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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, publishers of the Baltimore Sunpapers. 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.

From its beginnings, the Foundation has supported needs across the community spectrum. 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. With the passing of Gary Black in October of 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., Robert C. Embry, Jr., Thomas B. Butler, Harrison Garrett, Robert Garrett, Benjamin Griswold, III, Jacqueline Hrabowski, William L. Jews, William E. McGuirk, Jr., Sally J. Michel, Edwin F. Morgan, Donald H. Patterson, William Schmick, Jr., John E. Semmes, and Walter Sondheim, Jr.

A new generation of leadership has made its impression on the Foundation's mission; its charge to itself has consistently been to act as an agent of change. The mission has been broadened to include special emphases on public education, community development, and health-related human services.

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

In carrying out its mission, the Foundation continues to honor the legacy of its founder and early directors, while redefining its programs in recognition of changing times.

IN AWARDING

ITS GRANTS

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HIGHLIGHTS

The Foundation's mission is to be an agent of change and a catalyst for ideas affecting the quality of life in Baltimore and Maryland; the continuing challenge is how to make certain that grants awarded are consistent with that aspiration. It is in the application form, where the applicant first meets the Foundation, that the Foundation first meets the challenge.

In the application, the applicant is asked to provide information about exactly what methods will be used to evaluate results of the proposed initiative, precisely how the program is expected to improve or expand delivery of a service, and how the change or improvement is to be measured. In evaluating grant applications, the Board is particularly sensitive to these specifics.

In the following pages we highlight ten grant recipients that have met our criteria. In the area of EDUCATION: Ingenuity. In HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES: Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc., Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., Baltimoreans United In Leadership Development (BUILD), I Can't We Can, Quarterway Houses, Inc./Tuerk House, Baltimore Academy & Trade Guilds Organization (BATGO), Baltimore City Health Department/School-Based Health Clinics Case Management Project and the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning. In COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center.

In evaluating grant applications, we continue to give priority to applicants who make their own accountability a priority.

EDUCATION

INGENUITY

Seven years ago, The Abell Foundation launched an ambitious effort to provide an accelerated math and science curriculum to eligible Baltimore City middle and high school students. The goal of the Ingenuity Project is to nurture and develop city public school students early enough and intensely enough so that they could achieve the project's symbolic goal of competing in the Westinghouse Science Talent Search competition, now known as the Intel.

There are 120 Ingenuity students in each class at the middle-school level, but only 25 students are selected each year for the high-school portion of the program housed at Baltimore Polytechnic Institute.

The first class of 25 Ingenuity high-school students is now in its senior year at Ingenuity's high school. Five students submitted research investigations to the Intel. Though none of these submissions made it to the semifinal round, their efforts represent the first time that students from a Baltimore City public school submitted research to the nation's most prestigious

science competition. Even more competitive is the International High School Mathematics Olympiad. An Ingenuity 10th grader is one of only 250 students in the nation to make it to the semi-final round, competing against 12,000 high school students. This achievement is unprecedented for a student in the Baltimore City Public Schools.

The academic excellence that characterizes Ingenuity students is impressive. The average SAT score for Ingenuity students is 1294, nearly 150 points higher than the highest average of any Baltimore City public high school. Students in Ingenuity's first class have been accepted or invited to apply to Yale, Cornell, Washington University in St. Louis, Duke, and Carnegie-Mellon. Several students have been awarded prestigious scholarships at their selected college or university. Three students were awarded scholarships by the Meyerhoff Scholars program at University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Ingenuity's teachers should be given full credit for these results. One Ingenuity teacher, Felicity Messner Ross, who teaches at Robert Poole Middle School, was named the top science teacher for the State of Maryland.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

HOMELESS PERSONS REPRESENTATION PROJECT, INC.

Of the 5,000 Baltimore residents released each year from the corrections system, only 10 percent are employed upon release. Their status as ex-offenders serves as a significant barrier to employment; employers often ask if a candidate has ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor. Even in a tight labor market, many prior offenders who have completed their sentences or engaged in successful rehabilitation efforts are rejected by employers who apply broad-based hiring prohibitions based on criminal histories. A number of key employers in Baltimore City, for example, prohibit the hiring of persons with convictions, regardless of the nature or circumstance of the crime.

With a grant of \$5,000 from The Abell Foundation, the Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc. (HPRP) has been exploring the feasibility of Maryland adopting a state policy that would require employers to consider a list of factors before making a hiring decision about applicants with criminal records. Such a policy would recognize the risk to property and welfare inherent in the employment of persons previously convicted, but would require that this risk be balanced against the public interest in employment and rehabilitation.

HPRP is researching and assessing the efficacy of laws enacted in six other states that have extended some form of legal protection to those with criminal convictions seeking employment. New York employs the most

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comprehensive approach, requiring employers to show a “direct relationship” between the criminal history and disqualification from the job or license sought. This relationship is determined by examining five factors relative to the applicant (age at the time of offense, seriousness of the offense, time that has elapsed, efforts at rehabilitation, bearing the offense will have on productivity), which are balanced against the employers’ interest in protecting property or the public. Prior offenders in New York also can obtain “certificates” from courts or probation agencies that create legal presumptions of rehabilitation that employers must consider.

Hawaii, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania do not require employers to weigh factors in this way; employers can discriminate only if they can show a rational or substantial relationship between the criminal history and the requisites of the employment. Convictions older than ten years cannot be used against employment applicants in Hawaii. Misdemeanor offenses older than five years cannot be used against applicants in Massachusetts, nor can a first conviction for a nuisance crime such as drunkenness or disturbing the peace. New Jersey extends protection only to those seeking professional licensure, requiring licensing authorities to utilize a New York-style factor-weighting test.

LEGAL AID BUREAU, INC.

Noncustodial parents who fail to pay child support regularly accumulate large child support arrearages, or debts. According to a recent paper released by The Abell Foundation, 84 percent of fathers who currently owe child support in Baltimore have accumulated an arrearage, averaging about \$9,100. If a parent is in prison, the debt continues to grow. Although no one would question the obligation of noncustodial parents to provide financial support for their children, the state’s current child support system is so structured that it may easily overburden low-income noncustodial parents with a debt they cannot possibly pay. A perceived inability to pay has led some noncustodial parents to resist employment, where they would face a state withholding of wages up to 50 percent, and possibly incarceration. More importantly, noncustodial parents (most of whom are fathers) are more likely to sever ties with families when child support payments cannot be made.

With a \$108,250 grant from The Abell Foundation, the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. hired an attorney and paralegal to represent more than 100 unemployed and underemployed noncustodial parents. In many cases, the clients’ problems were quickly addressed through consultation and referrals. However, over 20 percent of the cases required more extensive legal action, including negotiations with the child support enforcement agency and formal court decisions. For all of these cases, Legal Aid was successful in defending the noncustodial parent.

Through this grant, Legal Aid also developed an outreach and education strategy aimed at educating unemployed and underemployed noncustodial parents and the organizations that serve them. Legal Aid conducted workshops with several organizations and developed informational pamphlets, distributed to participants and providers, on basic child support issues including modifications, payment calculations, and driver's license suspensions. Legal Aid is currently working with the child support enforcement agency and the other organizations to address the systemic problems that negatively affect low-income noncustodial parents.

BALTIMOREANS UNITED IN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

In 1995, Baltimoreans United in Leadership Development (BUILD) and the Solidarity Sponsoring Committee (SSC) won the first "living wage" ordinance in the nation. Bill 716, which went into effect July 1995, raised the hourly wage for Baltimore City service contractors to \$7.70, representing an 80 percent increase in pay over three years. Approximately 4,000 workers in Baltimore benefited directly from the living wage bill. Even workers not covered by the bill benefited from it because many Baltimore employers of low-wage workers raised wages in order to compete with the new living wage.

Even after the successful passage of Bill 716, most contract workers do not have health benefits because most are part-time and do not qualify for the few benefits plans available. As a result, many low-income families use emergency rooms for primary health care.

