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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 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 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 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 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.

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VIEWPOINT

Prisoner reentry is a problem for any jurisdiction, but particularly vexing for Baltimore City, with threatening implications for public safety and the quality of life. Of the male and female ex-prisoners who returned to a community in Maryland during 2001, more than 59 percent, or 8,000 returned to a Baltimore City already suffering from crime, unemployment, and limited affordable housing. The Urban Institute's three-part study, "Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry," the Baltimore phase of which the Foundation funded in 2002, points out that ex-prisoners are typically uneducated, unskilled and often without solid family support systems – and additionally they bear the added burdens of prison records and the distrust and fear that inevitably results. Compounding this negative situation, many of the returning ex-prisoners have histories of substance abuse and debilitating mental and physical conditions. Given the limited resources available to ex-offenders in Baltimore to deal with the challenges of reentry into society, a large number are arrested again, exacerbating the social pathologies at work in the City.

Over the years, The Abell Foundation has awarded grants to a limited number of programs in Baltimore that specifically addressed the problems of ex-offenders, including Prisoner's Aid, Offender Aid and Restoration, Marian House and Alternative Directions. More recently, the Foundation has focused its support on initiatives that comprehensively address the multiple obstacles facing prisoners as they return to their communities, among them: the Enterprise Foundation/Division of Corrections' Re-Entry Program (REP), Goodwill's Supporting Ex-Offenders in Employment, Training and Transitional Services and Second Chance's community building/job training program. These initiatives have in common the provision of services to inmates during the last phase of their incarceration and follow-up services during their reentry, so that they will be better qualified to become employed, productive and self-sufficient individuals, and so reduce recidivism, enhance public safety, and generally improve life in Baltimore City.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

HUMAN SERVICES

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES OF THE CHESAPEAKE, INC.

Approximately 8,000 prisoners are released back into Baltimore City neighborhoods every year. A recent University of Maryland study revealed that the Division of Corrections maintains long waiting lists for job training and preparation programs in the prison system; and, mirroring national statistics, an estimated 60 percent of Maryland prisoners have not received any job

preparation training before their release. Additionally, the study makes clear that the Maryland Division of Parole and Probation's (DPP) capacity to hire job counselors for its clients is seriously limited: fiscal constraints permit DPP to have on staff only three to seven, to serve approximately 5,000 individuals under parole and mandatory supervision in Baltimore City, and the 14,000 offenders on probation in the City. Maryland's estimated 65-percent recidivism rate is to be expected, given the barriers that ex-offenders face and the lack of resources and services available to them.

As one of the established job training programs in Baltimore, Goodwill Industries of the Chesapeake (GIC) has a long and successful history of working with low-skill and marginalized workers. GIC conservatively estimates that 30 percent to 40 percent of their clients in the Baltimore region have criminal justice involvement. In light of this, GIC decided in 2001 to establish an initiative specifically targeting ex-offenders returning to Baltimore City, and the Foundation awarded a two-year grant toward the operation of the program. GIC approached the administration at the Metropolitan Transition Center (MTC) in Baltimore, the institution that houses inmates who are scheduled for release within 30 days to one year, and who are scheduled for release and return to Baltimore City. The warden at MTC agreed to have MTC's social work staff collaborate with GIC and design a pre- and post-release vocational training and case management system, entitled Supporting Ex-Offenders in Employment, Training and Transitional Services (SEETTS). In addition to the SEETTS program at the MTC, GIC also established a vocational training component at its headquarters on Redwood Street, which targets ex-offenders already in the community who continue to encounter barriers to employment. Individuals currently on parole are also eligible for training and assistance at this location.

Over a year and a half in operation, the SEETTS program and companion programs for ex-offenders already in the community have established an excellent record for service, providing assistance to 638 individuals between March 2001 and November 2002. Of the 258 served at the MTC, 89 percent, or 229, completed the seven-week curriculum. Of those completing the course, 173 were released to Baltimore City (many were not released due to disciplinary infractions, changes in release dates for outstanding warrants, or other open charges). Nearly two-thirds (65 percent) of those released reported to Goodwill for post-placement services, and all 112 of them were placed in jobs.

GIC recognized that it had a limited capacity to serve the number of ex-offenders being referred to them. However, given the success of the program and the lessons that GIC has learned since establishing this initiative, GIC believes it has defined an important program model, which, if implemented on a larger scale, could significantly lessen the problems of destitute and ill-prepared prisoners returning to Baltimore City.

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THE MARYLAND JUSTICE COALITION

The United States is facing a growing prison crisis; decades of “tough-on-crime” rhetoric and practice have resulted in measures such as “three strikes,” mandatory minimums, and truth in sentencing practices. Together with the “war on drugs,” these have contributed to a prison population that has grown to two million people, nearly doubling the prison population in one decade. As documented in a study by the Urban Institute (UI), some 600,000 prisoners are released from prison each year, and “the majority who are under supervision fail while on parole.” Citing a three-year study of recidivism undertaken by the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the UI further reports that 63 percent of the cohorts in the study were rearrested at least once, 47 percent were re-convicted and 41 percent were reincarcerated. The study found that ex-prisoners were most likely to reoffend during their first year out of prison, a period of time when 47 percent of the rearrests occurred.

During the 1980s and 1990s Maryland’s per capita spending on corrections grew by 100 percent, four times the rate of increase in higher education spending. In Maryland, between June 2000 and June 2001, the prison population grew at nearly three times the national average. The costs associated with such growth were massive.

