travel vouchers.

**Catholic Charities . . . . . \$60,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of eviction prevention and utility assistance for more than 500 low-income households at risk of becoming homeless or losing utility services. The program is administered by the Samaritan Center.

**Chesapeake Regional Information System for Our Patients . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Columbia, MD**

Toward support of “Information for Health: The Maryland Prize,” a contest to generate ideas for using health information to improve health status.

**Feeding the People, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of a program to reach underserved, disadvantaged, and at-risk diabetics by providing home-delivered meals, nutrition counseling, and in-home self-management education.

**Food Research & Action Center . . . . . \$150,000**  
**Washington, DC**

For continued support of Maryland Hunger Solutions, an anti hunger advocacy program for low income residents of Baltimore City to access federally funded nutrition programs, including food stamps and the WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) program. Focus will be placed on expanding the free classroom breakfast program; advocating for improved administrative and legislative policies to eliminate access barriers; and working to ensure Maryland’s participation in the newly approved federal after-school meal program, as well as weekend and holiday supper programs for children and adults.

**Franciscan Center . . . . . \$200,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of programs providing financial support and case management services to families in crisis, as well as support for the center’s basic services departments. Services include a hot lunch program, a food pantry, clothing, toiletries, transportation assistance, and prescription assistance.

**Free State Legal Project. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

In support of an initiative to provide free and reduced-fee legal services to low-income lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender members of the community.

**Greater Baltimore Tennis Patrons Association, Inc. . . . . \$30,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support of after school and summer tennis programs for the Greater Homewood Tennis Aces, Park Heights Tennis Aces, and Frankford Tennis Aces serving nearly 400 at risk Baltimore City youth ages six to 16. The program offers after-school tennis instruction, supervised study halls, nutrition, life skills, fitness and health education lessons, and a six-week summer camp.

**Health Care for the Homeless . . . . . \$10,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants to provide emergency shelter for homeless persons with disabilities.

**Historic East Baltimore Community  
Action Coalition (HEBCAC) . . . . . \$70,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two year funding for continued support of the Healthy Minds at Work Project for youth enrolled in the HEBCAC Youth Opportunity (YO) Employment and Training Program. The Healthy Minds at Work Project provides mental health screenings and on-site treatment for YO members who screen positive for depression, anxiety, or suicidal tendencies. The purpose of the project is to increase the members’ knowledge of mental health resources, decrease stigma associated with seeking mental health services, and increase members’ engagement in YO program activities—with the goal of increasing GED attainment and employment.

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

For staffing costs of the Permanent Supportive Housing initiative. The objectives of the initiative are to create and support policies and funding for the expansion of permanent supportive housing, to participate in advocacy efforts designed to eliminate barriers to affordable housing development, and to provide legal representation and advocacy to ensure that residents of permanent supportive housing retain their housing.



**House Of Ruth Maryland . . . . . \$340,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward operating costs over an 18-month period in an effort to provide client services and shelter to Latina victims of domestic violence and their children in Prince George’s County and Baltimore City.

**James Mosher Baseball League . . . . . \$30,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the renovation of two baseball fields at the James Mosher Elementary School. The project will include the installation of an infield irrigation system, the purchase and installation of new bleachers for the main baseball diamond, and the regrading and aeration of the ball fields.

**Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health . . . . . \$78,366**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Three grants for staffing, supplies, and related expenses of the Rat Sterilant Evaluation. The project will evaluate a unique chemical compound that is designed to sterilize adult male Norway rats in an effort to control feral rats in urban areas such as Baltimore.

**Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health . . . . . \$5,420**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants in support of a conference, “Exploring the Impact of Vitamins & Micronutrients on Children’s Behavior.”

**Koinonia Baptist Church. . . . . \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward staffing and the purchase of equipment for the Koinonia Baptist Center serving at risk youth and adults in the Belair Road/Hamilton communities. A part-time director will be hired to coordinate activities for both seniors and teens in the new intergenerational center. Activities for seniors will be offered from 10 a.m. to noon and will include computer classes, arts and crafts, dance, and exercise classes. Activities for teens will be offered in the evenings and will include social and recreational activities. Weekend programs will be developed for both seniors and youth to encourage interaction between the groups.

**Loving Arms, Inc. . . . . \$105,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants toward the purchase of a van and for operating costs of N. R. House, a residential facility providing food; short-term shelter; case management; outreach; and referral services for up to eight runaway, homeless youth and their families. The program expects to serve at least 50 homeless youth per year.

**Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative**

**Education Fund, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2011 Alcohol Tax victory celebration at the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.

**Maryland Food Bank . . . . . \$75,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants for continued support of the School Pantry Program in 96 Baltimore City public schools. The pantry program provides an end-of-the-month food safety net for needy families identified by school counselors. The recipients are asked to volunteer and become involved in their children's learning in exchange for receiving free bags of food. Weekend backpacks are distributed to needy children and their families. The pantries serve as portals for parents to connect with other community services.

**Maryland Food Bank . . . . . \$100,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Capital funding for expansion of office/meeting space and parking lots, and for renovation of the lobby. To meet the increase in demand for food and expansion of its programming, the capital expansion plan will accommodate more staff and volunteers; bring about efficiency in service delivery; and improve the heating/air conditioning systems, while increasing energy efficiency.

**Maryland Foster Youth Resource Center . . . . . \$50,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Continued funding of supportive services to current and former foster youth. The center provides information, training, service linkages, counseling, GED preparation, and job-training programs for youth transitioning from foster care to independent living.

**Maryland Foundation of Dentistry**

**or the Handicapped. . . . . \$10,000**

**Columbia, MD**

To provide free dental care and dentures to low income disabled persons participating in the Donated Dental Services program. Patient referrals come from health-care providers, public health departments, and social service agencies. The services are rendered by more than 515 volunteer dentists statewide.

**Maryland Institute College of Art . . . . . \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For support of Finding Our Wings, a pregnancy- and dropout-prevention program for teen girls in East and West Baltimore.

**Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc. . . . . \$42,965**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For staffing costs of a full-time case manager/social worker to serve 500 of the poorest Baltimore City homebound seniors. The social worker will conduct in-home assessments every six months to determine appropriate services designed to help clients live independently.

**The Men and Families Center. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase and installation of a new furnace for the free clinic and health resource center. The primary activities of the center are to help clients obtain access to health care, and find sources of nutritious food, steady employment, and safe housing.

**Metropolitan Baltimore PWFC. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of six new football and cheer teams for up to 150 children and youth ages five to 13 in Baltimore City.

**Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, Inc. . . . . \$35,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Center for Pediatric Weight Management and Healthy Living, which serves overweight and obese children in Baltimore City and surrounding areas. To address the increasingly serious problem of childhood obesity, the center provides health and nutrition education and medical support to overweight and obese children and their families who are referred by pediatricians. The participants are assessed on various fitness measures, including weight, body mass index, blood pressure, and insulin levels.

**The Northeast Youth Association . . . . . \$13,228**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Three grants for expenses related to the Northeast Football League serving at-risk youth in Baltimore City.

**Northwest Bulldogs Youth Football . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of instruments, uniforms, and related expenses for start-up costs of The Band, a marching band for at-risk youth in Baltimore City. The purpose of the band is to provide youth with positive role models and choices, while building self-esteem, leadership, discipline, and sportsmanship.

**One Baltimore, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward travel costs of the One Baltimore basketball travel team for participation in the AAU National Tournament in Little Rock, AR.

**Parks & People Foundation. . . . . \$160,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Hooked on Sports programs, which offer a variety of athletic activities for more than 1,100 Baltimore City public school students in fourth to 12th grades. Programs include: Baltimore Baseball League, Baltimore Middle School Soccer League, Baltimore Middle School Lacrosse League, and Baltimore Starlings Volleyball Club. The participants, while being exposed to the fundamentals of organized sports and sharing the values of teamwork and fair play, are required to maintain a “C” average and a 95 percent school attendance record.

**Parkside Warriors . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase of football uniforms for up to 250 boys and girls who are participating in supervised after-school sports in the Belair-Edison neighborhood.

**Paul’s Place, Inc. . . . . \$250,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward funding of the Campaign for Paul’s Place, an effort to support and expand outreach services and programs for disadvantaged residents in Washington Village/Pigtown, and to develop a comprehensive case management program enabling clients to move beyond crisis to independence and productivity. The campaign’s goals include raising \$1 million for client services; \$500,000 for capital improvements to the Paul’s Place building; and \$500,000 for repair and renovation of 35 homes in the Washington Village/Pigtown community.

**Pimlico Road Youth Program . . . . . \$33,500**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the after school program and summer camp serving at risk children and youth in the Pimlico/Park Heights community. The program operates five days a week and provides support for homework, reading, arts activities, computers, Spanish, general science, technology, engineering, and math. A hot meal is provided daily.

**Poverty & Race Research Action Council . . . . . \$80,000**  
**Washington, DC**

For support of a research project looking at barriers to the development of affordable housing in racially and economically integrated areas in Maryland, focusing on the state’s administration of the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program.

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

For general support of services for the homeless and needy.

**The Samaritan Community . . . . . \$15,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Food Pantry and Emergency Assistance programs for families experiencing food insecurity, and/or difficulty paying rent and utility bills. The center’s staff works with each client to address issues that lead to unemployment, addiction, and mental health disorders, and makes referrals to other agencies, when needed, to address client needs.

**Sandi’s Learning Center . . . . . \$50,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of a year-round after school and summer program focusing on educational and art enrichment activities for up to 40 at-risk children and youth in the Rosemont community of West Baltimore. The center stays in contact with the children’s teachers to monitor any academic or behavior issues, and provides tutoring and supportive services, if necessary.

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

For support of the 2011 Santa Claus Anonymous Campaign.