In fall 1997, BUILD and SSC were able to add a health component to the existing benefits plan for SSC members, which includes \$10,000 of life insurance and vision, pharmaceutical, hearing, dental, and primary care benefits. BUILD and SSC worked out an agreement with the Maryland Labor Health Care Advocacy Coalition (MLHCAC) to assist SSC members who do not have private health insurance coverage to obtain affordable, comprehensive health care services.

With a \$60,000 grant from The Abell Foundation, BUILD hired a full-time benefits administrator to manage the health benefits program for over 200 SSC members. The administrator updated the database on all of SSC's 4,000 members, and developed and manages a website for BUILD and SSC.

The grant from the Foundation also enabled BUILD and SSC to begin to create a multi-employer benefits trust for Baltimore Head Start employees. During the 1999 Maryland General Assembly session, BUILD successfully advocated for \$2.5 million in state funding to be earmarked for Head Start. During the 2000 session, the Maryland State Legislature appropriated an additional \$500,000 to Head Start to assist in setting up the

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I CAN'T WE CAN:

Because of the severe shortage of long-term residential drug treatment facilities in Baltimore City, over the years an informal network of “recovery houses” has grown up. In almost all cases, this form of transitional housing has been created by a small group of recovering addicts or by an individual in recovery. These small, unlicensed programs are predominantly faith based, rarely receive public funding, and operate with a tough-love, therapeutic, community-based approach. The quality of these grassroots initiatives varies considerably, but there is much anecdotal evidence to suggest that, when well run, such programs can be highly effective in assisting recovering addicts in turning their lives around and maintaining a drug- and crime-free existence.

I Can't We Can (ICWC) was established in 1997 by a recovering addict who had finally managed to overcome his heroin habit after 20 years of addiction. A deeply religious man, he created a strongly faith-based, highly structured residential program, starting with two rowhouses that he renovated himself. Over the ensuing years, the program has expanded its number of transitional houses significantly. ICWC now operates 20 houses, three of which are group homes (under the Americans with Disabilities Act) and can house up to 15 people. Residents may stay for up to a year, and sometimes, depending on need, longer.

Recognizing the highly effective nature of ICWC's services, The Abell Foundation awarded the program \$191,658 in capital funds to acquire and renovate three properties that will serve as group homes, housing up to ten recovering addicts per house. This grant will enable ICWC to expand beyond its present client capacity of 210 in order to respond to the growing demand for its services; in 1999, ICWC had to turn away 1,200 addicts seeking a place in the residential program.

QUARTERWAY HOUSES, INC.

BUPRENORPHINE PILOT PROJECT AT TUERK HOUSE

Tuerk House is the only 28-day residential drug treatment facility in Baltimore City. With a 70-bed capacity, the program includes an on-site detoxification and outpatient service. The director of Tuerk House, Dr. John Hickey, recently intensified his search for methods to increase the retention rate of clients in the program and successful completion of treatment by improving the services provided. Data showed that, of the approximately 764 heroin addicts treated per year at Tuerk House, at least 300 do not complete the

five-day detoxification process and drop out of the program altogether. A major contributing factor to this high dropout rate is that the medication clonidine, which is traditionally used to assist with the three- to five-day addict detoxification process, does not alleviate the painful symptoms of withdrawal.

With a grant of \$20,115 from The Abell Foundation, Dr. Hickey was able to establish a pilot project using buprenorphine instead of clonidine as the detoxification medication. Buprenorphine can be used both as a substitute for heroin and as a detoxification medication. It has significant potential advantages over the more frequently used heroin substitute methadone because it is longer-lasting than methadone, thus requiring less frequent visits to a clinic, and it is also more effective in suppressing the suffering of withdrawal. However, to date, use of buprenorphine in the battle against heroin addiction has been severely limited because, although it has been approved for use in clinics and human trial research projects, current federal restrictions limit it to three days' usage only. Additionally, it is significantly more costly than methadone.

Focusing on the three-day window of permitted usage, the Tuerk House pilot project tested the hypothesis that addicts would be significantly more ready and willing to enter and to successfully complete 28-day treatment when buprenorphine is administered at the detoxification phase. The funds awarded by the Foundation provided salaries for nursing staff and a year's supply of buprenorphine. Preliminary data from the first four months of operation of the buprenorphine pilot project strongly confirm the Tuerk House hypothesis: 48 percent more clients are completing detoxification and 35 percent more clients successfully complete the 28-day program.

BALTIMORE ACADEMY & TRADE GUILDS ORGANIZATION (BATGO):

In 1995, BATGO, a small faith-based nonprofit organization, increasingly concerned with the high incarceration rate of young black males, established a residential program in Baltimore to house delinquent youth referred from the Department of Juvenile Services. The following year, BATGO applied to the state to become licensed as a child placement agency, which would enable the program not only to operate small group homes, but to place troubled and neglected youth referred from the Department of Human Resources (DHR) and the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in treatment foster homes.

The very complex state licensing process too frequently discourages small but capable nonprofit organizations from developing urgently needed residential programs for the hardest-to-serve delinquent youth. The difficulty of the licensing situation is compounded by the fact that

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reimbursement systems for public funds frequently entail serious delays in the billing/receipt cycles. Small organizations rarely have the up-front cash flow to cover the initial phase-in of staff and clients while waiting three or four months for reimbursement.

In light of this catch-22 situation, in the spring of 1997 the Foundation made BATGO a five-year loan of \$150,000 to cover the phase-in of staff and juveniles (24 young men 14 to 21 years of age) during the initial delayed billing/receipt cycle typical of state agencies. It was with great pride that BATGO, in April 2001, fully paid off this loan. More importantly, the program has to date recruited, trained, and licensed over 60 foster families, placed over 150 neglected and troubled youth in treatment foster homes, and is now developing an educational/vocational training component for youth participating in the BATGO program.

BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CLINICS CASE MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Although Baltimore's teen birth rate has been declining steadily over the past decade, it is still nearly double the national rate and more than twice the state-wide rate. Teen childbearing is associated with adverse outcomes for both mother and child. Infants born to adolescents have higher rates of low birth weight and infant mortality than those born to adult mothers, and teen parenting is closely associated with school dropout. In an effort to reduce these and other adverse consequences, public health and youth development experts continue to work to develop strategies that hold promise for reducing the teen pregnancy rate.

One such strategy is an intensive case management program first piloted, with funding by The Abell Foundation, at a Baltimore City Health Department clinic in 1997. Called the "Able to Achieve Program," this model paired sexually active teens with casemanagers, who worked with the teens to help them establish and achieve personal goals, providing incentives to reinforce the participants' achievements. The program included a rigorous evaluation component, the preliminary results of which showed that girls enrolled in the program were far more likely than their peers in a control group to return to abstinence, to use contraception consistently, and far less likely to become pregnant after enrollment. Only 3 percent of girls in the program became pregnant in the year following their first contact with the casemanagers, while 18 percent of girls in the control group became pregnant during the same time period.

Building on the success of the Able to Achieve Program, The Abell Foundation provided a grant of \$258,400 to the Baltimore City Health

Department to replicate the program in two Baltimore City public schools: Harlem Park Middle School and Southwestern High School. Two casemanagers at each school are each assigned to follow 35 girls, for a total of 140 participants at the two schools. The casemanagers counsel participants about contraception and abstinence, and work with them to enhance decision-making skills regarding sexual activity. In addition, the casemanagers work with participants to set personal goals, and provide incentives to reinforce goal achievement. The work of the casemanagers is complemented by a health educator who works with the girls individually and in groups to reinforce responsible choices regarding sexuality, contraception, and general health and well-being. The project tracks pregnancy rates and school performance of participants, as well as that of a control group of 140 girls at two other Baltimore City public schools.

COALITION TO END CHILDHOOD LEAD POISONING

Lead is a highly toxic substance, especially for young children. It can harm a child's developing central nervous system, kidneys, and bone and muscle growth. Even at relatively low levels, lead has been shown to cause impaired cognitive functioning, hearing loss, and behavioral problems in children. Lead is especially harmful when it goes undetected for many years, as it often does. In such cases, children may not escape the source of the lead poisoning – typically deteriorated lead paint in older housing – and may be exposed to the toxin over the course of many years, causing even more severe and lasting harm.