Most of Maryland’s new prisoners are African Americans and Latinos: the incarceration rate for African Americans in Maryland is seven times the rate for whites. African Americans make up nearly four out of every five Maryland prisoners. Maryland mirrors the unfortunate national trend, drastic reductions in behind-the-fence job training and educational programs, although research shows that these programs reduce recidivism and criminal activity. When these distressing trends are coupled with the reality that mental health and substance abuse services are frequently minimal to non-existent, it is no surprise that of the approximately 15,000 inmates released from Maryland prisons in 2001, 72 percent had been in prison at least once before.

Up until 2002, no advocacy group in Maryland was focused on the problems facing Maryland’s correctional system and prisoners returning to their communities. Early in 2002 a group of advocates, community-based and community-serving organizations, and interested individuals began working together to build a coalition focusing on the adult justice continuum, from arrest and sentencing through incarceration and community reintegration. The Maryland Justice Coalition (MJC), with seed funding from the Open Society Institute and in-kind staff assistance and meeting space provided by the Center for Poverty Solutions, has been meeting and growing its membership. MJC now enjoys participation of representatives from more than 50 organizations from Baltimore City and the State, with links to prison and prisoner issues through ex-offenders themselves, service provision, or advocacy. In the winter of 2002, MJC approached the Foundation for operating funds to enable the organization to move from an all-volunteer to a paid staff operation. The Foundation awarded a \$40,000 challenge grant to the Center for Poverty Solutions to enable MJC to

create a program for educating the public and legislators in Annapolis about prison issues, including prisoner reentry, institutional reform, and over-incarceration/over-representation of minorities.

YOUTH ENTERPRISE SERVICES, INC.

Baltimore City generates over 40 percent of the State’s juvenile justice referrals (ages 11 to 17). The City has a shortage of long- and short-term residential facilities to serve this growing population. Typically, delinquent youth requiring residential treatment placements are referred to group homes in rural areas around the State, or high cost placements that are out of State. This situation increases the difficulties of low-income families seeking to reintegrate troubled youngsters into home and community settings. Statistically, youngsters who leave out-of-home placement and return home with no support mechanisms in place are 50 percent more likely to re-offend and require another out-of-home placement within 90 days of returning home.

In the winter of 1997, The Abell Foundation awarded Youth Enterprise Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) \$80,500 for the purpose of acquiring a vacant boarding house in the 5000 block of Liberty Heights Avenue to serve as a group home for ten troubled youngsters ages 10 to 15. The program sought to develop a continuum of services appropriate for severely troubled youngsters referred from both the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) and the Department of Human Resources (DHR). The multiple obstacles that Y.E.S. subsequently encountered to develop this facility illustrate that, despite the urgent need for additional community-based residential facilities, City and State agencies often have conflicting policies and regulatory requirements. This situation, combined with the possibility of community opposition to group homes, too frequently discourages capable nonprofit organizations from developing much needed residential programs.

The Y.E.S. program persisted, and, despite bureaucratic obstacles, has been in operation for two and a half years. The program is licensed by both the DJS and the DHR and is 100-percent publicly funded. Because of the excellence of the program and scarcity of such facilities in Baltimore City, the program has to turn away more youngsters than it can serve. Additionally, Y.E.S. is finding that a growing percentage of the youth referred to it come from families with intractable problems, including drug addiction, domestic violence, child abuse, and absentee parents or guardians, so that even when a youth succeeds in the program and stabilizes his life, he cannot return to a suitable home situation. Too frequently, these youngsters then face a succession of unsuccessful foster home placements and, tragically, progress from the category of “severely troubled” to full-fledged delinquency, with a very high likelihood of ending up in the adult correctional system.

In order to address this problem, Y.E.S. approached the Foundation a second time, in 2002, for additional funds to acquire a multi-family rental property in Northwest Baltimore for purposes of developing a

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longer term residential program for ten more male adolescents (ages 10 to 15) who either have no family to return to or who face an inappropriate family situation. Although both DJS and DHR committed to providing referrals and operating funds for the facility, neither State agency could provide capital funds to acquire the property. In light of this, the Foundation awarded Y.E.S. an additional \$75,000 to acquire the second building. Plans call for the building to be renovated with funds from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

DNA COLD CASE PROJECT OF THE BALTIMORE POLICE FOUNDATION

The use of DNA technology represents the most significant advance in criminal investigation since the advent of fingerprint identification. Increasingly accepted during the past ten years, DNA technology is now widely used by police, prosecutors, defense counsels, and courts. In 1998, the Baltimore Police Department (BPD) established an exemplary DNA Implementation Project with funding from the National Institute of Justice. This grant increased the capabilities of the BPD's forensic laboratory to conduct necessary state-of-the-art DNA testing.

In 2000, the lab secured more funds from the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention. The primary goals of the DNA project were to establish and implement a DNA analysis facility within the Laboratory Division of the BPD and provide training to lab personnel. The Division would provide in-house DNA analysis to assist in the investigation, identification and prosecution of individuals committing the most heinous crimes. A secondary goal was to participate fully in federal and State efforts to exchange DNA identification information. DNA records are stored in a data bank, making it possible to determine quickly if the arrestee has a DNA match. The speed and accuracy of the DNA matching process allows for more cases to be solved more quickly. As time passes, the chances of finding a match will increase as DNA data banks across the country continue to expand. Today the national average for matching a suspect's DNA sample to a sample in the national database is 10 percent.