**Santa’s Helpers Anonymous, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Phoenix, MD**

Toward general operating costs to provide holiday outreach programs to more than 900 low-income families and the elderly in the Greater Baltimore area.

**The Shepherd’s Clinic. . . . . \$75,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support toward costs of providing primary and specialty health care to uninsured adults in Baltimore City. The clinic delivers high-quality care to approximately 2,500 patients through an extensive network of volunteer doctors, nurses, and other health-care providers, and is linked with Union Memorial Hospital’s resources.

**South Baltimore Emergency Relief, Inc. . . . . \$24,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of operating costs of the food pantry and the energy assistance program. The center, open Monday through Thursday, serves approximately 300 households per month, providing food; clothing; toiletries; and financial assistance to prevent utility terminations, and to purchase prescription medications.

**St. Francis Neighborhood Center . . . . . \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of The Power Project, an after-school educational, mentoring, and arts program for 30 at risk youth, ages five to 18, in Reservoir Hill. An academic and social-needs assessment is conducted for each child at enrollment and an individualized plan is created with short-term and long-term goals, along with incentives to help achieve the goals.

**Take Back The City, Inc. . . . . \$23,960**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Winning Teams Mentoring Program, serving middle and high school students in Baltimore City public schools. By matching up to 60 middle and high school students with up to 12 college students trained by the Maryland Mentoring Partnership, the mentors provide mentees with ongoing support and encouragement, leading to graduation from high school and admission into college.

**Towson University Foundation . . . . . \$50,000**  
**Towson, MD**

For continued support of the Oral Health Intervention Program serving up to 200 homeless persons at the Helping Up Mission. Students and faculty from the University of Maryland Dental School conduct on-site oral health screenings with follow-up care provided at the dental school. Towson University nursing students provide oral health education and case management assistance to ensure that clients get to their follow-up appointments. The work is undertaken by volunteer dentists, dental students, and nursing students.

**United Way of Central Maryland . . . . . \$100,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of initiatives of The Journey Home, a 10-year plan to end homelessness in Baltimore City. Children’s program coordinators will be hired to provide school-readiness services to children residing in Baltimore shelters. Included are parental support, assistance with preschool and school enrollment, and monitoring to ensure that the children are receiving appropriate educational services. Adult employment programs will be established at three emergency shelters to provide job readiness, and temporary employment for 75 homeless persons.

## **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ADDICTIONS**

**A Reason to Recover, Inc. . . . . \$10,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants toward the purchase of a stove, and payment of rent and utilities, for a transitional housing facility serving homeless women recovering from substance abuse.

**A Step Forward, Inc. . . . . \$53,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Challenge grant toward staffing costs for support of a transitional housing program designed to serve returning male and female ex-offenders who have a history of addiction. The program provides short- and long-term accommodations along with clinical case management, counseling, physical health referrals, mental health services, and a healthy meal plan.

**Alternative Directions, Inc. . . . . \$56,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of staffing for the Hand in Hand Baltimore mentoring/re-entry program serving juvenile male offenders charged as adults. The organization provides wrap-around mentoring, as well as mental health, academic, and job-training services leading to a successful transition. The goal is to work with 30 incarcerated youth in their pre-release program, and 15 in the re-entry program.

**Alternative Directions, Inc. . . . . \$71,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Turn About Program, a transition program that provides re-entry services, case management, and self advocacy training for female ex offenders. Women leaving prison can participate in the Turn About Program as a condition of their parole, while making a one-year commitment. As part of developing individualized plans, the participants receive a range of services including substance abuse treatment, parenting classes, job training, and GED classes.

**The Answer, Inc. . . . . \$30,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants toward capital improvements of a residential substance abuse treatment facility to allow for meeting building/zoning code requirements. Additional funds are earmarked for staff stipends and operating overhead.

**Baltimore Outreach Services, Inc. . . . . \$30,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase and installation of exterior and interior wheelchair lifts to serve physically disabled women seeking housing and services at an emergency shelter.

**Baltimore Police Foundation. . . . . \$223,474**

**Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase and operating costs of 145 Pocket Cops for new Baltimore City police officers in the Southern District. Pocket Cop is a software program operating through a wireless network that provides police with instant online access to relevant databases for issuing warrants.

**The Baltimore Station . . . . . \$35,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of a van to provide transportation for 40 residents of the Baker Street Station, a long-term supportive transitional services recovery setting. The services address conditions of drug/alcohol addiction, homelessness, and poverty. Though clients are encouraged to use public transportation, the van services will help meet the clients' needs for medical appointments, emergencies, work therapy, job interviews, and educational programs.

**Beginning Effective Recovery Together . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of furniture and appliances for a residential substance abuse treatment program.

**Deborah's Place . . . . . \$9,600**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants toward the cost of renovations, a furnace, and a hot water heater, for a supportive housing facility serving women seeking recovery from drug addiction.

**Friends Research Institute, Inc. . . . . \$29,029**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward expenses related to an evaluation of the Baltimore Buprenorphine Initiative. The initiative was designed to provide buprenorphine along with either intensive out-patient (IOP) or out-patient (OP) counseling to address opioid addiction. The research seeks to determine the short-term effectiveness of the two counseling treatments after 12 months.

**Fusion Partnerships, Inc. . . . . \$30,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward staffing costs of an assistant director for Power Inside, an organization offering services at the Baltimore City Detention Center and street outreach for women and girls who are living in poverty.

**House of New Beginnings, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward rent, repairs, and household equipment for Home Peaceful Homes, a start-up transitional supportive housing facility for parents and children located in the Gwynns Falls area.

**Jobs, Housing & Recovery, Inc. (JHR). . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore MD**

For emergency funding to cover the cost of data recovery from a computer server damaged in a fire. One of the largest providers for Baltimore City, JHR manages the City's Code Blue Shelter including 350 emergency beds and 100 transitional beds for homeless men.

**The Justice Policy Institute . . . . . \$48,885**  
**Washington, DC**

For support of the Maryland Parole Revocation Project, an analysis of Maryland's parole system. The purpose of the analysis is to provide a statistical snapshot of parole revocations, as well as information about main reasons for re-incarcerations, and to make recommendations on creating effective community supervision plans and strategies designed to reduce incarceration costs.



**The Justice Policy Institute. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the support of the Baltimore Neighborhood Re-entry Fair, organized to provide assistance to individuals in obtaining expungements and child-support modifications, and making referrals to re-entry services.

**The Light of Truth Center, Inc. . . . . \$76,058**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For repairs, renovations, and installation of a sprinkler system at the long-term residential property. The center provides a safe environment for recovery, transition, and restoration for approximately 20 women a year.

**Maryland Addictions Directors Council . . . . . \$36,500**  
**Towson, MD**

Toward support of the Behavioral Health Workforce Development Initiative. The objectives of the initiative are to promote state and regulatory changes designed to eliminate barriers to entry into the work force, increase the number of newly licensed professionals, and provide incentives targeted to behavioral health professions.

**Michele’s Haven, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To cover overdue utility bills and rent for a supportive housing program serving homeless women and their children.

**NCADD-Maryland . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the NCADD Maryland Tuerk conference, “Current Issues in Addiction Treatment, Medical Marijuana, Effectiveness of A.A., Latest Medications for Addiction.”

**New Vision House of Hope, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Emergency funding toward utility bills for six transitional houses serving men recovering from substance abuse.

**New Vision House of Hope, Inc. . . . . \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For repairs and renovations to a new transitional house located at 3927 Ridgewood Avenue providing nine beds for men.

**No Turning Back, Inc. . . . . \$50,000**  
**Randallstown, MD**

Two grants for expenses related to the renovation of a property, and for the purchase of appliances and household items needed for the expansion of transitional housing services in the Park Heights area of Baltimore City, for men recovering from substance abuse.

**Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City . . . . . \$127,982**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Staffing support of social workers for expansion of the Specialized Prostitution Diversion Program. The program is a 90-day pre-trial diversion option for defendants charged with prostitution. The program includes one-on-one counseling; pre-trial monitoring, drug testing, and supervision; access to substance abuse assessment; and referrals to other services such as trauma counseling, employment training, and health care.

**Out for Justice/Alternative Directions . . . . . \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of a grassroots community advocacy and organizing effort to assist ex-offenders returning to the community and overcoming hurdles such as seeking employment.

**Sista 4 Sista Road 2 Recovery, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase of furniture and appliances for Ms. Thelma’s Place, a long-term residential facility for women in recovery.

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

Emergency funding for the purchase of bedroom furnishings and exterminator expenses for a homeless shelter serving adult women.

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

Toward the purchase and installation of new carpeting for a facility providing outreach services for female ex-offenders in recovery.

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

Toward utility bills and moving expenses for a supportive housing program in Baltimore City for homeless persons with HIV and/or in recovery from substance abuse.

**Transitioning Lives, Inc. . . . . \$9,882**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants toward operating and renovation costs of a recently acquired transitional housing facility with comprehensive services for ex-offenders.

**TurnAround, Inc. . . . . \$245,700**  
**Towson, MD**

For a three-month development plan and one year of operating expenses to provide outreach, support services, emergency shelter, and transitional housing for Baltimore City victims of sex trafficking and their children. Turn Around will identify and provide trauma services to more than 200 women.

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**1000 Friends of Maryland . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the development of a three- to five-year strategic plan, with a focus on protecting rural and sensitive lands, redeveloping older cities, and addressing land use and transportation issues.

**Action In Maturity, Inc. . . . . \$27,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To provide dedicated transportation services to low-income senior citizens in Baltimore City. The services include fixed routes, connecting seniors to grocery stores, medical centers, post offices, and banks on a weekly schedule.

**Baltimore City Department of  
Housing and Community Development . . . . . \$75,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Green and Healthy Homes pilot program, which focuses on energy savings.