In 1998, the most recent year for which data are available, nearly 4,000 Baltimore City children were found to have elevated blood lead levels – levels higher than the danger level set by the federal Centers for Disease and Control Prevention. That year, however, only 31.5 percent of Baltimore City children under the age of six were tested for lead poisoning, meaning that many children with dangerous blood lead levels were undiagnosed and untreated. Moreover, follow-up for children who are screened is often spotty or non-existent, and the services provided are rarely sustained after a lead-poisoned child enters the school system.

Recognizing the serious gaps in this system, the Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning embarked on a project to evaluate the screening and treatment of children with lead poisoning. The Coalition has a long and successful track record of outreach, education, and advocacy on issues related to childhood lead poisoning, and is a leading provider of services aimed at preventing lead poisoning. With a grant of \$89,010 from The Abell Foundation, the Coalition was able to expand its research and advocacy efforts to include a review of efforts to identify and treat children with lead poisoning. Among other issues, the project is charged with examining barriers to screening children for

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lead poisoning and follow-up by state and local health officials when children are identified with lead poisoning; providing educational and behavioral interventions that have proven effective in mitigating the impact of lead poisoning; and tracking lead-poisoned children through the school system. The Coalition will publish reports of its findings, as appropriate, and will develop specific recommendations for changes in policy and practice to improve services provided to children. Recommendations will be incorporated into the ongoing advocacy efforts of the Coalition.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

ST. AMBROSE HOUSING AID CENTER

For 30 years St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center has been developing housing and providing counseling services to low-income homebuyers and renters in Baltimore City. Their mortgage default counseling program has helped hundreds of homeowners at risk of losing their homes. Two years ago counselors in the program noticed a growing number of families needing counseling to prevent foreclosure, not for the traditional reasons of unemployment, illness, or divorce, but because the families should never have been approved for mortgage loans in the first place. Under one scenario, speculators encouraged rapid resale of substandard houses, often with fraudulent agreements for mortgage financing and improvements. Homebuyers, eager to purchase renovated housing, paid higher than market price for houses to which only cosmetic repairs were made. The homeowners were then saddled with a house that was worth far less than the purchase price but which still required major repairs. Homeowners who could not afford the mortgage for the inflated value of the house, much less the repairs, stopped making mortgage payments.

With a grant of \$37,500 from The Abell Foundation, St. Ambrose began studying mortgage foreclosure data city-wide, and found that the number of petitions to foreclosure increased 250 percent in four years, from 2,000 in 1996 to 5,000 in 1999. The consequences of foreclosure were proving devastating, not only financially to the individual borrowers, but to whole neighborhoods which were being destroyed by the high number of foreclosures and resulting vacancies. A number of these transactions involved lenders, appraisers, and title attorneys guilty of shoddy and illegal practices, and many of the foreclosures, it turned out, were made with loans insured by the Federal Housing Administration (FHA). St. Ambrose documented loans that had been approved by FHA involving poor underwriting, inflated appraisals, and outright fraud.

Through its research, St. Ambrose helped bring public attention to an alarming increase in the number of foreclosures city-wide and the FHA practices that were contributing to the problem. By the end of 1999, Baltimore had the highest per capita number of FHA-foreclosed houses in the country. The number and frequency of FHA petitions to foreclose convinced FHA that a crisis was occurring in Baltimore. FHA assigned dozens of investigators from its Philadelphia office to assist St. Ambrose in its review of mortgage documents and house appraisals. FHA agreed to a three-month moratorium on foreclosures in Baltimore City beginning April 2000, which was subsequently extended. Using Baltimore as a laboratory, FHA announced a strategy to provide relief to borrowers who were treated unfairly, including default prevention, refinancing of loans for which faulty appraisals had been used to inflate housing values, and credit repair letters for borrowers whose houses did go into foreclosure.

St. Ambrose's research supported efforts by Senators Mikulski and Sarbanes to create greater accountability within FHA and to earmark \$5 million in U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development restitution funds for Baltimore City to help repair the damage done from FHA-backed transactions. Part of the funding will be used to create a clearinghouse for victims of deceptive and fraudulent sales. St. Ambrose has been selected by the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development to manage the clearinghouse.

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ARTS AND CULTURE

Baltimore's Festival of the Arts, Inc. \$25,000

Baltimore, MD

For support of the 2001 CityARTS Grant Program. The funds are earmarked to benefit emerging and small arts organizations committed to serving youth and disadvantaged neighborhoods.

The Carroll Park Foundation, Inc. \$5,000

Baltimore, MD

For interim operating expenses to support the expanded membership and marketing campaign of the Carroll Mansion in southwest Baltimore.

Everyman Theatre, Inc. \$5,000

Baltimore, MD

In support of an after-school outreach theater program in for Baltimore City middle-school and high-school students.

Maryland Art Place \$100,000

Baltimore, MD

Toward relocation costs of their headquarters to 34 Market Place. The new location affords a highly visible venue for contemporary art works and will become an expanded resource center for artists living in Maryland.

Maryland Citizens for the Arts Foundation \$5,000

Ellicott City, MD

For general support to promote the cultural arts in Baltimore City and throughout Maryland.

National Museum of Ceramic Art and Glass \$42,170

Baltimore, MD

Two grants for staffing and expansion of ceramic art after-school programs for the 2000-2001 school year in 18 Baltimore City public middle schools.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Baltimore Center for the Performing Arts \$1,000,000

Baltimore, MD

Four-year funding for leasehold improvements to the historic Hippodrome Theatre, a venue to house Baltimore's premier Broadway road shows in the heart of the West Side redevelopment area.

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The Baltimore Community Foundation, Inc. \$150,000
Baltimore, MD

To provide operating support for six nonprofit organizations participating in the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative in targeted Baltimore neighborhoods. The purpose of the initiative is to increase homeownership, to stabilize as well as increase market values of homes, and to enhance the ambiance of the neighborhoods.

Baltimore Development Corporation..... \$10,000
Baltimore, MD

Two grants toward administrative costs promoting Maglev, a magnetic levitation high-speed train that, when fully operational, will reduce travel time between Baltimore and Washington to 16 minutes.

Baltimore Efficiency & Economy Foundation, Inc. \$45,000
Baltimore, MD

For second-year funding to support staffing and research. The objective of the grant is to evaluate the impact of homeowner property tax incentives; to make recommendations for improved management and efficient disposition of city-owned property; and, by reviewing its procurement system, information systems, facilities management and audit process, to provide assistance to the Baltimore City Public School System.

Baltimore Heritage, Inc. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

In support of historic preservation activities in Baltimore City.

Beth Am Synagogue \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

For the development of a plan to rehabilitate the Eutaw Place and Chauncey Avenue neighborhoods.

Better Waverly Community Organization, Inc. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

For support of the Waverly Community Housing Program's Vacant Housing Initiative, developed to deter deterioration.

Community Law Center, Inc. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward staffing costs of a coordinator to focus on Baltimore's housing crisis, including mortgage scams, flipping schemes, and predatory lending.

Downtown Partnership of Baltimore \$75,000

Baltimore, MD

Three-year funding toward the salary of the Director of the Downtown Housing Initiative. The goal of the project is to market the initiative to potential developers, property owners and lenders, and, within a three-year period, to develop 1,000 additional housing units in the downtown area.

East Harbor Community Development Corporation ... \$45,000

Baltimore, MD

Two grants for the development of a business plan for the Urban Energy Cooperative. The study assesses the feasibility of organizing a cooperative to provide energy products, services, and jobs within the Empowerment Zone.

Empower Baltimore Management Corporation \$5,000

Baltimore, MD

For support of a telemarketing initiative designed to keep Empowerment Zone residents informed about available support programs and services.

Greater Baltimore Committee \$5,000

Baltimore, MD

Toward expenses for a management and efficiency review of several Baltimore City government agencies.

Greektown Community Development Corporation \$45,700

Baltimore, MD

One-year funding for the development of a property intervention and stabilization program for the revitalization of Greektown. The intent of the program is to retain a high level of homeownership, prevent deterioration of properties through acquisition and property management services, and develop a viable commercial corridor with regional appeal.

Homes for America \$30,000

Annapolis, MD

Seed funding, including salaries, benefits and travel costs, earmarked for the development of housing units in northern Anne Arundel County, specifically for families being relocated from Baltimore City public housing.