Unfortunately, the BPD lab's capacity to process the volume of DNA samples generated by crimes committed in the City has been severely limited, hampering the BPD's ability to process current cases and to tackle the backlog of stored samples from unsolved crimes. Over the past two decades, the BPD has collected samples of DNA from 5,125 cold cases (violent crimes that require further investigation to either identify or eliminate suspects). These samples have been stored in freezers and are waiting to be processed. In light of the growing urgency of the situation, the BPD approached the Foundation for funds that would enable the Department to outsource the processing of the 777 highest priority cold cases: homicides in which 124 suspects are known to police and need to be confirmed via DNA testing, and 556 homicides and violent rape cases in which there are currently no known offenders, but for which testing may reveal the identity of the guilty.

The Abell Foundation had awarded a \$350,000 grant, enabling the Department to outsource 422 cases of no-suspect rape and murder DNA samples for processing. Within the first three months, forensic and/or offender “hits” resulted in four previously unsolved rape cases and two homicide/rape cases matched to suspects; four of the perpetrators were already incarcerated serving time for other crimes, and two have been apprehended and await trial. Most recently, nine rape cases, some dating back to the mid-1980s, have been matched with samples in the State database, and warrants have been issued for these individuals. It is encouraging that 72 percent of the 422 cold cases processed to date have yielded DNA data suitable for local, State, and national database entry, which significantly increases the chances of resolving the high number of the City’s cold cases.

VIDEO CAMERA PROJECT OF THE BALTIMORE POLICE FOUNDATION

Officers of the Baltimore Police Department are required to carry out the most dangerous jobs in the City, but frequently do not have the necessary tools to do so. Over the past ten years, with shrinking budgets and escalating crime statistics, the BPD has been forced to choose between spending its limited resources on personnel, equipment or training. Mayor O’Malley has chosen to give priority to personnel – putting more officers on the street; consequently, the majority of the department’s budget has been allocated to personnel costs. However, reducing violent crime, while ensuring the safety of its officers and effecting more criminal arrests, requires the acquisition and implementation of state-of-the-art technology.

Although the size of the Baltimore City police force stands at approximately 3,000 officers, the annual equipment budget for the entire force is only \$200,000 – an inadequacy of particular concern since law enforcement equipment and security needs have proliferated in the wake of September 11. Given these competing priorities, the Baltimore Police Foundation, on behalf of the BPD, approached the Foundation for funding to support a pilot in-car video camera project, with the potential to enhance officer performance, and to provide support to the domestic preparedness strategies the BPD is putting in place. In December 2001, The Abell Foundation had awarded the BPD \$225,000 to acquire and install 40 in-car video cameras.

Many large metropolitan police forces across the country have installed video cameras in patrol cars. They have found that the capacity to record events in real time enables them to capture evidence, and thus promote crime reduction and community welfare by:

- reducing brutality, discourtesy, and racial profiling complaints and decreasing departmental liability for false claims. Such claims are more easily substantiated via video camera evidence. This record, in turn, increases community confidence in the actions of patrol officers;

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- reducing the time officers spend addressing routine crime and disorder problems, as well as nuisance crimes such as loitering, disorderly conduct and prostitution. Capturing these incidents on film alerts repeat offenders that they can be easily identified and prosecuted;
- reducing time spent on lengthy investigations, and assisting with prosecutions by expediting the setting of trial dates;
- ensuring that people who are stopped and frisked be treated with respect, while increasing surveillance capabilities at a time when federal agencies require local police to investigate individuals involved in suspected terrorist activities; and
- reducing financial costs associated with law enforcement (insurance, liability and court overtime).

The pilot in-car video project includes an evaluation component. Baseline data is collected in the selected pilot district, and also in a comparison district with a similar level of crime activity and risk for violence. Forty vehicles in the pilot district are being outfitted with in-car cameras that enable the selected district to have comprehensive coverage of all components of standard vehicular law enforcement activities and interactions with citizens. Comparative outcome data will be collected over a nine-month period in court cases in which the videos were used as evidence. Data will be collected on each case in which the cameras were used as primary evidence or recorded documentation of witness statements, interviews, proof or disproof in cases against officers. State's attorneys and judges will be interviewed about the value of the taped evidence submitted. Patrol officers and citizens in both the pilot and comparison districts will be surveyed to determine their attitudes and expectations regarding the use of the camera system.

If the nine-month evaluation provides clear evidence of positive outcomes and measurable gains provided by the installation of an in-car video camera system, the BPD intends to seek funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, with which it has already held exploratory conversations. The federal agency has funds designated for acquisition of law enforcement equipment; however, any application for such funds must be based on data gathered from a credible evaluation. The BPD intends to seek approximately \$1.2 million in public and private funds to phase in installation of the video camera system in an additional 300 patrol cars.

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT LEGAL AID BUREAU, INC.

Noncustodial parents who fail to pay child support regularly accumulate large child support arrearages – legal debts. According to a 2000 report released by The Abell Foundation, 84 percent of fathers who currently owe child support in Baltimore have accumulated an arrearage, averaging about

\$9,100. Although no one questions the obligation of noncustodial parents to provide financial support for their children, the current child support system of the State too often overburdens low-income noncustodial parents with debt that they cannot possibly pay. Because over 50 percent of wages can be withheld from paychecks, this inability to pay predictably leads, in certain cases, to resistance to seek employment. More importantly, noncustodial parents (most of whom are fathers) are more likely to sever ties with families when they cannot make child support payments.