**Baltimore City Department of  
Housing and Community Development . . . . . \$118,500**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of a pilot project within the Weatherization Assistance Program to assist low-income families to access benefits and services.

**Baltimore City Department of Planning . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the cost of a housing market value analysis for Baltimore City. This study will include current residential sale prices, occupancy and abandonment rates, vacant lands, foreclosure rates, subsidized housing, rentals, and commercial uses.

**Baltimore City Department of Planning . . . . . \$95,680**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two-year funding for the implementation of the Food Policy Task Force recommendations. Initiatives include strategies to increase access to healthy, affordable food—particularly in the “food deserts” in underserved neighborhoods in Baltimore City. By working with community partners, the Food Policy Director will support the development of the Virtual Supermarket, an online order and delivery service; expansion of farmers’ markets; revitalization of public markets to offer fresh local produce; development of a food circulator bus providing transportation for public housing residents to grocery stores and farmers’ markets; and maintenance of urban agricultural production and distribution.

**Baltimore Community Foundation . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the 2011 Baltimore City Annual Sustainability Report, which will serve as an accountability tool to track Baltimore's progress toward improving the economic, social, and environmental sustainability of the city.

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

Seed funding for the implementation of the Baltimore Community ToolBank, a program that lends tools to community-based nonprofit organizations, churches, schools, and others involved in greening activities. By having access to tools, neighborhood organizations will be able to engage more volunteers, and undertake larger and more ambitious projects.

**Baltimore Development Corporation . . . . . \$120,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of administrative expenses of Maglev Maryland, a program to develop a magnetic levitation high-speed train between Baltimore and Washington. When fully operational, the travel time between the two cities will be less than 20 minutes.

**Baltimore Efficiency & Economy Foundation, Inc. . . . . \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Foreclosure Project, designed to develop systems that would support foreclosure prevention activities and to assist those who are already in foreclosure.

**Baltimore Green Space . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For consulting costs to implement Land Trust Tracker, a Web-based database in an effort to preserve and support communal gardens, pocket parks, and other community-managed open spaces.

**Baltimore Neighborhood Collaborative/ABAG . . . . . \$60,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Foreclosure Prevention and Mitigation Services initiative in an effort to strengthen the capacity of community development organizations in targeted neighborhoods.

**Baltimore Neighborhood Collaborative/ABAG . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of a Baltimore Mortgage Resolution Fund feasibility study to develop a mortgage restructuring program in order to preserve homeownership for at-risk Baltimore City homeowners.

**Baltimore Tree Trust . . . . . \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For the cost of an inventory of the Trees for Public Health Initiative in the McElderry Park community as a preliminary step leading to a citywide street tree inventory.

**Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation . . . . . \$25,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Home Maintenance Program. By providing minor home repairs and regular inspections, Banner Neighborhoods enables more than 130 elderly, low-income homeowners in Southeast Baltimore to remain in their homes.

**Belair Edison Neighborhoods, Inc. . . . . \$35,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of neighborhood revitalization through pre- and post-homeownership counseling, financial education, and marketing efforts.

**Blue Water Baltimore . . . . . \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

To cover costs associated with the monitoring of water quality samples taken over a nine-week period from the Solarbee aerator/circulator project. The monitoring program is designed to measure changes in biological matter evidenced by algae bloom. This information allows for a better understanding of water quality issues and restoration needs of Baltimore’s Inner Harbor.

**Charles Village Community Foundation, Inc. . . . . \$20,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the enhancement of solid waste management services in the greater Charles Village area. The effort is designed to eliminate trash and blight within a 100-block area.

**Civic Works . . . . . \$25,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support and expansion of the Neighborhoods for All Ages program for senior homeowners in the Coldstream Homestead Montebello and Belair Edison neighborhoods. The objectives of the program are to assist 100 low-income senior households with access to income benefits and entitlement services, to stabilize housing, and to enhance homeowner equity.

**Civic Works . . . . . \$500,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Challenge grant toward renovations of Civic Works’ headquarters at the historic Clifton Mansion. By addressing long overdue building deficiencies and improvements in security issues, Civic Works intends to attract more interest, investment, and community activity in Clifton Park and surrounding neighborhoods.

**Civic Works . . . . . \$275,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of Project Lightbulb, an energy conservation program for residents of the Coldstream Homestead Montebello and Belair Edison neighborhoods. The goal, over a four-year period, is to implement the project in 4,000 houses in neighborhoods within Baltimore City. The program offers free home energy education and energy-saving assistance to low-income households. Trained AmeriCorps members implement practical strategies to combat rising energy costs, including hot water heater and water pipe insulation; light bulb replacements with fluorescent bulbs; installation of carbon monoxide detectors, and low-flow showerheads and faucets; and the setting of thermostat temperatures.

**Civic Works . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward expenses related to the installation of a walk-in cooler for the Real Food Farm at Clifton Park for the purpose of extending the shelf life of produce between harvest and the marketplace.

**Community Law Center, Inc. (CLC) . . . . . \$120,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Community Law Center, in collaboration with Citizens Planning and Housing Association, seeks legal remedies for Baltimore neighborhoods that are bearing the cost of property neglect. By bringing increased attention to the issue of vacant properties—effects and solutions—CLC will help communities become more proactive and knowledgeable about how to address their legal problems.

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

Toward renovations of a property to accommodate disadvantaged low-income seniors, and toward summer activities for children and youth in the Rose Street community.

**The Door/Baltimore Urban Leadership Foundation . . . . . \$10,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Supplier Development Program, a pilot program to foster linkages between local suppliers of goods and services, and local institutional purchasers.

**Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

In support of efforts to increase parental engagement in educational issues among families with children residing in downtown Baltimore.

**Downtown Partnership of Baltimore . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of installations by Baltimore Art Exposure of local artwork in empty storefront windows on Charles Street.

**Downtown Partnership of Baltimore . . . . . \$23,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of a design competition for the 100 Light Street parking garage. The purpose of the competition is to engage the artistic and design community in presenting ideas for the visual enhancement of the facility.

**Emerging Technology Centers, Inc. . . . . \$110,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For expenses related to a competition for early stage venture investment awards to four entrepreneurs and their companies that will move to Baltimore City and remain for five years.

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

Two grants toward continued support of the Maryland Hunger Solutions' pilot project. The project will allow Baltimore City farmers' markets to accept federal food benefit payments through electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards. The intent of this effort is to ensure that more Baltimore City residents will have access to fresh produce from local farms.

**Friends of Patterson Park, Inc. . . . . \$20,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Membership Development Project to increase member support and participation, and fund increased demand for programming and services.

**Future Harvest CASA . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

In support of the Beginner Farmer Training Program for Baltimore City residents. The program encompasses classroom workshops run by the University of Maryland Extension Service and on-the-farm training at selected Maryland mentor farms.

**Greater Baltimore Committee . . . . . \$15,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Power Plant Video Projection Feature, a pilot program designed to demonstrate the potential for a permanent attraction of video displays on buildings in the Inner Harbor.

**Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc. . . . . \$125,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For general support of community activities in neighborhoods targeted for revitalization. In partnership with banks, government agencies, community organizations, and other foundations, Healthy Neighborhoods provides grants to neighborhoods for marketing, community organizing, and development projects designed to preserve and improve real estate values. It offers below-market loans for home improvements and homeownership, as well as homeownership counseling, technical and architectural services, and construction management.

**Historic East Baltimore Community**

**Action Coalition, Inc. . . . . \$50,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Additional funding toward the renovation of the Northeast Market, including improving the interior and exterior appearance.

**Innovation Alliance, Inc. . . . . \$75,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For support of a feasibility research study, "Canvas for Innovation," designed to convert existing industrial space into venues fostering innovative business models.

**Johns Hopkins University. . . . . \$100,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

To provide two awards for the competitive Johns Hopkins Alliance for Science and Technology Development Program. The goal is to encourage scientists and researchers from Johns Hopkins University and the University of Maryland Baltimore to promote technology transfer through the development of marketable products and services.

**Johns Hopkins University Center for Social Concern . . . . . \$35,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward Phase II of Project Gado, a robotic scanning technology initiative. By adopting a social enterprise model to build a revised, easier-to-assemble version of the robotic scanner, the project will digitize archival images, which will serve as primary sources for publishers, film-makers, and researchers. The scanned images can then be entered into a Web-enabled database system for eventual publishing online.

**Jubilee Baltimore, Inc. . . . . \$50,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of planning and revitalization efforts in Central West Baltimore as part of the federal Choice Neighborhood Program. This initiative will provide representation from each of the neighborhoods working on community projects.

**KaBOOM! . . . . . \$75,000**

**Washington, DC**

Toward the implementation of the Playful City USA program, an initiative to provide safe playgrounds for children in Baltimore City. Through the creation of a local play task commission, the project will design action plans for play, recruit volunteers to care for play spaces, and encourage families and their children to play outside.

**Live Baltimore Home Center . . . . . \$25,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Employer Outreach Campaign designed to increase the number of private and public employees owning or renting houses in Baltimore City. Working with the state, the center's outreach efforts will promote incentives to help employees purchase houses.



**Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition, Inc. . . . . \$32,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To conduct a study of Rent-to-Own stores in Baltimore City. The purpose of the study is to determine the extent of price gouging, false advertising or omission of facts, collection activities, harassment by collection agents, and defective goods. The report will recommend changes in existing state law that would protect consumers from abusive Rent-to-Own practices.

**Maryland Department of Public Safety  
and Correctional Services . . . . . \$90,651**  
**Towson, MD**

For support of the Mount Auburn Cemetery Project Clean Up in an effort to restore and preserve an historical landmark. Local community partners, collaborating with Morgan State University’s Center for Museum and Historical Preservation, will train four to six prisoners in horticulture, groundskeeping, landscaping, and history, as well as how to create and engrave memorials.