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine \$75,000

Baltimore, MD

For a four-month study of the feasibility of establishing a Medical Technology Park within the Empowerment Zone at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

**Live Baltimore Marketing Center \$39,000
Baltimore, MD**

For marketing activities, including website development and development of employee recruitment packets, to promote living in Baltimore City.

**Maryland Department of Housing
and Community Development \$63,623
Crownsville, MD**

For continued support of the Live Near Your Work program, in partnership with Citizens Planning and Housing Association. The purpose of the program is to provide financial incentives for employees who purchase homes in neighborhoods near their workplace.

**Maryland Department of Housing
and Community Development \$5,000
Crownsville, MD**

Toward the cost of a marketing and fiscal feasibility plan for the proposed expansion of the Senator Theatre.

**Maryland Film Festival..... \$90,000
Baltimore, MD**

Two-year funding for travel expenses to bring filmmakers to Baltimore during the annual festival as a marketing tool to encourage film production in Baltimore and Maryland.

**Midtown Community Benefits District, Inc. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

In support of maintenance for the city park at Mount Vernon Place.

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For the development of a business plan for the Mount Vernon Museum of Incandescent Lighting.

**Office of the Mayor \$77,000
Baltimore, MD**

Three grants in support of support of the development of a CitiStat system. The program will enable Baltimore City's municipal administration departments to analyze data to track progress, manage staff, deploy resources more effectively, and create cost savings.

Office of the Mayor \$65,000
Baltimore, MD
 To create a land use and redevelopment plan for the Middle East neighborhood north of Johns Hopkins Hospital. The plan will include a feasibility study for a biomedical research facility and a market analysis exploring other possible economic, retail, and residential uses.

Office of the Mayor \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
 For costs related to development of a high-tech strategy for Baltimore City.

Patterson Park Community Development Corporation \$120,000
Baltimore, MD
 Two-year funding in support of an Assistant Program Manager. Responsibilities include assisting in the oversight of acquisitions, renovations, and sale of houses in the neighborhood as part of an effort to halt deterioration and vacancies.

Patterson Park Community Development Corporation \$140,000
Baltimore, MD
 Two grants in support of the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative, including moving expenses to accommodate staff expansion; and two-year funding of the position of Assistant Director.

Patterson Park Community Development Corporation \$140,000
Baltimore, MD
 Two-year funding for positions of office manager and sales agent.

Preservation Maryland \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
 For expenses related to research on tax implications of the historic rehabilitation mortgage credit certificate for prospective beneficiaries. The purpose of the program is to provide homeownership opportunities for individuals and families of modest means by enabling them to rehabilitate older housing stock, thus revitalizing deteriorating neighborhoods.

Reservoir Hill H.O.P.E., Inc. \$78,967
Baltimore, MD
 Toward renovation costs of five vacant houses on Madison Avenue in the Reservoir Hill community in an effort to help stabilize the neighborhood.

PATTERSON
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 COMMUNITY
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 \$380,000
 IN SUPPORT
 OF ITS WORK
 IN THE
 PATTERSON
 PARK
 NEIGHBORHOODS

St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center \$50,000
Baltimore, MD
Toward a study of fraudulent mortgage lending practices in Baltimore City.

St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center \$75,000
Baltimore, MD
For staffing costs of an attorney and related expenses for St. Ambrose Legal Services, in support of its program designed to address mortgage scams in Baltimore City.

The School for Photographic Studies in Baltimore ... \$155,000
Baltimore, MD
Two grants for capital improvements to establish a photography school, offering full-year and one-semester courses, workshops, and weekend seminars for adult, non-degree photography students.

South East Community Organization \$96,410
Baltimore, MD
Toward salaries for caseworkers, loan processors, and rehabilitation specialists for a senior home modification program. The purpose of the effort is to integrate home health intervention, home modification, and ongoing support to promote independent living for low- to moderate-income seniors in their homes.

CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENT

Baltimore Chesapeake Bay Outward Bound Program \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
Toward the expansion of the Communities Organized to Revitalize the Environment (CORE) Program. Funding supports after-school activities for Baltimore City public school students.

Chesapeake Bay Foundation \$5,000
Annapolis, MD
For expenses related to the seventh annual Environmental Legislative Summit.

Environmental Law Institute \$5,000
Washington, D.C.
For design and publication costs of the “Forests for the Bay” report. The report recommends the adoption of forest landscape policy goals to promote the expansion and connection of contiguous forests that protect the Chesapeake Bay.

Irvine Nature Center \$5,000
Stevenson, MD

For the development of three additional modules for Natural Connections, an urban environmental education program.

**Johns Hopkins University/
Center for a Livable Future \$5,000**
Baltimore, MD

For staffing to oversee the creation of two schoolyard gardens at Elmer A. Henderson Elementary School.

Scenic America \$10,000
Washington, DC

Seed funding to establish a statewide scenic conservation organization, Scenic Maryland, as an affiliate of Scenic America. The purposes of the program are to continue the education of local citizens about scenic conservation, serve as a local watchdog on billboard measures, and work in partnerships and collaboratives to protect Maryland's scenic beauty.

EDUCATION

Advocates for Children and Youth \$292,720
Baltimore, MD

Two-year funding for continued support of Students First, an advocacy project dedicated to improving the quality of education for children in Baltimore City public schools. In support of educational reform, Students First provides assessment of educational practices, policies, and programs, and makes recommendations for research-based programs and strategies.

Archdiocese of Baltimore \$123,000
Baltimore, MD

To provide scholarships enabling Choice and other Baltimore City public school at-risk students to attend parochial schools in Baltimore City during the 2000-2001 school year. By participating in this model delinquency and dropout prevention program, these students are expected to benefit from smaller classes, one-on-one instruction, and a structured educational setting.

Archdiocese of Baltimore \$54,017
Baltimore, MD

To provide scholarships for Baltimore City public school students to attend Catholic parochial schools. The initiative is designed to compare the effectiveness of a Catholic school education against a public school education among at-risk inner-city students. The funds will underwrite the cost of the fifth year of an eight-year study.

Baltimore Academy of Excellence \$50,600

Baltimore, MD

To provide scholarships for 22 inner-city students to attend the Academy's Traditional School and Special Needs School in a year-round structured learning environment. The Academy enrolls students who have failed in a regular public school setting and who can take advantage of its specialized curriculum, individualized attention, and counseling.

Baltimore City Public School System/

100 Book Challenge \$75,800

Baltimore, MD

In support of an expansion of the 100 Book Challenge to 20 Baltimore City public elementary schools for the 2000-2001 school year. The program is designed to help teachers, families, and administrators create environments in which children learn to read independently.

Baltimore City Public School System/

Administrative Search \$135,948

Baltimore, MD

For consulting expenses related to the search for a Chief Financial Officer and a Chief Technology Officer, and for the development of a financial reporting process.

Baltimore City Public School System/Evaluation..... \$25,000

Baltimore, MD

For an evaluative study of effectiveness and efficiency of the operations of the Research, Evaluation, and Accountability Division of the Baltimore City Public School System.

Baltimore City Public School System/

High School Reform \$5,000

Baltimore, MD

For consulting services to facilitate planning for high school reform in Baltimore City public schools.

Baltimore City Public School System/

National Academic League \$129,800

Baltimore, MD

For support of the 2000-2001 National Academic League in Baltimore City middle schools. The league provides extracurricular interscholastic programming in a competition and media atmosphere associated with athletics. The program encourages higher academic achievement.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
School Transformation Project \$5,000**
Baltimore, MD
Toward consulting fees for the development of an implementation plan and time line for nine schools eligible for reconstitution funding.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
Baltimore City College \$18,000**
Baltimore, MD
To support participation of Baltimore City College students in the Speech and Debate Summer Workshops at Bates College in Maine.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
Baltimore City College \$17,000**
Baltimore, MD
For expenses related to the 2000-2001 Speech and Debate Program.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
Baltimore City College \$85,965**
Baltimore, MD
Two grants in support of the International Baccalaureate Diploma and Certificate Programmes and Advanced Placement Examination Program for the 2000-2001 school year. As part of a five-year plan, the project will serve as a pilot to increase the number of students participating in nationally recognized coursework; implement community service projects; provide incentives for teachers, students, and schools based on completion of courses; and provide teacher training from the College Board.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
The Barclay School \$5,000**
Baltimore, MD
To provide staff training for new teachers in the Calvert curriculum for the 2000-2001 school year.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
Edgemont Circle Elementary School \$64,676**
Baltimore, MD
For support of the Bridges to Learning Program for the 2000-2001 school year. The program consists of individualized assessment of students' cognitive and perceptual learning abilities, and individualized plans for remediation, based on the Structure of Intellect model of intelligence.