Since 2000, The Abell Foundation has supported the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., helping unemployed and underemployed noncustodial parents to reduce child support obligations that they are unable to pay. In 2002, with a \$193,208 grant from The Abell Foundation, the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. represented over 220 parents. The majority of cases were settled through consultation and negotiations with the Child Support Enforcement Administration; however, at least 15 cases required litigation.

In 2002, Legal Aid has successfully:

- abated almost \$170,000 in child support arrearages, most of which were owed to the State rather than to custodial parents;
- intervened in stopping 14 drivers' license suspensions;
- saved at least \$1,500 per month for clients by closing cases in which support was no longer appropriate or legal (e.g., the noncustodial parent had become the custodian of the children);
- dismissed or settled at least 12 contempt charges, thereby avoiding incarceration; and
- stopped or corrected bad credit reporting in more than 20 cases.

Legal Aid also continues its efforts to educate underemployed and unemployed noncustodial parents and the organizations that serve them. Legal Aid conducts workshops with several organizations and distributes informational pamphlets that are, in turn, distributed to participants and providers. Legal Aid also chairs a workgroup for the Maryland Department of Human Resources, whose charge is to identify improvements needed in Maryland's child support program. The workgroup, comprising community groups and child support agency staff, is addressing the systemic problems that negatively affect low-income, noncustodial parents.

HOMELESS PERSONS REPRESENTATION PROJECT

In 2001, with a grant of \$5,000 from The Abell Foundation, the Homeless Persons Representation Project (HPRP) examined the role of Maryland public policy in the employment of ex-offenders and examined laws enacted in six other states that have extended some form of legal protection to

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those with criminal convictions seeking employment. HPRP's findings are documented in a November 2001 report entitled "Ex-Offenders and Employment: A Review of Maryland's Public Policy; A Look at Other States." The report's findings include:

- Twenty-six Maryland laws either bar the employment of ex-offenders or require or encourage background checks that operate as bars to employment;
- Employers have unfettered access to criminal histories, including cases that did not result in convictions, and are free to ban all ex-offender applicants regardless of the nature of the applicants' offenses, the amount of time that has passed, the evidence of rehabilitation, or the lack of relationship between criminal history and nature of employment sought;
- Employers have no legal obligation to provide rejected applicants with a rationale for denying employment, and no State law requires employers to recognize the public interest in hiring or promoting ex-offenders; and
- Maryland law limits expunging criminal histories to those charges that did not result in convictions. The privilege of having one's criminal history expunged is available only to those who subsequently were not convicted on other charges.

The report found that, while none of the six other states studied has successfully balanced the policy concerns of recidivism and rehabilitation in relation to ex-offenders and employment, Maryland law could be revised to allow the expunging of all records not involving convictions, regardless of the subsequent behavior of the defendant, and prohibit the reporting and consideration of any records that do not relate to convictions.

With a \$128,256 grant from The Abell Foundation, HPRP is implementing a project designed to reduce employment discrimination against ex-offenders by providing direct services to ex-offenders. To date, HPRP has provided direct legal representation of ex-offenders in 165 cases under the existing options for expunging criminal records and post-conviction relief (over 400 will be served by the end of the grant period). Although expunging criminal records is a limited option for most ex-offenders, individual representation is providing a wealth of information about the practices of employers, credit reporting agencies, and court-related agencies. HPRP is using this information both to promote changes in the collection and posting of criminal histories on State databases, and to advocate for consumer reporting agencies' conformance to existing State and federal fair credit reporting laws that limit the amount of criminal history information agencies can provide to employers.

EMPOWER BALTIMORE MANAGEMENT CORPORATION, INC.

Since 1995, the Empower Baltimore Management Corporation (EBMC) has helped Baltimore’s Empowerment Zones create more than 4,930 jobs through business start-ups and expansions; place more than 6,752 residents in jobs; and assist more than 731 new homeowners. In 2002, EBMC’s Customized Training unit placed 477 residents in full-time positions, with an average starting wage just under \$9.00 an hour. Customized training is recognized in workforce development research as effective because employers help to design the job training and agree to hire the graduates. An EBMC-sponsored analysis of wage record data showed that customized training is EBMC’s most effective workforce strategy. Empowerment Zone residents who had no reported earnings for two years prior to their participation in customized training enjoyed \$2,784 in median three-month earnings after training.

The Community College of Philadelphia (CCP) offers an intensive five-week training program to prepare men and women to work as freight railroad conductors and trainmen. Program participants are required to have a high school diploma and a valid driver’s license. Participants must not have prior felony convictions or positive drug tests. Program participants are guaranteed interviews with CSX Railroad and are offered jobs during training, contingent on participants’ successful completion of the program. Graduates earn \$34,900 (\$16.78 per hour). Senior conductors can earn salaries of more than \$50,000 per year, and there are opportunities for career advancement. (Because CCP is the exclusive trainer for CSX Railroad, the training is not offered through a Baltimore area college.)

In April 2002, with a \$4,250 loan from The Abell Foundation, EBMC helped an Empowerment Zone resident complete the five-week training program. The resident commuted by train to Philadelphia five days a week for five weeks, graduated from the program, and is now working as a CSX railroad conductor. Based on this resident’s success, and with a \$55,250 loan from The Abell Foundation, 13 more Empowerment Zone residents have completed the training program.