**Maryland Housing Counselors Network, Inc. . . . . \$20,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Housing Counselor Training Program in Baltimore City. The program, created in response to the demand for counseling in matters of foreclosure, provides nationally recognized training for the local housing industry in Maryland. The training includes the services of counselors with state-of-the-art foreclosure prevention tools, appropriate for helping clients achieve sustainable homeownership.

**Maryland PIRG Foundation . . . . . \$30,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For costs related to preparation of a report for the Smart Energy Solutions Program. The report will promote the need for the state to meet its goals for reducing the cost of energy to low-income users, and advocate for efficient use of energy and the reduction of pollutants.

**The Maryland Zoo in Baltimore . . . . . \$24,971**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To provide professional development training for 60 Baltimore City public school teachers to integrate science, nature, and conservation subject matter into the ZOOMobile outreach program, serving 1,200 pre-kindergarten children in Baltimore City.

**Mi Casa, Inc. . . . . \$25,000**  
**Washington, DC**

Toward continued support of the Johnston Square Homeownership Project, a development, when completed, of 58 finished units. The objective is to transform vacant housing into energy-efficient and affordable homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income persons.

**Midtown Community Benefits District, Inc. . . . . \$100,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the purchase and installation of security/surveillance cameras to implement a state-of-the-art public safety initiative in the Bolton Hill, Charles North, Madison Park, and Mount Vernon neighborhoods.

**Mount Vernon Place Conservancy . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the costs of a comprehensive Master Plan for the rehabilitation of Mount Vernon Place.

**National Center for Smart Growth**  
**Research and Education . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the continued support of the smart growth indicators and data analysis for the Sustainable and Equitable Economic Development Initiative. The focus of the study is to connect housing to jobs and accessible transportation to local land-use decisions, working to create compact, inclusive, and diverse communities.

**Neighborhood Housing Services of Baltimore, Inc. . . . . \$20,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the Small Dollar Loan and Financial Literacy programs. Eight financial institutions have contributed to a \$70,000 revolving loan fund to help borrowers who would otherwise access predatory or nontraditional sources.

**One House at a Time, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

In support of the Vacants to Value program, designed to raze or rehabilitate vacant properties.

**Progressive Maryland Education Fund . . . . . \$50,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of an education campaign, "Maryland's Fiscal Crisis and Its Impact on Working Families." The purpose of the 18-month education campaign and outreach strategy is to educate the public and policymakers about reductions in the state's budget and the potential for the elimination or reduction of public services.

**Rebuilding Together Baltimore . . . . . \$84,100**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of a program allowing for low-cost home repair services for 50 low income senior and disabled homeowners, making it possible for them to remain in their homes in Baltimore City neighborhoods.

**Southeast Community Development Corporation . . . . . \$100,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward renovation costs of the former Highlandtown Enoch Pratt Free Library building to ensure its qualification as a Silver LEED certified building for affordable housing and commercial development. The organization will also increase its financial and homeownership counseling and asset building services.

**St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center . . . . . \$49,840**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Capital funding toward energy-efficient upgrades to 44 existing rental properties providing affordable housing to families in Baltimore City. The effort will provide energy cost relief to the low-income renters living in scattered site rental properties last renovated in the late 1970s and early 1980s.

**St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center . . . . . \$50,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward staffing costs for the Foreclosure Prevention Program providing assistance in default mortgage counseling and offering legal service activities including pre-purchase and fair housing issues.

**University of Maryland Environmental Finance Center . . . . . \$30,000**  
**College Park, MD**

Toward a feasibility study of a beverage container deposit program in Maryland. The study will quantify the costs of litter, waste, and greenhouse gas emissions associated with beverage containers; analyze potential incentive programs to divert containers from the waste streams; review experiences of other states; and recommend appropriate program components to maximize benefits for Maryland.

**Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. . . . . \$31,500**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward expansion of the floating wetlands project in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. The pilot project is designed to help remove nutrients from the water; trap sediments and heavy metals; colonize and feed filter organisms; and provide shading, structure, and refuge for fish through root systems. By taking this step toward cleaner water, the partnership intends to inform and engage residents and visitors in gaining a better understanding of the appreciation for the bay's water quality.

**Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. . . . . \$239,110**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two year funding toward start up costs of an annual State of the Harbor report card. In collaboration with Blue Water Baltimore, the partnership will create a multi-site water quality data bank and produce a report on the water quality indicators in Baltimore's harbor and surrounding tributaries. In accordance with the Clean Water Act, data will be used to hold the city accountable for sewage overflows, and private owners for discharge and outfalls.

**Waterfront Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward expenses related to the first State of the Harbor Conference, held to help educate and inspire residents, businesses, and government officials about what financial support and steps are needed to improve the water quality of the harbor, with a goal of reaching a swimmable and fishable harbor by 2020.

**Waverly Main Street . . . . . \$93,400**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward a Master Plan and commercial district services to improve sanitation and the appearance of the Waverly commercial district.

**The Woman’s Industrial Exchange . . . . . \$66,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For a full building systems analysis, energy-efficiency improvements, and renovations.

**YMCA of Central Maryland . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of the TEDx Baltimore conference.

**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**

**Art with a Heart . . . . . \$30,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support and expansion of the 2011 Summer Job Program, a visual arts program for 50 at-risk youth from the Rose Street Community Center, Paul’s Place, and the Raynor Brown Elementary/ Middle School. Students receive a stipend of \$10 a day to create more than 200 marketable pieces of art during the four-week program, and work in the HeARTSware store, for a minimum of four hours, selling their artwork as a job-readiness experience.

**Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers . . . . . \$50,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Baltimore Workforce Funders Collaborative. The focus of the grant is to analyze wage gains of participants in three sector-based job-training programs, as well as training programs supported through the Baltimore Integration Partnership Training Fund. The collaborative will use the wage record analysis to determine which program proves to be most effective in moving participants to higher wages.

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

For continued support of the Pre Allied Health Bridge Project and the Career Coaching Program designed to prepare health-care institution employees to meet the entry requirements for health-care training programs. The Alliance is launching an initiative in which students from Baltimore City public schools can complete the Baltimore City Community College’s developmental math requirements during their senior year of high school.

**Baltimore Outreach Services, Inc. . . . . \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Culinary Arts Job Training Program, designed to place at least eight homeless women into internships at local restaurants or food service businesses. The program plans for interns to work 32 hours a week for eight weeks, earning \$10 an hour. With an effective system of monitoring, evaluation, and support, the job placement rate is expected to be 80 percent.

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

For continued support of the BioSTART and Laboratory Associates programs, which, upon completion, enable high school graduates and low-skilled workers to pursue entry-level positions in bioscience. The BioSTART program is a 12-week “bridge” program that introduces participants to bioscience terminology, occupations, and lab procedures, and provides math remediation. The Laboratory Associates program consists of nine weeks of lectures and laboratory exercises, and a three-week internship with a biotech laboratory.

**Bon Secours of Maryland Foundation . . . . . \$39,746**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For the purchase and installation of 16 laptop and six desktop computers and software for the Bon Secours computer lab. The equipment will enable Bon Secours to provide free or low-cost tax preparation services to 1,600 tax filers. Bon Secours will also provide 20 residents with at least 30 hours of financial management training, 259 residents with financial counseling, and 155 residents with job-readiness training.

**BWI Community Development Foundation. . . . . \$77,500**  
**Linthicum, MD**

For support of two commuter transportation projects: Work on Wheels provides daily shuttle service to BWI Airport for up to 60 Baltimore City residents; and the Sunrise Shuttle provides weekend transportation service to BWI Airport for 84 Baltimore City residents.

**CASA de Maryland, Inc. . . . . \$170,000**  
**Hyattsville, MD**

For continued support of the Baltimore Worker Employment Center for day laborers and low-income workers. The center provides employment placement services, financial literacy classes, free tax preparation, referrals to legal and social services, and assistance with citizenship applications.

**Center for Urban Families . . . . . \$450,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of STRIVE Baltimore, a job-training and placement service for men and women. The STRIVE model, an intensive three-week workshop, focuses on job readiness, job placement, post-placement support, one-on-one and group counseling, parenting skills, and case management.

**Central Scholarship Bureau, Inc. . . . . \$350,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

To provide tuition assistance to Baltimore City residents seeking vocational training through community colleges and for-profit and nonprofit training providers. The bureau will work with community colleges and workforce providers to identify training opportunities in high-growth industries, and will provide tuition assistance for 60 Baltimore residents and students.

**Civic Works . . . . . \$324,280**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Baltimore Center for Green Careers' weatherization job-training programs. The center plans to expand its training by offering industry-recognized Building Performance Institute credentials to 40 Baltimore residents.

**Community Health Integrated Partnership, Inc. . . . . \$40,474**  
**Glen Burnie, MD**

Toward support of the Community HealthCorps Workforce Development Program. The program is designed to increase access to primary and preventive health services, improve utilization of health and social services, and provide community outreach and recruitment of volunteers.

**Digit All Systems, Inc. . . . . \$40,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of IT (Information Technology) certification training in Microsoft applications for 200 Baltimore City students. By providing classes in Microsoft Office applications, Digit All Systems expects to award 166 participants with Microsoft application certificates.

**Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation . . . . . \$40,156**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of CARES Career Connection, an employment program that serves 120 unemployed men and women in Baltimore City. The program provides job counseling, résumé preparation, mentoring, and assistance with job placement, with the goal of helping 60 clients find employment within 12 months of enrollment.

**Housing Authority of Baltimore City . . . . . \$137,500**

**Baltimore, MD**

To provide the Vehicles for Change program with cars and driver's education for 50 families participating in the Housing Authority's Special Mobility Housing Choice Voucher Program.