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**Baltimore City Public School System/
Lake Clifton-Eastern High School \$140,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of NOVEL, an educational program for academically at-risk students for the 2000-2001 school year. The computerized school-based educational program is designed as a prevention project for students in danger of dropping out of school.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
Midtown Academy \$81,559
Baltimore, MD**

For renovation of third floor and start-up costs for the addition of a middle school. As one of Baltimore City Public School System's New Schools Initiative, Midtown Academy is managed by a team of parents, teachers, and an administrator. Based on expectations of strong parental involvement, small classes, high attendance rates, and solid academic achievement, the Academy continues to expand.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
Roland Park Elementary/Middle School \$5,000**

To provide teachers' stipends for participation in Moving America Maryland, a cross-curriculum dance program in five public schools sponsored by Towson University's Department of Dance.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
Upton School \$107,800
Baltimore, MD**

For the implementation of technology-based instruction through the Tech-Plus tele-teaching program for 20 homebound seventh-grade students expelled for discipline problems. The coursework will be completed through daily tele-teaching sessions and e-mail exchange with teachers and other students.

**Baltimore Curriculum Project, Inc. \$807,955
Baltimore, MD**

For support of the Baltimore Curriculum Project for the 2000-2001 school year in 13 elementary schools. The curriculum provides daily lesson plans combining two nationally known curricula, Direct Instruction and Core Knowledge.

**Baltimore Efficiency & Economy Foundation, Inc.... \$100,000
Baltimore, MD**

For a study to review and evaluate the information technology system in Baltimore City public schools.

Baltimore Office of Promotion..... \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
In support of the Fifth Annual Book Festival’s Workshop for Young Writers’ educational component.

The Baraka School, Inc. \$329,643
Baltimore, MD
Two grants for the consolidation of the Baraka School staff, and towards operating expenses for the 2000-2001 school year. The boarding school, located in Kenya, provides a residential academic program for 18 at-risk, underachieving Baltimore City middle-school boys.

**Calvert School/Dr. Carter G. Woodson
Elementary School \$140,000**
Baltimore, MD
For two transitional teachers and an administrative assistant for the seventh year of the implementation of the Calvert School curriculum at Dr. Carter G. Woodson Elementary School.

CollegeBound Foundation, Inc. \$139,700
Baltimore, MD
For a Scholastic Assessment Test (SAT) pilot project at four Baltimore City high schools. The program involves the hiring of CollegeBound counselors to integrate SAT preparation and test taking, college visitation, and college advising as part of their “College Club” after-school programs.

Commonweal Foundation, Inc. \$31,704
Silver Spring, MD
For support of the 2000-2001 Pathways to Success boarding school scholarships for 12 at-risk, financially needy Baltimore City students.

Communities In Schools of Baltimore, Inc. \$104,400
Linthicum Heights, MD
For the establishment of an alternative middle-school academy at Harlem Park Middle School. In partnership with the Baltimore Orioles, the academy will provide daily remedial educational services, small classes, individual and group counseling, and monthly family therapy support groups.

Fund for Educational Excellence \$108,500
Baltimore, MD
For support of the Information Technology Academy at Lake Clifton-Eastern High School.

Gilman School \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
For the support of the 2000 Baltimore Independent School Learning Camp.

The Ingenuity Project \$731,243
Baltimore, MD

For support of the 2000-2001 Ingenuity Project, an intensive math and science curriculum for Baltimore City public middle school and high school students with emphasis on scientific research opportunities.

**Johns Hopkins University/Center for Social
Organization of Schools \$10,000**
Baltimore, MD

Two grants for an evaluation of the NOVEL Program, a computerized school-based educational program designed for students in danger of dropping out of Lake Clifton-Eastern High School.

**Johns Hopkins University/Center for
Social Organization of Schools \$139,617**
Baltimore, MD

Two-year funding for evaluations of Abell-funded education initiatives.

Johns Hopkins University/Tutorial Project \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

For the purchase of laptop computers for the Johns Hopkins Tutorial Project's Special Needs Program. The program serves at-risk fifth-grade students in their after-school program.

Maryland State Department of Education \$150,000
Baltimore, MD

Additional funding for an evaluation of the Maryland School Performance Assessment Program (MSPAP), administered annually to all Maryland public school students in the third, fifth, and eighth grades.

New Song Community Learning Center \$39,450
Baltimore, MD

For the purchase of books and replacement materials for the Calvert School curriculum for the 2000-2001 school year.

Parks & People Foundation \$200,000
Baltimore, MD

For support of SuperKids Camp 2000, a six-week summer reading program for inner-city Baltimore City public school students entering third grade who are performing below grade level.

Piney Woods Country Life School \$96,865
Piney Woods, MS

To provide scholarships and related expenses of a boarding school education for at-risk Baltimore City adolescent males for the 2000-2001 school year.

Piney Woods Country Life School \$25,000
Piney Woods, MS
 For the salary of a retention counselor for Baltimore City scholarship students for the 2000-2001 school year.

Reservoir Hill Improvement Council \$55,000
Baltimore, MD
 Two grants for an after-school enrichment program for 350 kindergarten through fifth-grade students at John Eager Howard Elementary School. The program provides extra academic instruction and exposure to cultural enrichment activities, including computers, puppet making, chess, playwriting, basketball, cooking, arts and crafts, and field trips.

St. Lawrence Research and Development Corporation \$17,000
Baltimore, MD
 To conduct a pilot test which will assess the efficacy of a specially designed auditory instrument and a specific training technique. The instrument and the training have been created by Oster Sound Technologies for enhancing reading skills.

Teach For America-Baltimore \$75,000
Baltimore, MD
 For expenses related to the cost of recruiting, selecting, training, and building an ongoing support network for Teach For America corps members and alumni currently teaching in 31 Baltimore City public schools.

University of Maryland School of Nursing \$77,200
Baltimore, MD
 For the development of "Pathway to Professional Nursing," a high-school nursing academy for students in Baltimore City public high schools. The purpose of the academy is to inspire and assist high school students in the pursuit of a professional nursing career through a sequence of college preparatory coursework and electives. Candidates can earn a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at the University of Maryland School of Nursing.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Advocates for Children and Youth \$65,000
Baltimore, MD
 To review and analyze the efficiency and effectiveness of the Department of Human Resources and Baltimore City Department of Social Services in areas of child welfare service delivery. The object of the study is to determine if families and children are getting the services they need, why the length of stay in foster homes has increased, and why the number of caseworkers has decreased.

\$77,000 WAS AWARDED TO UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF NURSING TO ASSIST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PURSUE A CAREER IN NURSING

Alternative Directions, Inc. \$30,000
Baltimore, MD

For salary, benefits, and related expenses of a staff person to assist 100 incarcerated fathers per month in filing for modifications of child support payments while serving time in Baltimore City jails and state prisons.

Baltimore City Foundation \$50,000
Baltimore, MD

In support of consultancies to undertake research to identify and develop core resources which will be critical to the Baltimore City administration's workforce development initiative. The plan provides for linking workforce development and economic development efforts, evaluating how workforce funding has been accessed and used by federal, state and city agencies to benefit Baltimore citizens, and evaluating the effectiveness of the public and private workforce development provider network.

Baltimore City Health Department \$258,400
Baltimore, MD

For support of the continuation and evaluation of a comprehensive school-based pregnancy prevention program based on a case management model. Participants in the program are scheduled to meet regularly with casemanagers who determine appropriate activities, case by case, to meet the students' individual needs.