MARYLAND VOLUNTEER LAWYERS SERVICE

The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a powerful tool that provides a work incentive and helps to alleviate poverty; it has a record of lifting more children out of poverty than any other federal aid program. For working families with incomes below the poverty level, the EITC can significantly increase income. For example, a Maryland family with two or more children and earned income of \$11,000 can increase its income by almost 50 percent, through both the federal EITC (\$4,140) and state EITC (\$660). According to a recent Brookings Institution study, in 1998 almost 76,000 Baltimore families claimed the EITC, or 28 percent of tax filers in the City. EITC refunds for 1997 totaled \$122 million in Baltimore City, with an average refund of \$1,575.

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Despite its overall value to families and the City as a whole, EITC's estimates suggest that approximately 15 percent to 25 percent of eligible families do not even claim the EITC, and it is likely that this rate is higher in neighborhoods of concentrated poverty. Furthermore, many of those who do claim the EITC use a portion of their refund to pay commercial tax preparers and to obtain high-priced Refund Anticipation Loans (RALs). According to a recent Brookings Institution study, in 1999, 52 percent of EITC recipients in Baltimore City (almost 40,000) purchased an RAL, paying up to \$200 to a tax service in order to get the quickest possible return.

Other cities, notably Chicago, have launched campaigns to increase access to the EITC, resulting in millions of dollars in tax refunds to low-income families. In 2001, the Annie E. Casey Foundation hired a consultant to coordinate a working group charged with increasing the number and capacity of free tax preparation sites, and increasing EITC outreach. One member of the working group is the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS). Since 1995, MVLS has been preparing income tax returns for low-income taxpayers who qualify for the EITC. The initial campaign resulted in the opening of 11 new free tax preparation sites and the filing of 461 returns.

In 2002, the campaign was expanded to draw increased support, including a \$40,000 grant from The Abell Foundation; continued support from the Annie E. Casey Foundation; a \$25,000 grant from the Aaron Straus and Lillie Straus Foundation; participation from the Johns Hopkins Medical System, which opened a free tax preparation site for its employees; and the leadership of Mayor Martin O'Malley. MVLS provided technical assistance to the 12 sites that opened. The Baltimore CASH (Creating Assets, Savings and Hope) Campaign has exceeded its 2002 tax season goal, preparing 1,994 tax returns and recruiting and training more than 180 volunteers.

EDUCATION

CORE KNOWLEDGE PRESCHOOL COLLABORATIVE BALTIMORE COUNTY HEAD START AND BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

The Core Knowledge Preschool Collaborative evolved from The Abell Foundation preschool report, "The Untapped Potential of Baltimore City Public Preschools" (December 2000), as an application of the tenets of promoting early cognitive development and the importance of training preschool educators. The Baltimore County Head Start program, managed by the YMCA, expressed an early interest in the concepts of the Core Knowledge program and in making a commitment to upgrade teacher recruitment and training in all ten of their centers. With the support of a collaborative organized by the Foundation, including The Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation and Kids-R-VIPS, The Abell Foundation has been successful in launching a two-year preschool pilot in 29 classrooms, including Pre-K classrooms in four Baltimore City public schools.

Today the Collaborative benefits nearly 700 three- and four-year-old children and 50 preschool teachers and preschool aides.

Initiated in the summer of 2001, the Core Knowledge Preschool Collaborative provides sequential teacher training, extensive classroom materials to support curriculum implementation, and intensive on-site teacher mentoring. Modules of the Core Knowledge Preschool Collaborative that address the development of social skills, autonomy and work habits, oral language, phonemic awareness, math, science and scientific reasoning, movement and coordination, and music and art are implemented over a two-year period with frequent training sessions for new teachers.

An important component of the project is the assessment and documentation of the impact of these efforts on the academic performance of participating students entering kindergarten. Accordingly, the Collaborative has been a demonstration site for Get Ready to Read, an early literacy screening program of the National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD). In addition, the Head Start Core Knowledge Assessment Tool was developed and implemented in the fall of 2002 to comply with a 2001 Head Start mandate to measure student progress. To provide more documentation, the project has used classroom videotaping throughout the pilot.

In its first year, the June 2002 screening by NCLD revealed significant gains by Baltimore County Head Start children in their academic readiness for kindergarten. In addition, a Baltimore County Head Start review by federal Head Start in March 2003 provided a positive evaluation and garnered support for the model at a national level.

KIPP UJIMA VILLAGE ACADEMY

Attracted by the Baltimore City Public School System's New Schools Initiative, the Knowledge Is Power Program (KIPP) perceived an opportunity to replicate its successful middle-school model in Baltimore as part of its expansion. Launched in Houston in 1994 by two Teach For America graduates, the original KIPP school created an alternative middle-school model for disadvantaged students in fifth through eighth grades, based on the principles of higher academic expectations, more rigorous schoolwork and homework, longer school days, and a culture that holds students accountable and gives principals autonomy. The mission is to prepare students with the academic and interpersonal skills, intellectual habits, and character traits necessary to succeed in rigorous high school and college programs.

Today there are 14 KIPP schools operating in 11 states and the District of Columbia. KIPP's second school in New York City has been named the highest performing middle school in the Bronx five years straight, and an evaluation of the first three KIPP schools indicates that KIPP students perform at higher levels than students in comparable district schools. Not only do students' skills improve, but KIPP graduates go on to attend the more competitive private and public high schools and colleges.