**Job Opportunities Task Force . . . . . \$125,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support of the JumpStart Pre-Apprenticeship Training Program for 70 Baltimore City residents. The 13-week program has been designed to provide low-income city residents with training in handling tools, construction math, and safety, as well as an introduction to the carpentry, electrical, and plumbing trades. Approximately 70 percent of program graduates are placed into employment, with 25 percent enrolled in apprenticeships.

**Job Opportunities Task Force . . . . . \$75,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Baltimore CASH Campaign, an initiative designed to increase the use of the Earned Income Tax Credit. The campaign plans to serve 9,000 residents while operating 15 to 17 free tax preparation sites. Plans call for strengthening and expanding its financial education program to help clients save more of the money they earn; enrolling tax filers into public benefits programs through EarnBenefits; and building assets of low-wage tax payers through savings accounts and the purchase of savings bonds.

**Maryland Center for Arts and Technology, Inc. (MCAT) . . . . \$80,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support and expansion of job-training programs for unemployed and underemployed youth and adults in Baltimore City. MCAT plans to offer an evening GED training program for 40 young men, ages 17 to 24. The course curriculum will emphasize employment opportunities, job readiness, and weekly individual counseling sessions devoted to addressing educational and criminal background issues. The goal of the initiative is to prepare 36 students for the GED exam, and to place students into jobs.

**Maryland Community Health Initiatives, Inc. . . . . \$219,838**

**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Partnership for Growth initiative, an education and job-training program serving 40 clients of Penn North. In an effort to reduce re-arrest and incarceration rates of program participants, Penn North will provide training for street cleaning, lawn maintenance, ground-level tree trimming, touch-up painting, and hauling. The goal is to place 20 graduates into full-time employment and 10 workers into part-time employment.

**Mosaic Community Services . . . . . \$136,675**  
**Timonium, MD**

For support of vocational services for 100 Baltimore City residents challenged by mental health and/or substance abuse issues. Funding will be used to hire a benefits counselor and a workforce development specialist.

**Moveable Feast, Inc. . . . . \$25,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Culinary Arts and Life Skills Training Program for unemployed and underemployed Baltimore City residents. Moveable Feast will enroll 32 students into a 12-week program and teach the basics of commercial kitchen operations and menu planning. Nearly 70 percent of graduates are placed into entry-level food service positions.

**A New Faith Community . . . . . \$24,545**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Two grants toward renovation costs and for expanded programming of the Clay Pots Tutoring Center, an adult literacy and GED program for residents of West Baltimore. Working in partnership with the South Baltimore Learning Center, classes are offered in Adult Basic Education, GED, and English for Speakers of Other Languages.

**Parks & People Foundation . . . . . \$150,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Green Career Training Program, a job-skills training and placement program for 15 Baltimore City young adults, ages 17 to 26, in the Westport and Middle Branch neighborhoods. The program will offer participants training in horticulture, arboriculture, landscaping, building, and general job readiness. The objective is to enable 75 percent of the graduates to secure and maintain employment in an entry-level position in a green job-related field, or to enroll in a higher level training program.

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

For continued support of the center's drug treatment and job-training programs. The Rose Street Community Center serves more than 90 people a week and provides transitional housing for an average of 45 to 60 men and women. The center also offers mental health services, gang mediation, tutoring and art classes, as well as shelter for homeless youth.

**Seedco . . . . . \$75,000**  
**New York, NY**

For expansion and continued support of EarnBenefits Baltimore, a technical assistance initiative to help 4,000 low wage workers and individuals access benefits and income support. The Web-based screening tool helps individuals and families apply for federal, state, and city benefits.



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

For continued support of the Learn to Earn Program, a job-training and placement program for 300 participants at the St. Ambrose Outreach Center. The program provides specialized training in child care, medical terminology, certified nursing assistance, and culinary arts.

**Tuerk House, Inc. . . . . \$120,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward expansion of the Open Doors Social Enterprise Project, including staffing costs, stipends for 52 program participants, and the purchase of a 15 passenger van. The Open Doors program will secure cleaning and landscaping contracts, and assist graduates in finding jobs and transitioning into independent living.

**The Urban Alliance Foundation, Inc.. . . . . \$25,000**  
**Washington, DC**

Toward support of a workforce development initiative to serve low income youth in Baltimore City. In partnership with the Baltimore City Department of Social Services, Urban Alliance serves 15 youth, ages 18 to 21, who are aging out of foster care, and provides paid internship opportunities to help increase the youths' work skills. At least nine youth will be placed into unsubsidized employment, or enrolled into post-secondary education or training programs.

**The WorkFirst Foundation . . . . . \$400,000**  
**New York, NY**

For continued support of the Baltimore Ex Offender Re-entry Employment Program for America Works of Maryland participants. The program aims to place 400 ex-offenders into jobs paying an average of \$8.50 an hour. The program will help those placed into jobs retain employment for up to 180 days.

**Year Up Washington, Inc. . . . . \$200,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward continued support and expansion of the Year Up Baltimore program, a workforce development initiative for up to 64 at risk young adults ages 18 to 24 in Baltimore City. Year Up provides one year of information technology training. During the first six months of the program, participants are paid weekly stipends and attend classes. For the next six months, students are placed in paid internships and are then assisted in finding professional level jobs.

## CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

**1000 Friends of Maryland..... \$30,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Two-year funding for continued support of staffing and expenses in support of the Partners for Open Space campaign. The purpose of the campaign is to ensure that full funding of the dedicated one-half of 1 percent of Maryland's transfer real estate tax remains earmarked for planning, acquisition, and development of recreation land or open space areas as part of Program Open Space, serving as a national model of a successful conservation strategy.

**American Farmland Trust..... \$65,000**

**Washington, DC**

For the third and final year of the pilot project, Clean Water for the Chesapeake Bay—Mobilizing Farmers to Improve Water Quality in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. Designed as a risk-management tool, the Best Management Practices Challenge for Planned Nitrogen Reduction benefits the 29 regional farmers who, committed to reducing their fertilizer use, were guaranteed reimbursements if yields were lower. A certified nutrient management specialist was hired and more precise computerized systems with infrared sensors were employed to determine the amount of nitrogen already in the ground. As part of the “best practices,” these findings may be useful in scaling up environmentally sound practices, thus reducing nutrient runoff into the Bay.

**Audubon Maryland DC..... \$25,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support and expansion of educational services at the Audubon Center in Patterson Park. The center plans to provide 400 science-based outdoor educational programs to students from the local school, residents, and families living within walking distance of the park.

**Center for Watershed Protection, Inc. .... \$78,700**

**Ellicott City, MD**

Toward support of “Pollution Source Reduction in Baltimore Watersheds,” in an effort to make the harbor clean enough for fishing and swimming. This two-year pilot on Harris Creek and Gwynns Falls sub-watersheds will focus on identifying and eliminating pollution sources of trash, nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment, and bacteria. By involving community members in monitoring efforts, the pilot is expected to increase its implementation of pollution reduction strategies.

**Chesapeake Bay Foundation . . . . . \$5,000**

**Annapolis, MD**

For support of the 2012 Environmental Legislative Summit.

**Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN) . . . . . \$50,000**

**Takoma Park, MD**

For continued staffing support and expansion of the Maryland Healthy Communities Campaign, designed to bring about accountability and transparency from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) in its permit and enforcement practices. In addition to the monitoring of existing power plants and coal ash landfills, CCAN will be ensuring that MDE permit programs meet federal standards.

**Chesapeake Legal Alliance . . . . . \$50,000**

**Annapolis, MD**

Toward providing pro bono legal services in an effort to protect and restore the Chesapeake Bay. Volunteer attorneys are recruited to represent nonprofits, individuals, and agencies seeking legal expertise on matters related to improving the Bay.

**Chesapeake Media Service, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**

**Seven Valleys, PA**

Toward support of an urban reporting initiative to provide in-depth coverage of environmental problems facing urban areas in the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

**Maryland League of Conservation**

**Voters Education Fund . . . . . \$10,000**

**Annapolis, MD**

For continued support of programs designed to educate conservation voters about key public policy issues on open space, transportation, and storm-water management. By serving as a communications hub with its enhanced online list reaching more than 241,000 environmental voters, the League is in a position to advance conservation policies and to strengthen the environmental collective voice of Maryland.

**The Sierra Club Foundation . . . . . \$30,000**

**San Francisco, CA**

Toward support of the Beyond Coal Maryland project, an effort to end burning coal for energy. The campaign has been designed to reduce dependency on coal as a major source of energy and to encourage the development of cleaner alternative energy.

## ARTS AND CULTURE

**Baltimore Clayworks, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Planning grant for the expansion of a permanent satellite location at Tuerk House, a residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment center offering services in support of recovery.

**Baltimore Clayworks, Inc. . . . . \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward funding of ceramic art workshops at the Zeta Senior Center for more than 500 children, youth, and senior citizens who have little or no access to the arts in the Pimlico/Park Heights community.

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

**Baltimore, MD**

In support of the 2011 Baltimore Book Festival, a three-day literary regional event. The 16th annual free festival, which attracts more than 200 local, regional, and national authors, offers to its more than 55,000 festival attendees the opportunity to participate in author readings, panel discussions, literary workshops, children's activities, and the creation of original work.

**Baltimore Office of Promotion and the Arts . . . . . \$25,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

Toward support of Free Fall, an initiative designed to provide 30 low-budget arts and cultural organizations with the opportunity to offer free events. The initiative is intended to attract audiences from diverse communities and increase accessibility to the arts.

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

**Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of an annual international festival of experimental music and culture. The program emphasizes improvisations and collaborations among the avant-garde, featuring musicians from the region and around the world, and includes free workshops, and street and site-specific performances.

**Lyric Opera Baltimore . . . . . \$5,000**

**Baltimore, MD**

In support of the Opera to Go program, designed to bring operatic experiences into Baltimore City public schools. The students are exposed to the rudiments of opera, and are given the opportunity to perform.