Baltimore City Health Department \$219,310
Baltimore, MD

For support of ChildSight®, a vision screening program for Baltimore City public middle school students for the 2000-2001 school year. The program, expanded to 41 schools, provides on-site refractive error eye examinations and eyeglasses to children who otherwise could not afford them.

Baltimore City Health Department \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

To provide scholarships for 100 former inmates to attend the Second Conference on the Urgent Needs of Newly Released Prisoners, and for related expenses.

Baltimore City Healthy Start, Inc. \$1,000,000
Baltimore, MD

Second-year funding of Recovery In Community, a substance abuse prevention and recovery initiative. The purpose of the citywide initiative is to expand the number of treatment slots and increase the resources and supports available to recovering addicts and their families. By assessing the effectiveness of a comprehensive continuum of community-based supports, the program aims to reduce relapses and drug-related crime.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
Best Friends \$200,000
Baltimore, MD**

For expenses related to activities of Best Friends, a pregnancy prevention program for at-risk adolescent females in four Baltimore City middle schools. The program consists of monthly group classes, weekly fitness classes, and individual mentoring sessions.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
Universal Classroom Breakfast Program \$45,000
Baltimore, MD**

For staffing to monitor and enhance the Universal Classroom Breakfast Program currently being implemented in 51 elementary and middle schools. The program is part of a longitudinal study to determine the long-term effects of students' participation in breakfast in the classroom (as opposed to the cafeteria) on attendance, tardiness, disciplinary action, and academic achievement.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
Harford Heights Primary School \$46,250
Baltimore, MD**

For continued support of the Vision Therapy Program for the 2000-2001 school year. The program provides complete vision assessments for fourth graders, offers an intensive course of vision therapy for up to 50 students, and evaluates the impact of the intervention on the students' visual and academic performance.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
Harlem Park Community School \$18,800
Baltimore, MD**

Two grants for support of the "Do You Know Where Your Children Are?" program for the 2000-2001 school year. This grassroots pilot project offers incentives to participating parents and other adults who know where their middle school-age children are during the afternoon and evening hours of the school week.

**Baltimore Urban League \$10,000
Baltimore, MD**

Two grants for general operating support for comprehensive human services for those in need throughout Baltimore.

**Bethel Outreach Center, Inc. \$20,000
Baltimore, MD**

For a planning grant to determine the fiscal feasibility of the acquisition and renovation of eight to ten houses identified as appropriate settings for transitional housing for men returning to the community after incarceration.

BioTechnical Institute of Maryland, Inc. \$213,884
Baltimore, MD

Two grants for general support of a biotechnology laboratory training program for disadvantaged Baltimore City high school graduates. The program prepares the graduates for positions as bioscience technicians. It also designs specialized training programs for existing low-income laboratory workers in client-specific techniques and procedures, affording the workers the opportunity for advancement.

Bright Hope House, Inc. \$150,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward renovation costs for an expansion of treatment services of Bright Hope House, Inc., a residential substance abuse and outpatient clinic. The expansion will enable the program to house up to 33 addicted men for up to six months while they strive to become drug-free.

BUILD Fellowship, Inc. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

A planning grant to determine the feasibility of providing staffing services to firms in the construction industries for BUILD's Solidarity Sponsoring Committee Employment Agency (SSC). The purpose of SSC is to help low-wage workers gain access to better jobs and higher wages, and to have the opportunity to ensure wage equity.

The Center for Fathers, Families and
Workforce Development \$400,500
Baltimore, MD

For second-year funding of STRIVE/Baltimore, a job readiness and placement service for men and women. The three-week program prepares participants for the workforce through a highly structured workshop which focuses on the development of attitude modification and job readiness skills for entry-level employment. Core services also include targeted job placement with long-term follow-up, one-on-one and group counseling, advocacy, and case management.

The Center for Fathers, Families and
Workforce Development \$18,600
Baltimore, MD

For support of a conference, "Baltimore Summit: The Role of Fathers/Men in the Lives of Children, Family, Community and the Workforce."

Center for Poverty Solutions \$60,000
Baltimore, MD

In support of direct feeding programs in regional soup kitchens, food pantries, and other emergency food centers.

Chesapeake Habitat for Humanity \$115,000
Baltimore, MD
 For the cost of renovation and reconstruction of seven houses in the Waverly and Pen Lucy communities. The object of the effort is to eliminate the negative influence of vacant housing and to increase the stability of the community.

Christopher Place \$175,000
Baltimore, MD
 Three-year funding for Christopher Place Employment Academy’s support services for homeless men. The residential program includes classroom and individualized training for job readiness, adult education, and support for maintaining sobriety.

Christopher Place \$47,500
Baltimore, MD
 For continued support of the Travel Voucher Project operated by Christopher Place. The program provides basic services for the mobile poor and homeless of Baltimore City, and transportation vouchers that afford them the opportunity to travel to, and access social services in, communities of their choice.

Chrysalis House \$25,000
Crownsville, MD
 For planning and construction costs for expansion of a long-term residential drug treatment facility for homeless women and their children. The program, a family focused treatment approach, provides a variety of interventions addressing residents’ needs: parenting, vocational and social skills, education, and housing.

Citizens Planning and Housing Association \$84,000
Baltimore, MD
 For continued support of the Baltimore City-Wide Liquor Coalition. The group assists in organizing local communities to monitor violations of alcohol and tobacco advertising ordinances, and to discourage construction of new billboards in their neighborhoods.

Citizens Planning and Housing Association \$15,000
 Three grants for legal fees related to the Woodberry Community billboard litigation.

Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning \$5,000
 Toward the development and implementation of a strategic plan to prevent lead paint poisoning.

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- Coalition to End Childhood Lead Poisoning \$89,010**
Baltimore, MD
 To study Baltimore City’s efforts to screen, refer, and provide services to children suffering from lead poisoning; and to incorporate findings into advocacy efforts in the form of a report card.
- The Damascus House, Inc. \$50,000**
Baltimore, MD
 Planning grant for the capital expansion of a residential substance abuse facility in Anne Arundel County. The additional property will enable the program to increase the number of residential beds from 20 to 37.
- Dayspring Programs, Inc. \$55,000**
Baltimore, MD
 For the purchase and renovation of a facility for the expansion of the Dayspring Children’s Place to provide 24-hour residential care for 30 children a year while their parents are in treatment.
- Drug Strategies \$124,453**
Washington, DC
 For a 15-month study of the health education and risk prevention curricula currently used in the Baltimore City Public School System.
- Episcopal Social Ministries, Inc. \$30,000**
Baltimore, MD
 For the replication in the Collington Square neighborhood of the Cathedral House Re-Entry Program for recovering addicts and alcoholics. The eight-week session offers a non-traditional approach to the challenges confronting newly recovering and homeless, substance abusers: a combination of Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, instruction in spiritual literacy, life skills, and job readiness.
- Frederick Community Action Agency \$40,000**
Frederick, MD
 Capital funding for renovation of a building for use as an expanded primary health care clinic serving low-income and homeless persons in Frederick County.
- Genesis Jobs \$60,550**
Baltimore, MD
 Two grants for continued funding of the Job Opportunities Task Force. The purpose of the task force is to provide leadership in the Baltimore region for developing and advocating policies and programs, forging partnerships, and leveraging investments that increase the marketable skills, income, and economic opportunities of low-skill, low-income job seekers.

Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake, Inc. \$10,000
Baltimore, MD

Planning grant for the creation of the Learn and Earn computer recycling and literacy program, designed for use by low-income residents of Baltimore City. The funds allow for the refurbishing of computers, and the use of computers to network computer literacy training. Goodwill is adapting the Learn and Earn model as a continuing program for workforce development.

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

To provide emergency shelter for homeless clients unable to be served by Baltimore City.

Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition, Inc./Rose Street Community Center \$205,000
Baltimore, MD

Four grants in support of drug treatment and job training programs at the Rose Street Community Center. The center supports job training, educational opportunities, and drug treatment programs for community residents interested in rehabilitation. The center also provides weekly stipends to program participants to assist them with living expenses while enrolled in the self-help programs.

Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition, Inc. \$25,000
Baltimore, MD

For a revolving loan fund for the University of Maryland Baltimore County's computer training course attended by the Rose Street Community Center's drug treatment and job training participants.

Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition, Inc. \$100,000
Baltimore, MD

For support of Bridges to Work, a job access and reverse commute transportation program bringing inner-city dwellers to jobs in the suburbs. The model program, designed for residents in East Baltimore, offers clients comprehensive services including assessments, work readiness, job development, placement services, and reliable van transportation to and from job sites 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Homeless Persons Representation Project \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

For research of criminal records legislation and assessment of the efficacy of state laws in New York, Pennsylvania, and California that require employers to treat ex-offenders fairly.

<p>I Can, Inc. \$20,000 Baltimore, MD For an architectural study for significant upgrades for a school building that has been converted into an emergency shelter to provide meals, education, and counseling for homeless persons in the Greenmount community.</p>
<p>I Can't We Can, Inc. \$191,658 Baltimore, MD For the acquisition and renovation of three houses in West Baltimore to house recovering addicts participating in a 60-day detoxification program.</p>
<p>Institutes for Behavior Resources \$100,000 Baltimore, MD Challenge grant for the acquisition, planning, and construction of new headquarters for expansion of mobile drug abuse treatment programs in underserved communities in Baltimore.</p>
<p>Jobs for the Future \$8,500 Boston, MA For a research paper to be presented at the Maryland Low-Wage Worker Conference. The focus of the paper is the review of the strengths and weaknesses of Maryland's tax and wage policies affecting low-income workers.</p>
<p>Johns Hopkins University/School of Hygiene and Public Health \$53,520 Baltimore, MD For the continuation of a study on Medicaid managed care and family planning. The research addresses two issues: the path women take as they move from traditional Medicaid coverage to enrollment in a managed care organization; and how mandated managed care affects the provision of reproductive health services in the Medicaid population.</p>
<p>Johns Hopkins University/School of Hygiene and Public Health \$33,400 Baltimore, MD For the final phase of an evaluation of pregnancy prevention programs at the Baltimore City Health Department. The assessments are based on compliance of participants with clinical appointments, choice of family planning methods and use, and pregnancy outcomes.</p>
<p>Johns Hopkins University/School of Medicine \$15,000 Baltimore, MD Three grants for the purchase of supplies in support of family planning for uninsured/underinsured females at the Maternity Center East.</p>

Jubilee Baltimore, Inc. \$50,000
Baltimore, MD
 For expansion of the Moving Up program. This workforce development program is designed to help low-income workers build good employment histories and obtain living-wage employment through post-employment and career advancement support.

Kennedy Krieger Institute \$125,000
Baltimore, MD
 For general support of programs serving children with neurological disabilities.

Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. \$108,250
Baltimore, MD
 For staffing costs to provide legal representation for unemployed and underemployed fathers accruing child support payments they are financially unable to meet.

Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. \$21,500
Baltimore, MD
 For staffing costs of two AmeriCorps members for the Rent Court Division of the Baltimore City District Court. The members will provide basic information and referral, counseling and advice, community education, and in-court representation for clients facing eviction or homelessness.

Manna House, Inc. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
 Capital funding for renovations of an additional building for expansion of outreach programs for the homeless and needy in Baltimore City.

Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
 For the development of a policy paper on child support enforcement reform.

Maryland Center for Arts and Technology, Inc. \$75,000
Baltimore, MD
 Challenge grant for relocation costs and expansion of welfare-to-work training programs. The center provides a 16-week training program, job placement, and job retention coaching for former welfare mothers required to move off the welfare rolls.

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Maryland Center for Arts and Technology, Inc. \$22,314
Baltimore, MD

For support of the Fusion Learning Program in conjunction with the development of the Manufacturing Institute. This program provides training to Baltimore City public high school seniors and recent graduates to prepare them for careers in technology and manufacturing, in modules that include skill enhancements, customized training, wrap-around support, job placement, and retention services.

Maryland Citizens' Health Initiative
Education Fund, Inc. \$100,000
Baltimore, MD

For continued support of a grassroots coalition to educate Maryland citizens and policy makers about the need for universal health coverage in the state.

Maryland Community Kitchen \$109,843
Baltimore, MD

For support of the Job Placement Transportation Service Program, to provide interim transportation for people seeking interviews and participating in job training. The transportation service is available to those working at job sites through one pay period, and before they have had the opportunity to access other modes of transportation, such as Bridges to Work.

Maryland Community Kitchen \$145,835
Baltimore, MD

For repairs, renovations, and related expenses of relocating to the former Haussner's Restaurant in Highlandtown. Maryland Community Kitchen is a provider of nutritionally appropriate meals and nutrition counseling to people with special dietary needs, or at risk of going hungry. The new facility will also serve as a job training center in culinary arts skills for unemployed or underemployed persons.

Maryland Department of Public Safety
and Correctional Services \$30,000
Baltimore, MD

Two grants for continued support of the After-Care Program, a family planning program for women released from the Baltimore City Detention Center.

Maryland Food Bank \$100,000
Baltimore, MD

For implementation of strategic programming to enhance the distribution of donated, salvaged, but unsalable food products for the hungry throughout Maryland.

Maryland Food Bank \$48,750

Baltimore, MD

To provide staffing and operating costs for expansion of the Baltimore Area Gleaning Network's outreach efforts, utilizing volunteers to gather leftover produce from regional farms for Baltimore's working poor families and those at risk of hunger.

The Men's Center, Inc. \$300,000

Baltimore, MD

General support to enhance the quality and accountability of the East Baltimore center offering comprehensive services to inner-city fathers in need of job readiness training, parenting and life skills training, GED classes, and individual counseling.

Parks & People Foundation \$80,935

Baltimore, MD

For ongoing support of the Boys Middle School Soccer League for the 2000 season. Students from the 27 middle schools participating in the league must maintain a 90 percent attendance rate and a C average.

Parks & People Foundation \$77,000

Baltimore, MD

Three-year funding for continuation of the Baltimore Baseball League. The program has been designed to increase interest in baseball among urban youth, encourage students to excel academically, provide meaningful after-school activities, and promote physical fitness.

Parks & People Foundation \$136,570

Baltimore, MD

For support of the spring Baltimore Middle School Girls Soccer League for the 2000-2001 school year. This after-school, academically based soccer program in 24 middle schools provides students with the opportunity to participate in interscholastic team sports, learning skill building, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

People's Community Health Center \$20,000

Baltimore, MD

For staffing, renovations, and equipment needs of facilities providing medical services to disadvantaged persons in Baltimore City.

Quarterway Houses, Inc. \$20,115

Baltimore, MD

For the establishment of a buprenorphine detoxification program for residents of Tuerk House who are opiate-dependent.

<p>Second Chance Project, Inc. \$75,000 Baltimore, MD For support of the Recidivist Intervention Project Initiative for female and male ex-offenders. The program provides assistance with a job search, job training, GED classes, referrals to transitional housing, and mentoring.</p>
<p>Shepherd's Clinic \$35,000 Baltimore, MD Continued funding to provide primary medical and dental care to uninsured persons in Baltimore City.</p>
<p>Southern Maryland Food Bank \$25,300 Hughesville, MD For the purchase of a refrigerated truck to transport perishable surplus and reusable food items from the Maryland Food Bank in Baltimore to the hungry in Southern Maryland.</p>
<p>Suited to Succeed \$10,000 Baltimore, MD General support to provide professional attire and career support services to Baltimore City women making the transition from welfare to work.</p>
<p>University of Maryland at College Park \$31,383 College Park, MD For a study assessing the effectiveness of reverse commuting as a strategy for low-income job seekers to access job opportunities in outlying areas of Baltimore City. The effort includes technical assistance to the West Baltimore Empowerment Zone Village Centers, assisting them in determining results, and in identifying areas of job access and retention in Howard County.</p>
<p>University of Maryland/ Institute of Human Virology \$400,000 Baltimore, MD Challenge grant in support of pilot studies and an 18-month needs assessment of interventions aimed at improving rates of diagnosis, increasing adherence to treatment regimens, and decreasing transmission risk behavior among African Americans with HIV/AIDS.</p>
<p>University of Maryland School of Medicine \$28,800 Baltimore, MD Toward the salary and benefits of an outreach social worker for the hospital-based Violence Intervention Project. The 18-month pilot project has been designed to provide 40 repeat violence victims with a comprehensive range of support services, including counseling, job training, job search and placement, to determine the effectiveness of the intervention in reducing violence recidivism, crime, and medical expenses.</p>

**University of Maryland School of Pharmacy \$50,000
Baltimore, MD**

Bridge funding in support of the Community Health Worker Initiative of the REACH Project. The program includes the recruitment and training of ten community health workers to be placed in two public elementary schools, one middle school, and two neighborhood health clinics. The workers are positioned to identify up to 300 children with untreated medical issues such as asthma, Attention Deficit Disorder, and lead poisoning; to make over 2,000 home visits to educate families in proper management of the child's health condition; to make referrals; and to demonstrate improved health indicators, increased compliance with treatment plans, and decreased use of the emergency room.