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In 2001, a local Baltimore City public school teacher was nominated for the director's position and participated in the Fisher School Leadership Program, a national one-year residency that trains principals to open and operate successful KIPP Network schools. The Abell Foundation provided a planning grant to assist in the six-month planning of the school.

In August 2002, with the support of an additional start-up grant from The Abell Foundation, KIPP Ujima Village Academy opened its doors for a summer orientation program with 80 fifth-grade students. The Academy operates from 7:30 a.m. through 5:00 p.m. each school day, with an extra hour of reinforcement for students who need additional help. Students are expected to attend enrichment and cultural programs on Saturday mornings at the school as well. The KIPP Ujima Village is housed in a wing of an existing middle school, and will expand each year to ultimately include 240 students in grades five through eight.

Near the end of its first year, KIPP Ujima Village has retained 76 of its 80 entering students with few failing students. The record is noteworthy, given that 35 percent of KIPP students had already failed a grade prior to entering. The school also posted one of the City's school system's highest attendance rates – 97.8 percent – for the first six months.

TEACH FOR AMERICA ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION ROUTES FOR TEACHERS

As a matter of long-standing policy and well before it published The Abell Report, "Teacher Certification Reconsidered; Stumbling for Quality," in December 2001, the Foundation has been an advocate for hiring candidates without traditional undergraduate education courses, encouraging alternatives to traditional teacher education and certification. Teach For America (TFA) is the national corps of distinguished college graduates who commit two years to teach in urban and rural schools with the long-term goal of becoming leaders and advocates for student's needs.

Since 1992, supported by a grant from The Abell Foundation, Teach For America has partnered with Baltimore City public schools and has placed more than 500 TFA members. In 1999, TFA set out to grow its presence nationally and determined that Baltimore City's school system was one where more of its teachers were needed. The Baltimore City Public School System (BCPSS) agreed to support the effort by funding a greater portion of the costs to recruit, select, and train new TFA teachers. In addition, TFA alumni were assuming leadership positions in the City's education establishment, a trend that has increased. Today, Baltimore's TFA alumni can be found within the school system in roles as diverse as principals, department chairs, and administrators overseeing development of new schools. TFA also has had a successful track record providing BCPSS with teachers who are having a positive influence on students and City schools. According to a 2001 independent survey of principals in TFA partner schools by Kane & Parsons Associates, 95 percent reported that TFA members have a favorable impact on student achievement.

TFA has steadily grown in Baltimore City from the average of 60 first- and second-year teachers to 99 in 2000; 115 in 2001; and 150 in 2002. For the 2003-2004 school year, TFA will have 180 teachers working in 50 schools throughout Baltimore City, in addition to more than 50 TFA alumni who have chosen to remain in the system after their two-year commitment. As TFA stabilizes its contingent of first- and second-year teachers at 180, the organization is striving to improve its support system and maximize the number of alumni in school district leadership.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

HILLTOP MARKET IN CHERRY HILL

In 1998, Catholic Charities purchased the Hilltop Market Center in Cherry Hill, then nearly vacant (a chicken carryout store, bail bondsman and liquor store were among the few businesses remaining). Catholic Charities completed an ambitious renovation, adding a regional library, food court, and new businesses, including a Super Pride store, doubling the square footage of the previous grocery store. When, in 2002, the local grocery store chain Super Pride closed all of its stores city-wide, the Cherry Hill neighborhood was left without a full-service grocery store. Residents, more than half of whom do not have cars, were forced to take taxis or buses to buy basic food items and produce at grocery stores outside the neighborhood. With the departure of the anchor tenant, foot traffic dropped, and the remaining stores at the Cherry Hill shopping center suffered a predictable loss of business.

Seeking a new tenant for the vacated grocery store space, Catholic Charities approached national, regional, and local grocery store chains, all of which declined the solicitation, basing their projection on the small size of the store (only 15,000 square feet). With no traditional candidates for the space, Catholic Charities turned to a group of Loyola College MBA students who had chosen the Cherry Hill Town Center for a marketing study. One student in particular, Ananias "Al" Moore, had extensive grocery retail and vendor experience with Giant Food, H.J. Heinz Co., and FMC Corporation, a distributor of supermarket equipment. Mr. Moore and fellow student Jesse Singh, an entrepreneur who had owned several Exxon gas stations and Pizza Boli's franchises and had started his own travel and automotive fluid companies, formed a new company, Integrity Foods LLC, to pursue the Cherry Hill venture.

Over the next nine months, the owners contributed \$50,000 in equity and secured \$700,000 in financing from the Community Lending Group, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development, the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development and The Abell Foundation. Funds were used for purchase of equipment, minor renovations, inventory, employee training and start-up costs.

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The new full-service independent grocery store, Hilltop Market, opened in May 2002, providing fresh meat, seafood and produce, a bakery, deli, and national brands at competitive prices. The owners' goals are to offer a full selection of food products in a clean, appealing environment, with an emphasis on quality customer service, to create precisely what Cherry Hill residents had asked for in a grocery store. This basic formula has paid off; the customer base has grown each month and, at year-end, revenues exceeded projections. The store has created 35 jobs, including 15 full-time jobs, and increased foot traffic in the Center.