**Maryland Citizens for the Arts Foundation (MCA) . . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

Toward the promotion of the importance of the arts for the quality of life in the community. By expanding the base of support of grassroots advocates for the arts, MCA works to keep the arts on legislators’ agendas.

**Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA). . . . . \$5,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Community Art Collaborative in an effort to bring arts programs to youth in underserved Baltimore City neighborhoods. The program encourages MICA’s community-minded artists and designers to provide critical services to Baltimore’s nonprofits and public schools serving undersourced communities.

**Museum of Ceramic Art . . . . . \$36,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For support of the 2011-2012 in school and after school ceramic art programs in 42 Baltimore City public middle schools. Aligned with the Maryland Content Standards, and integrated with core subjects, the nine-month, hands-on experience provides the opportunity for students to acquire creative skills, as well as to reinforce reading, writing, and math skills. Arrangements are made for students’ work to be exhibited in the form of permanent murals in public places such as the Hollins Street Market and Pratt Street Pavilion.

**OTHER**

**Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers . . . . . \$15,000**  
**Baltimore, MD**

For 2012 membership dues.

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

**EDUCATION**

Baltimore City Public Schools.....	\$2,800
BCPS/Baltimore City College High School .....	\$588
BCPS/Hampstead Hill Elementary School .....	\$2,684
Boys’ Latin School of Maryland.....	\$952
Business Volunteers Unlimited Maryland.....	\$2,500
CollegeBound Foundation, Inc.....	\$500
The Ingenuity Project .....	\$500
Public Health Solutions.....	\$3,900
St. Frances Academy.....	\$3,000

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Baltimore Police Foundation.....	\$2,500
Be More, Inc.....	\$2,111
The Family League of Baltimore City.....	\$4,997
University of Maryland School of Medicine .....	\$2,000

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ADDICTIONS

Bernie's Place .....	\$4,942
Blessings Bestowed Restoration Support Program.....	\$4,960
Calvert Institute for Policy Research.....	\$2,500
Druid Heights Community Development Corporation .....	\$2,515
House of Change, Inc. ....	\$4,897
Last Step Housing Association.....	\$4,450
Nu Direction/LEAP .....	\$4,992
TuTTie's Place.....	\$3,950

## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Baltimore Development Corporation.....	\$2,640
Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. ....	\$2,500
Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc. ....	\$3,000
Blue Water Baltimore .....	\$5,000
Charles Street Development Corporation .....	\$3,000
Civic Works.....	\$4,950
Downtown Partnership of Baltimore.....	\$400
The Jacob France Institute.....	\$500
Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies .....	\$5,000
Johns Hopkins Institute for Policy Studies .....	\$2,600
Public Justice Center, Inc. ....	\$1,200

## WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Central Baltimore Partnership, Inc. ....	\$4,860
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## CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Clean Water Fund.....	\$3,500
Maryland Environmental Trust.....	\$1,000
Parks & People Foundation .....	\$1,575
Patuxent Tidewater Land Trust .....	\$3,500

## ARTS AND CULTURE

Young Victorian Theatre Company .....	\$2,000
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## OTHER

The Foundation Center.....	\$1,500
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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

December 31, 2011 and 2010	2011	2010
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Investments (Notes 2 and 3)	\$289,763,119	\$306,459,400
Accrued dividends and interest receivable	544,097	798,520
Program-related investments and other loans, net	12,188,059	5,329,855
Royalty receivable, net (Note 2)	—	26,664,288
Cash value of life insurance and other assets, net (Note 5)	3,934,737	4,067,546
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$306,430,012</b>	<b>\$343,319,609</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Grants scheduled for future payment (Note 4)	\$ 4,604,185	\$ 2,160,500
Guarantee liabilities (Note 7)	28,307,557	28,377,243
Payables and other liabilities (Note 5)	2,509,338	3,340,653
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 35,421,080</b>	<b>\$ 33,878,396</b>
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 6 and 7)		
Net assets, unrestricted	271,008,932	309,441,213
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$306,430,012</b>	<b>\$343,319,609</b>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.



## Consolidated Statements of Activities

Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010	2011	2010
<b>OPERATING REVENUE:</b>		
Dividends	\$ 2,639,041	\$ 2,618,551
Interest	2,162,481	9,780,239
Partnership loss, net	(824,162)	(1,825,541)
Incentive tax credit refund	250,000	250,000
Royalty income (Note 2)	—	99,322,851
Other	347,326	233,107
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>4,574,686</b>	<b>110,379,207</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
Grants approved	16,552,952	7,414,604
Matching gifts program	263,453	231,597
Direct charitable activities	268,854	149,928
Administrative expenses	2,890,223	2,555,536
Investment expenses	1,131,520	749,345
Federal excise tax provision	391,272	1,293,701
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>21,498,274</b>	<b>12,394,711</b>
<b>(Decrease) Increase in net assets before investment gains (losses)</b>	<b>(16,923,588)</b>	<b>97,984,496</b>
<b>INVESTMENT GAINS (LOSSES):</b>		
Realized gain on sales of investments	18,603,579	17,934,682
Unrealized loss on program-related investments and other loans	(5,123,138)	(971,956)
Unrealized loss on guarantees	(6,914)	(5,774,000)
Unrealized (loss) gain on investments (Note 3)	(34,982,220)	50,788,520
<b>Net Investment (Losses) Gains</b>	<b>(21,508,693)</b>	<b>61,977,246</b>
<b>Change in unrestricted net assets</b>	<b>(38,432,281)</b>	<b>159,961,742</b>
<b>Unrestricted net assets:</b>		
<b>Beginning</b>	<b>309,441,213</b>	<b>149,479,471</b>
<b>Ending</b>	<b>\$271,008,932</b>	<b>\$309,441,213</b>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010	2011	2010
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Change in unrestricted net assets	\$ (38,432,281)	\$159,961,742
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Unrealized loss (gain) on investments	34,982,220	(50,788,520)
Realized gain on sales of investments	(18,603,579)	(17,934,682)
Realized loss on partnerships	824,162	1,825,541
Unrealized losses on program-related investments and other loans	5,123,138	971,956
Unrealized loss on guarantees	6,914	5,774,000
Grants approved	16,552,952	7,414,604
Grants paid	(14,109,267)	(11,333,328)
Depreciation and amortization	27,868	25,079
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accrued dividends and interest receivable, net	254,423	2,758,154
Program-related investments, net	(11,985,251)	(3,572,954)
Royalty receivable	26,664,288	(26,664,288)
Cash value of life insurance and other assets	132,265	(417,996)
Increase (decrease) in:		
Guarantee liabilities	(76,600)	127,803
Payables and other liabilities	(831,082)	1,365,018
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>530,170</b>	<b>69,512,129</b>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from disposition of investments	52,103,827	58,499,403
Purchase of investments	(52,606,440)	(127,964,660)
Capital expenditures	(27,557)	(46,872)
<b>Net cash used in investing activities</b>	<b>(530,170)</b>	<b>(69,512,129)</b>
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:</b>		
<b>Beginning of year</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>End of year</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ —</b>
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>		
<b>CASH PAID DURING THE YEAR FOR EXCISE TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 391,272</b>	<b>\$ 1,266,123</b>

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Note 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**Nature of activities:** The Abell Foundation, Inc. is a Section 501(c)(3) exempt organization which is classified as a “Private Foundation” under Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). The Foundation’s mission is to effect positive change on societal problems of Maryland with a special focus on Baltimore City. Priority is given to programs that promote educational reform, job creation and economic development, strengthening families, reducing drug addiction, and alleviating hunger and homelessness.

In September 2011, the Foundation formed Project Independence (PI), a Delaware Corporation, as a wholly-owned subsidiary, for the purpose of engaging in the development and conversion of cellulosic biomass feedstock materials, such as woody biomass, into fuel and/or waxes.

In November 2011, the Foundation formed West Pratt Holdings, LLC (West Pratt), of which it is the sole member, to purchase two buildings and a parking lot previously owned by a substance abuse center. The Foundation believes that by purchasing these properties, they are ensuring that the facility can remain open to serve an underserved population in Baltimore City.

The Abell Foundation, Inc., West Pratt and PI are collectively referred to as “the Foundation.”

The net assets of West Pratt and PI are reflected within Program Related Investments on the consolidated statements of financial position.

The following is a condensed statement of financial position for West Pratt and PI on a separate company basis as of December 31, 2011:

Assets	West Pratt Holdings, LLC	Project Independence, Inc.
Assets		
Cash	\$ —	\$ 222,894
Capitalized engineering costs	—	\$ 1,341,253
Property and equipment	3,284,763	—
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,284,763</b>	<b>\$ 1,564,147</b>
Liabilities And Stockholder’s Equity		
Liabilities		
Accrued expenses	\$ —	\$ 447,668
<b>Total liabilities</b>	—	\$ 447,668
 Stockholder’s equity	 3,284,763	 1,116,479
<b>Total liabilities and stockholder’s equity</b>	<b>\$ 3,284,763</b>	<b>\$ 1,564,147</b>

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *continued*

### **Note 1. NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *continued***

A summary of the Foundation's significant accounting policies follows:

**Principles of consolidation:** The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Foundation, West Pratt, and PI. All intercompany accounts and transactions were eliminated for purposes of consolidation.

**Basis of accounting:** The accompanying consolidated financial statements are presented in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting, whereby revenue is recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

**Cash and cash equivalents:** For purposes of reporting cash flows, the Foundation considers money market funds and investments with original maturities of less than three months to be cash equivalents. The carrying amount approximates fair value due to the short maturity of these instruments.