**Youth Enterprise Services, Inc. \$35,000
Baltimore, MD**

Start-up and operating costs of a youth services program to house ten severely disturbed adolescents referred from the Department of Juvenile Justice.

OTHER

**Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers \$9,500
Baltimore, MD**

For 2000 membership dues.

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

ARTS AND CULTURE

A.D. Emmart Memorial	\$4,000
The Eubie Blake National Jazz Institute	1,000
Fells Point Creative Alliance, Inc.	1,000
Natural History Society of Maryland	2,325

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development	\$4,116
Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development	5,000
Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development	500
Charles Village Community Foundation	3,900
Charles Village Community Foundation	1,500
Citizens Planning and Housing Association	4,500
Citizens Planning and Housing Association	5,000
Downtown Partnership of Baltimore	3,500
Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development	2,000
Office of the Mayor	3,800
Patterson Park Community Development Corporation	5,000
St. Ambrose Housing Aid Center	2,250
Southeast Development, Inc.	5,000

CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT

The Sierra Club Foundation	\$3,000
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EDUCATION

Advocates for Children and Youth	\$5,000
Baltimore Curriculum Project, Inc.	4,936
The Baltimore Mentoring Partnership	5,000
Baltimore City Public School System/Baltimore City College	2,100
Baltimore City Public School System/Baltimore City College	1,500
Baltimore City Public School System/Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School	5,000
Baltimore City Public School System/Midtown Academy	4,800
Baltimore City Public School System/Northern High School	1,500
Baltimore City Public School System/Tench Tilghman Elementary School	3,000
The Center for Educational Reform	1,000
Children's Scholarship Fund	5,000
Hood College	5,000
The Ingenuity Project	5,000
Johns Hopkins University Institute for Policy Studies	5,000

The Lab School of Washington	4,400
Living Classrooms Foundation	5,000
Maryland Center for Arts and Technology, Inc.	2,000
Maryland Center for Arts and Technology, Inc.	800
Maryland Center for Character Education	2,500
Maryland Institute, College of Art	4,750

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Baltimore City Foundation	\$5,000
Baltimore City Health Department	5,000
Baltimore City Public School System/Baltimore City College	5,000
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The Baltimore Community Foundation, Inc.	2,750
Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation	2,500
Berean Baptist Church	2,500
Cecil-Kirk Athletic Council Recreation Center	800
Center for Poverty Solutions	3,000
Charles Village Community Foundation	4,740
Citizens Planning and Housing Association	2,500
Fayette Street Outreach Organization, Inc.	5,000
Frederick Community Action Agency	3,000
Freeplay Girls Basketball Association	5,000
Johns Hopkins University Institute for Policy Studies	600
Julie Community Center	2,500
Koinonia Baptist Church	5,000
Madison Square Buccaneers Inner-City Youth Program, Inc.	1,500
Maryland Department of Human Resources	2,000
Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services	5,000
Maryland State Department of Education/Peter Clavier Church	5,000
National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence-Maryland	4,870
Office of the Mayor	3,800
The Salvation Army	5,000
Santa Claus Anonymous	5,000
Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church	3,150
The Shelter Foundation	3,830
Traditional Acupuncture Institute	5,000
Tuttie's Place	5,000
University of Maryland Baltimore County	5,000
Wildwood Parkway United Methodist Church	2,500

OTHER

The Foundation Center	\$1,500
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Trustees of The Abell Foundation, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying statements of financial position of The Abell Foundation, Inc. (the Foundation) as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and related statements of activities and net assets 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, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Abell Foundation, Inc. at December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the change in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Baltimore, Maryland
April 6, 2001

GUIDELINES FOR GRANTSEEKERS

The Abell Foundation seeks to serve the needs of Maryland in general and Baltimore in particular. In an attempt to be responsive to the changing needs of the community, the Foundation approaches its grantmaking 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 designed to gather pertinent information about community-wide issues.

The Foundation is dedicated to the enhancement of the quality of life. Its 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 human services organizations to support programs designed to reach the underserved, disadvantaged, and at-risk populations to help them achieve fuller and more meaningful participation in the community. Priority is given to programs addressing issues of hunger and homelessness. Support is also given to economic development-related activities designed to expand the Baltimore region's economic base and job opportunities.

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

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

1. Demonstration of need;
2. Clearly defined goals and objectives;
3. Evidence of strong fiscal management and ongoing operational support;
4. Impact of 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;
8. Ability to evaluate effectiveness.

Application Procedures

Requests for grants should be initiated by a one-page letter describing the applicant's mission, scope of the activities, a summary of the project with its goals and objectives, and amount requested. Should the Foundation be interested in the preliminary proposal, the applicant will be asked to submit a formal and 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.,
The Abell Foundation, Suite 2300, 111 S. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-6174.

ABELL PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Abell Reports, Newsletters

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

Street-smart activists use street-smart wisdom to turn around broken lives and broken neighborhoods. Four residents of the Rose and Ashland Avenue neighborhood—three men and one woman—are voluntarily taking on the drug culture that is thriving on the streets of their community, and, one by one, getting addicts off the streets and into school or job training or drug treatment. They manage this small miracle in a rowhouse contributed by a local agency, and with funds provided by The Abell Foundation. The work is slow, hard, and thankless, but the residents are doing it. This is their story.

MARCH/APRIL

Advanced Placement (AP) Exams for high school students: They are important to the success of the students—but Baltimore City’s AP offerings put it behind the counties. Since 1992, Baltimore City public high schools have offered the fewest AP level courses and exams of any school system in the Baltimore region. The paper argues that “the time has come to prove that our children not only deserve these advanced opportunities, but are capable of rising to the challenge.”

JUNE/JULY

The Untapped Potential of Baltimore City Preschools: A strong preschool experience linked to an equally strong elementary school experience is a key to overcoming the major social challenges facing Baltimore City. This is a study of the Baltimore City Public School System’s preschool program, what’s wrong, and a discussion of how to fix it.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

Between a rock and hard place: Low-income, noncustodial parents, child support, and counterproductive public policies. This report focuses on the roles and responsibilities of low-income, noncustodial parents, primarily fathers who do not live with their children, for improving the well-being of their children by providing financial and emotional support. It considers how the child support system in Maryland might be changed so that it facilitates compliance by low-income, noncustodial parents, helps to increase their rates of employment, and integrates services that will help them fulfill their roles as responsible parents.

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

Fewer addiction services delivered through managed care: Medicaid Managed Care weakens public addiction treatment system: This study, being prepared by the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, purports to document whether, and to what extent, the introduction of Medicaid Managed Care has adversely affected the quality of reproductive health services available to low-income women.

Abell Studies

The Untapped Potential of Public Preschools: Lessons From Baltimore City. This study examined the two large-scale public preschool programs in Baltimore City: one operated by Head Start, the other by the Baltimore City Public School System. Together these two programs spend approximately \$32 million annually to provide preschool to most of the city’s four-year-olds, and some three-year-olds. In spite of this expenditure, most of Baltimore city’s poor children continue to arrive at kindergarten unable to demonstrate measurable benefits from their preschool experience. Over the past 20 years city, state, and federal officials have spent hundreds of millions of public dollars on Baltimore City’s public preschools, without determining if this investment is improving academic outcomes. The report makes four recommendations to address the problem.

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