PRESERVATION MARYLAND'S HISTORIC COMMUNITIES FUND

Preservation Maryland, in cooperation with the Maryland Historical Trust, created the Historic Communities Investment Fund in 1999 to expand existing National Register Historic Districts and to establish new districts, increasing the number of properties eligible to take advantage of State and City tax incentives. The Abell Foundation provided \$52,000 in grants to encourage the creation of historic districts in Baltimore City, to stimulate private investment in renovation and to create an inducement calculated to attract homebuyers.

Maryland is one of few states to offer owners of historic residential and commercial property a State income tax credit as an incentive to rehabilitate and invest in historic structures. The tax credit is equal to 20 percent of the costs of improvements and can be received as an income tax refund if the amount of the credit exceeds the amount of taxes due. In Baltimore City, owners of historic properties can also receive a ten-year property tax freeze at pre-renovation rates. The State and City programs represent an enormous potential savings for property owners and offer significant incentives for building rehabilitation and reinvestment in older City neighborhoods. The key to receiving the tax benefits is designation of the building as an historic site or as contributing to an historic district.

Virtually any community with buildings more than 50 years old is eligible for National Historic Register listing. When the Fund was started, there were approximately 25,000 National Historic Register-listed buildings located primarily within 22 national historic districts in Baltimore City. The process for nominating historic districts requires considerable research on the historic nature of the buildings. Preservation Maryland offers Historic Communities funding to community associations and nonprofit organizations on a competitive basis to cover the cost of preparing National Register nominations for new or expanded historic districts. The Fund provides up to 90 percent of the costs, for a maximum grant of \$18,000 for professional analysis and preparation of the application for historic designation. Through the program, the communities of Franklinton, Patterson Park, Windsor Hills, Stone Hill, Tuscany-Canterbury

and Lauraville have successfully received National Register district status. Mayfield, Federal Hill/South Baltimore, Woodberry, Radnor-Winston, Oakenshawe, Ednor Gardens and Lake Evesham are in process of preparing applications to the National Trust, and anticipate receiving designations in 2003.

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Last year, The Abell Foundation provided a start-up grant of \$150,000 to launch the International Center for Sustainable Development (ICSD). Matching funds were provided by the U.S. Department of Energy (USDE). USDE had been involved in promoting U.S.-demonstrated renewable energy and energy-efficiency technologies to countries within the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC). The ICSD was created to advance sustainable development practices locally and to make industries in the U.S. aware of opportunities in other countries in the areas of land use planning, sustainable agriculture and rural development, environmental technology, renewable energy, and alternative fuels. ICSD offers sustainable design consulting services, acting as a project developer that provides both design and management. The USDE contributes technical staff from the federal laboratories, including Argonne and Oak Ridge, to assist in the identification of technologies and appropriate applications. The Center focuses on trade and export of technology and services to China's large and growing markets, but is also exploring opportunities in other Asian countries, Latin America, Russia, Eastern Europe, and Africa.

ICSD is working with the Beijing Ministry of Science and Technology and the city government of Guanghan in China's Sichuan Province to design a model sustainable village with approximately 100 new homes, a town center and community building, sustainable water, waste and energy systems and a sustainable agriculture system. Solar heating, biogas production, straw board and compressed earth-block technologies developed by U.S. companies are among the components of the sustainable design. ICSD is duplicating this model sustainable village in Yunan and Anhui provinces.

USDE has designated the Center as the lead organization to implement sustainable design of the Olympic Village for the 2008 Beijing Olympics. The Chinese government has budgeted \$22 billion to host the Olympics and make improvements to the City's infrastructure. ICSD is developing proposals for "green" hotels that would employ environmentally sensitive design and lower energy requirements and operating costs. ICSD is working with U.S. natural gas companies and the U.S. Trade Development Agency to develop a natural gas technology coalition to meet the energy needs of the Olympic Village.

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ARTS AND CULTURE

Access Art, Inc. \$25,000
Baltimore, MD

Two grants toward the renovation of a vacated branch library building to house an art gallery, studio, photography laboratory and graphic computer center for after-school art programs to serve at-risk youth in the Pigtown and Morrell Park neighborhoods. This initiative has been designed to deter anti-social behavior of disengaged youth.

\$300,000

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

In support of the 2002 Baltimore Book Festival.

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Carroll Museums, Inc. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward the renovation of the Phoenix Shot Tower.

TO CREATIVE

ALLIANCE, INC.

Creative Alliance, Inc. \$300,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward the construction of a multi-functional cultural arts facility, the Patterson Center for the Arts, located in Highlandtown. The project has been developed to draw artists and audiences to East Baltimore as part of a revitalization effort. The facility will house a theater for performing groups in dance, theater and music, video and film studio, nine studio/residential apartments, a café, exhibition space, offices, and community meeting rooms.

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

Challenge grant in support of the High Zero 2002 Festival of Experimental Improvised Music.

ARTS

FACILITY.

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

For the expansion of arts education and outreach programs.

National Museum of Ceramic Art and Glass \$28,700
Baltimore, MD

For supplies, equipment, training and teacher stipends for the continued implementation of the ceramic arts curriculum in classroom settings and after-school ceramic clubs in 20 Baltimore City public middle schools. Selected examples of student work are displayed at an annual exhibition at the Baltimore Gas and Electric Building and at Harbor Place.

Office of the Mayor \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

In support of the 2002 African American Heritage Festival.