#### **Investments:**

- Investments, excluding direct investments and partnerships that invest in real-estate, timber, and private equity, are stated on the basis of current quoted market prices.
- Direct investments include equity and convertible securities with privately held companies that are not readily marketable. These investments are stated at fair value as determined by management and approved, at least annually, by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation. In determining fair value, management considers relevant qualitative and quantitative information available. This information includes such factors as the financial condition and operating results of each company, the economic and market conditions affecting its operations, and any financing transactions or subsequent events that may be indicative of a change in value. The values assigned to these investments are based on currently available information and do not necessarily represent amounts that might ultimately be realized, since such amounts will depend on future circumstances. Changes in market value are reflected in unrealized gains and losses on investments.
- Partnership investments include certain investments that are not readily marketable. The market value of such partnerships is determined by the general partners or managers of the partnerships and changes in value are reported in unrealized gains and losses on investments. The unrealized gains and losses are adjusted for allocation to partnership income, expenses, and realized gains and losses, which are reported separately, as such information becomes available.

**Program-related investments and other loans:** Program-related investments represent loans to and equity investments in for-profit and not-for-profit entities that facilitate activities supported by the Foundation. Program-related investments are reported at cost of \$9,088,949 and \$3,220,637, net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts of \$1,451,748 and \$299,950 at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Other loans represent loans to unrelated entities, principally for investment in for-profit companies. The loans are reported at cost of \$11,038,351 and \$5,029,071, net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts of \$6,487,493 and \$2,619,903 at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

**Financial risk:** Investments, in general, are exposed to various risks, such as interest rate, credit, and overall market volatility. Due to the risk associated with the Foundation's investments, it is reasonably possible that changes in the values of the Foundation's investments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements.

**Property and equipment:** Property and equipment are recorded at cost and depreciated on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, either five or seven years. Property and equipment are included in cash value of life insurance and other assets, net, on the consolidated statements of financial position.

**Grants:** Grants are recorded as grants payable when approved by the Board of Trustees. If the needs of the grant programs are less than the amount approved, or if the grantee fails to meet routine requirements specified at the time of approval, the grants, in part or in whole, may be cancelled or refunded. These cancellations or refunds are recognized in the year in which they occur.

**Guarantees:** Assets and liabilities have been recorded for the fair value of obligations for guarantees issued in 2011 and 2010 (see Note 7). Income or losses relating to guarantees are recognized upon the expiration of the guaranteed obligation.

**Financial instruments:** The carrying amount of accrued dividend and interest receivables, payables and other liabilities approximates fair value due to the short maturity of these instruments. Other liabilities also include an obligation under a split-dollar life insurance policy which is carried net of a present value discount (see Note 5).

**Use of estimates:** The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Income tax status:** The Foundation is generally exempt from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRC. In addition, the Foundation has been classified as a Private Foundation under Section 509(a). The Foundation is subject to excise tax on net investment income, which includes realized gains. Accordingly, a federal excise tax provision of \$391,000 and \$1,293,701 has been provided at an effective rate of 1 percent for 2011 and 2010, respectively. As of December 31, 2011 and 2010, the Foundation was in compliance with the income tax regulation which requires minimum distributions of approximately 5 percent of the market value of the Foundation's assets on an annual basis.

Federal excise taxes paid totaled \$391,000 and \$1,266,123 for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

PI, a C-Corporation, files separate federal and state tax returns. West Pratt is a single member LLC wholly owned by the Foundation. Accordingly, all activity is reported under the Foundation's name, and the LLC assumes the same tax status as the Foundation.

The Foundation adopted the accounting standard on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes, which addresses the determination of whether tax benefits claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return should be recorded in the financial statements. Under this guidance, the Foundation may recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position only if it is more-likely-than-not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50 percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. The guidance on accounting for uncertainty in income taxes also addresses de-recognition, classification, interest and penalties on income taxes, and accounting in interim periods.

Management evaluated the Foundation's tax positions and concluded that the Foundation had taken no uncertain income tax positions that require adjustment to the financial statements to comply with the provisions of this guidance. Generally, the Foundation is no longer subject to income tax examinations by the U.S. federal, state or local tax authorities for years before 2008.

As a result of its investments in a qualified biotechnology company in the State of Maryland, the Foundation was eligible to receive an incentive tax credit refund of \$250,000 in both 2011 and 2010. These amounts were recorded as receivables at December 31, 2011 and 2010.

**Subsequent events:** The Foundation evaluated subsequent events through May 29, 2012, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

## **Note 2. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

The Foundation defines fair value as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date and sets out a fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). Inputs are broadly defined as assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described below:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date. The types of investments included in Level 1 include listed equities and holdings in certain corporate bond funds.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly; and fair value is determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies. Investments which are generally included in this category include corporate loans, less liquid, restricted equity securities and certain corporate bonds and over-the-counter derivatives. A significant adjustment to Level 2 input could result in the Level 2 measurement becoming a Level 3 measurement.

Level 3 – Inputs are unobservable for the asset or liability and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the asset or liability. The inputs into the determination of fair value are based upon the best information in the circumstances and may require significant management judgment or estimation as described below.

In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, an investment's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The Foundation's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the investment. The following section describes the valuation techniques used by the Foundation:

Level 1 – Investments in securities and mutual funds traded on a national securities exchange, or reported on the NASDAQ national market, are stated at the last reported sales price on the day of valuation. Fair value of exchange-traded contracts is based upon exchange settlement prices. Fair value of non-exchange-traded contracts is based on third-party quoted dealer values on the Interbank market. These financial instruments are classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy.

Level 2 – Investments in government obligations are stated at the last reported sales price on the day of valuation. These financial instruments are classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

Level 3 – Level 3 investments are not readily marketable and include direct investments in private equity. These investments are stated at fair value as determined by management and approved, at least annually, by the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Foundation. In determining fair value, management considers relevant qualitative and quantitative information available. This information includes such factors as the financial condition and operating results of each company, the economic and market conditions affecting its operations, and any financing transactions or subsequent events that may be indicative of a change in value. The values assigned to these investments are based on currently available information and do not necessarily represent amounts that might ultimately be realized, since such amounts will depend on future circumstances. Partnership investments include certain investments that are not readily marketable. The market value of such partnerships is determined by the general partners or managers of the partnerships.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *continued*

### Note 2. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS *continued*

The following table presents the Foundation's fair value hierarchy for those assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2011:

Description	2011			
	Total	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices In Active Markets For Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3
Government obligations	\$ 7,734,840	\$ —	\$ 7,734,840	\$ —
U.S. Treasury bills	20,038,200	—	20,038,200	—
Mutual funds:				
Corporate and other bond funds	24,516,149	24,516,149	—	—
Government obligation funds	23,047,679	23,047,679	—	—
Large cap growth funds	17,732,972	17,732,972	—	—
Large cap value funds	23,380,244	23,380,244	—	—
Mid cap growth funds	9,228,522	9,228,522	—	—
Mid cap value fund	6,221,004	6,221,004	—	—
Small cap growth funds	8,405,271	8,405,271	—	—
Small cap value funds	7,604,997	7,604,997	—	—
Stock index fund	43,239,657	43,239,657	—	—
International funds	72,795,476	72,795,476	—	—
Real estate and forestry funds	7,032,142	—	—	7,032,142
Direct investments	14,606,876	—	—	14,606,876
Private equity funds	924,393	—	—	924,393
	<b>\$286,508,422</b>	<b>\$236,171,971</b>	<b>\$ 27,773,040</b>	<b>\$22,563,411</b>

The following table presents the Foundation's fair value hierarchy for those assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2010:

Description	2010			
	Total	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices In Active Markets For Identical Assets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3
Government obligations	\$ 6,436,529	\$ —	\$ 6,436,529	\$ —
Mutual funds:				
Corporate and other bond funds	19,409,407	19,409,407	—	—
Government obligation funds	20,766,305	20,766,305	—	—
Large cap growth funds	23,944,406	23,944,406	—	—
Large cap value funds	23,861,907	23,861,907	—	—
Mid cap growth funds	9,323,561	9,323,561	—	—
Mid cap value fund	6,375,842	6,375,842	—	—
Small cap growth funds	8,027,126	8,027,126	—	—
Small cap value funds	7,961,311	7,961,311	—	—
Stock index fund	42,774,077	42,774,077	—	—
International funds	84,773,150	84,773,150	—	—
Real estate and forestry funds	7,825,993	—	—	7,825,993
Direct investments	26,487,898	—	—	26,487,898
Private equity funds	774,986	—	—	774,986
	\$288,742,498	\$247,217,092	\$ 6,436,529	\$35,088,877

Cash and cash equivalents are excluded from the fair value hierarchy as cash is generally measured at cost. As such, cash of \$3,254,697 and \$17,716,902 has been excluded from this table in 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Financial instruments classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy represent the Foundation's investments in financial instruments in which management has used at least one significant unobservable input in the valuation model.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *continued*

### Note 2. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS *continued*

The following table presents a reconciliation of activity for the Level 3 financial instruments for the year ended December 31, 2011:

	Balance, January 1, 2011	Return Of Capital	Purchases Of Investments	Net Realized Gains (Losses) On Investments	Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) On Investments	Balance, December 31, 2011
Real estate and forestry funds	\$ 7,825,993	\$ (423,774)	\$ —	\$ (190,671)	\$ (179,406)	\$ 7,032,142
Direct investments	26,487,898	(1,547,071)	8,127,532	72,581	(18,534,064)	14,606,876
Private equity funds	774,986	(6,849)	—	53,685	102,571	924,393
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,088,877</b>	<b>\$ (1,977,694)</b>	<b>\$ 8,127,532</b>	<b>\$ (64,405)</b>	<b>\$(18,610,899)</b>	<b>\$22,563,411</b>

The following table presents a reconciliation of activity for the Level 3 financial instruments for the year ended December 31, 2010:

	Balance, January 1, 2010	Return Of Capital	Purchases Of Investments And Conversion Of Accrued Interest	Net Realized Losses On Investments	Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) On Investments	Balance, December 31, 2010
Real estate and forestry funds	\$ 8,255,947	\$ (74,803)	\$ —	\$ (220,828)	\$ (134,323)	\$ 7,825,993
Direct investments	8,851,571	(26,005,001)	12,252,282	(2,516,039)	33,905,085	26,487,898
Private equity funds	1,005,188	(28,096)	—	(85,793)	(116,313)	774,986
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,112,706</b>	<b>\$(26,107,900)</b>	<b>\$12,252,282</b>	<b>\$(2,822,660)</b>	<b>\$33,654,449</b>	<b>\$35,088,877</b>

During 2010, the Foundation received a payment of \$72,658,563 from a direct investment. The Foundation also earned an additional \$26,664,288 which was recorded in royalty receivable on the consolidated statement of financial position as of December 31, 2010, and was collected during 2011. The monies earned amounting to \$72,658,563 and \$26,664,288 were both recorded as royalty income on the consolidated statement of activities for the year ended December 31, 2010.

During 2010, the Foundation received payments totaling \$46,408,452 from the same direct investment included in the Level 3 investments shown above. Of the \$46,408,452 received, \$25,918,099 reduced the basis of the investment, \$983,464 was recorded as dividend income, \$2,280,142 as interest income, and \$17,226,747 was recorded as realized gain on the sale of investments on the consolidated statement of activities as of December 31, 2010. During 2011, the Foundation received payments totaling \$16,228,730 from the same direct investment included in the Level 3 investments shown above, which was recorded as a realized gain on the sale of investments on the consolidated statement of activities for the year ended December 31, 2011.



The Foundation invests in certain entities for which the fair value measurement is assessed using net asset value per share, or its equivalents. Information pertaining to these investments is as follows:

	Fair Value	Unfunded Commitments	Redemption Frequency	Redemption Notice Period
Real estate and forestry funds (a)	\$7,032,142	\$ -	Liquidation of partnership	N/A
Private equity funds (b)	\$924,393	-	None	N/A
	<u>\$7,956,535</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		

(a) This category includes investments in several partnerships that invest in commercial and residential real-estate and timber assets. The fair value of the investments in this category has been estimated using the net asset value per share of the investments.

(b) This category includes partnerships which invest in private equity funds. These investments can never be redeemed with the funds. Instead, the nature of the investments in this category is that distributions are received through the liquidation of the underlying assets of the funds. As of December 31, 2011, it was probable that the investments in this category would be liquidated at an amount different from the net asset value of the Foundation's ownership interest in partners' capital. Therefore, the fair value of the investments in this category has been estimated by the fund managers using recent observable transaction information from potential buyers of similar investments. It is estimated that the underlying assets of the funds would be liquidated over five to eight years.

### Note 3. INVESTMENTS

A summary of investments is as follows at December 31, 2011 and 2010:

	2011			2010		
	Market	Cost	Unrealized Gain (Loss) On Investments	Market	Cost	Unrealized Gain (Loss) On Investments
Short-term investments	\$ 3,254,697	\$ 3,254,697	\$ —	\$ 17,716,902	\$ 17,716,902	\$ —
Government obligations	52,289,189	47,913,930	4,375,259	27,202,834	24,082,380	3,120,454
Corporate and other bonds	23,047,679	23,076,301	(28,622)	19,409,407	19,317,626	91,781
Marketable equity security funds	188,608,143	192,732,059	(4,123,916)	207,041,380	193,659,573	13,381,807
Direct investments	14,606,876	29,556,347	(14,949,471)	26,487,898	22,903,305	3,584,593
Partnerships	7,956,535	9,252,556	(1,296,021)	8,600,979	9,820,165	(1,219,186)
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$289,763,119</u>	<u>\$305,785,890</u>	<u>\$(16,022,771)</u>	<u>\$306,459,400</u>	<u>\$287,499,951</u>	<u>\$18,959,449</u>

Unrealized gain (loss) on investments,

beginning of year

18,959,449

(31,829,071)

Unrealized (loss) gain for the year

\$(34,982,220)

\$ 50,788,520

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *continued*

### Note 4. GRANTS

Unpaid grants at December 31, 2011, are scheduled for payment as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	
2012	\$4,056,300
2013	372,885
2014	175,000
	<u>\$4,604,185</u>

### Note 5. Employees' Retirement Plans And Benefits

The Foundation's defined contribution pension plan covers substantially all employees who have completed three months of service. Contributions are equal to 10 percent of each covered employee's salary. Employees are eligible to share in Foundation contributions if they have completed at least 1,000 hours of service during the plan year or were initially employed during the plan year and have completed at least 83 hours of service in each full month of employment during the plan year. Contributions to the plan totaled \$175,641 and \$142,840 in 2011 and 2010, respectively.

In 1989, the Foundation purchased a split-dollar insurance policy on the life of a key employee, naming itself and a key employee as beneficiaries. Upon the death of the key employee, the policy will pay \$1,500,000 to the key employee's designated beneficiary with the remaining accumulated death benefits being paid to the Foundation. At December 31, 2011 and 2010, the policy had death benefits of approximately \$4,297,000 and \$4,159,000, respectively. The cash value of the policy is \$3,057,350 and \$2,907,528 at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The present value of the liability payable to the key employee upon death of \$798,492 and \$744,935 at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, is included in accounts payable and other liabilities and has been discounted over the life expectancy of the key employee using the interest rate of 7.25 percent for 2011 and 2010.

### Note 6. Lease Agreement

The Foundation's office operating lease agreement expires on April 30, 2013. Future minimum lease payments relating to the agreement at December 31, 2011, are as follows:

Years Ending December 31,	
2012	216,790
2013	72,795
	<u>\$289,585</u>

Rent expense was \$210,981 and \$204,867 for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

### Note 7. Guarantees/Contingent Liabilities

The Foundation has guaranteed specific bank loan obligations of 14 Baltimore for-profit and not-for-profit entities in the amount of \$44,046,663 and \$43,501,629 as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively, which expire over a period of 1 to 30 years. In addition, the Foundation had approved future guarantees up to \$9,015,643 and \$9,695,918, subject to review of the bank loans by the Foundation and certain other conditions, as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. In connection with the above guarantees, the Foundation has pledged, as collateral, marketable equity mutual funds with a market value of \$43,084,018 and \$66,386,864 as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

Should an entity default on a loan obligation, the Foundation would be responsible for payment of the obligation but would also have full recourse against the entity for all rights outlined in the original loan obligation. Collateral rights are negotiated with the issuing bank on a per-guarantee basis. The Foundation provides for losses on guarantees when management determines a loss, after collateral recovery, is probable. Reserves for guarantee losses are included in guarantee liabilities. Unrealized losses on guarantees of \$6,914 and \$5,774,000 are included in the consolidated statements of activities for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. In consideration for the guarantees, for-profit entities are required to pay certain fees in cash or stock to the Foundation.

The Foundation recorded a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken in issuing the guarantee. The Foundation has recorded liabilities totaling \$452,141 and \$493,889 related to guarantees extended at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively. The Foundation has recorded assets associated with these liabilities of \$452,141 and \$493,899 in other assets at December 31, 2011 and 2010, respectively.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**To the Board of Trustees  
The Abell Foundation, Inc.  
Baltimore, Maryland**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of financial position of The Abell Foundation, Inc. and Subsidiaries (collectively, the Foundation) as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the related consolidated statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Foundation's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Abell Foundation, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, and the changes in their net assets and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*McGladrey LLP*

Baltimore, Maryland  
May 29, 2012

## GUIDELINES FOR GRANTSEEKERS

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

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

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

Further, the Foundation 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

environmental programs that seek to preserve and protect Maryland's ecologically significant and endangered natural resources—land, air, and water.

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

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

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Requests for grants should be initiated by a one-page letter describing the applicant's mission and scope of activities, along with a summary of the project including 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 and full reports are available in hard copy and on the Internet @ [www.abell.org](http://www.abell.org).

### NEWSLETTERS

#### JANUARY

##### **How Course Redesign at the University of Maryland is Improving Learning, Lowering Costs, and Increasing Graduation Rates:**

Instructors and administrators give initiative high grades, making the University of Maryland a national leader in the program.

*Abell Salutes:* Bridge Private Lending, for its role in helping to revive city neighborhoods: “Children walk along, feeling comfortable and safe.”

#### MARCH

##### **Maryland Hospital Infection Rates at Bottom of National Ranking: State’s Hospitals Launch Initiative to Bring Them Down to Zero:**

Hopkins’ patient-safety expert leads fight to change hospital culture.

*Abell Salutes:* Jhpiego—For helping developing countries develop first-class health care.

#### MAY

**Is Montgomery County’s Housing Policy One Answer to Baltimore’s Education Achievement Gap?** Montgomery County offers lessons about the educational benefits of housing-based economic integration.

*Abell Salutes:* Health Leads—Doctors identify patients’ unmet resource problems, college students help solve them—“Like hitting the public-health jackpot.”

#### AUGUST

**Breaking the Sickle Cycle:** Medical, educational, and employment crises that affect thousands of Marylanders with sickle cell disease can be curtailed. So why does the Sickle Cycle persist? Here’s what experts say can be done.

*Abell Salutes:* Jericho—For teaching re-entering prisoners: To regain faith in society, they must regain faith in themselves.

#### SEPTEMBER

**Sending out an SOS for SES (Supplemental Educational Services):** No Child Left Behind’s “free” tutoring program for poor children costs the public millions, but is it working in Baltimore City’s and Maryland’s schools?

#### RADIO:

**The Abell Hour.** “Midday” (noon to 1 p.m.) WYPR, National Public Radio in Baltimore, is a magazine-format radio show during which host Dan Rodricks interviews informed guests who speak about issues of interest to the community. In 2011, the following Abell Reports were the subject of “Midday” discussions:

July 11: “Inclusionary Zoning”  
October 21: “Tutoring in City Schools”

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