Osmosis Theater/

Baltimore Shakespeare Partnership \$5,000

Baltimore, MD

To underwrite expenses for economically disadvantaged Baltimore City public school students to attend the 2002 Shakespeare Summer Camp program. The four-week summer camp culminated with two Shakespeare productions for the public performed at Artscape and at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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

Baltimore, MD

Continued funding for operating support of six nonprofit organizations participating in the Healthy Neighborhoods Initiative in selected Baltimore City neighborhoods. The purpose of the initiative has been to increase homeownership, to stabilize and increase market values of homes, and to enhance the attractiveness of the neighborhoods.

Baltimore Development Corporation \$60,000

Baltimore, MD

Two grants for expenses related to the Maglev Project, a magnetic levitation high-speed train that, when fully operational, will reduce travel time between Baltimore and Washington to 16 minutes.

Baltimore Regional Partnership \$5,000

Baltimore, MD

For a study to compile an inventory of areas with development or redevelopment potential for the Baltimore Regional Rail System Plan.

Charles Street Development Corporation \$5,000

Baltimore, MD

Toward a parking study of Charles Street from Fayette Street to North Avenue.

Citizens Planning and Housing Association \$5,000

Baltimore, MD

In support of expenses related to CPHA's Rally for the Region 2002, focusing on three issues: funding for drug treatment, improved transit systems, and community legacy/investment in older neighborhoods. The purpose of the rally was to bring together diverse groups from the region to express support for the CPHA agenda.

Civil Justice, Inc. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
For continued support of the First Time Home Buyers
Project in Baltimore City.

Community Law Center, Inc. \$70,000
Baltimore, MD
Two-year funding for the Real Estate Services Project created to
fight the blight of vacant housing in marketable neighborhoods. The goals of
this project are to ensure that existing residents remain confident about their
neighborhoods, to keep City housing stock competitive with suburban housing
markets, and to stimulate reinvestment in City housing.

Community Law Center, Inc. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
In support of a community organizing initiative designed to prevent
the private property of evicted tenants from being placed in public right-of-ways.

Downtown Partnership of Baltimore. \$50,000
Baltimore, MD
For staffing support of the Code Enforcement/Façade
Improvement Grant Program. By offering matching grants to property owners
for investing in their building façades, the Partnership intends to encourage
private investment in downtown properties and businesses, and to improve the
physical appearance and market appeal of Baltimore City's downtown. The
program targets buildings that are in violation of zoning and building codes.

Empower Baltimore Management Corporation \$75,000
Baltimore, MD
For a consultancy service to prepare a proposal for EBMC's
application for the New Markets Tax Credit. This new urban revitalization tool
approved by Congress in 2000 is intended to increase the amount of capital
available to businesses located in communities where poverty exceeds 20 percent.

Friends of Patterson Park \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
For support of BikeJam 2002, an urban cycling festival
held in Patterson Park.

Greater Baltimore Committee \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
For a study on the economic impact of a new arena in
downtown Baltimore.

**International Center for Sustainable Development..... \$35,000
Gaithersburg, MD**

Toward staffing to expand the Sustainable Baltimore initiative. The purposes of the project are to identify market opportunities for Maryland and U.S. businesses in sustainable development technology and services, to increase sustainable development practices in ongoing development plans, and to facilitate the export of regional technology and services.

**Jubilee Baltimore, Inc. \$20,000
Baltimore, MD**

For staffing and operating costs to provide services to buyers and owners interested in securing loans and State and federal historic tax credits for purchase and rehabilitation of houses in Reservoir Hill. This initiative is intended to attract new buyers to the neighborhood and to increase the level of reinvestment in the neighborhood.

**Light Street Housing Corporation \$30,000
Baltimore, MD**

For community organizing and pre-development costs of negotiating with the Housing Authority to acquire and redevelop scattered-site public housing units in Sharp-Leadenhall.

**Live Baltimore Home Center \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

Toward start-up costs of the Downtown Apartment Rental Tours initiative, promoting living in Baltimore City.

**Live Baltimore Home Center \$5,000
Baltimore, MD**

For second-year funding of the Mayor's Council on City Living.

**Patterson Park Community
Development Corporation \$285,000
Baltimore, MD**

Two grants toward staffing and operating expenses to support the continuation of an effort to halt the deterioration of the neighborhoods north and east of Patterson Park, through housing acquisition and rehabilitation, rental to responsible tenants and sale to homeowners.

**Patterson Park Community Development Corporation \$20,000
Baltimore, MD**

For continuation of an initiative to clean streets and alleyways in the 22-square-block area of the Patterson Park community.

**People’s Homesteading Group \$100,000
Baltimore, MD**

In support of Phase II of Anchors of Hope, a homeownership program for low-income families in the Greenmount community. The program involves the acquisition and rehabilitation of eight houses that will be sold to buyers identified through the People’s Homesteading Group’s homebuyers’ counseling process.

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

In support of expenses related to the St. Ambrose Legal Services initiative to fight predatory real estate practices in Baltimore City.

CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT

**1000 Friends of Maryland \$25,000
Baltimore, MD**

For general operating expenses to support the continuation of outreach efforts designed to fight sprawl and preserve Maryland’s natural resources while encouraging controlled economic growth. These efforts will focus on the dissemination of recent reports, maps and technical assistance materials developed to educate new legislators, county officials and interested citizens on the long-term benefits of Smart Growth policies, historic tax credits, urban revitalization strategies, and preservation of vulnerable and valuable natural resources.

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

For the design and print of the Legal Handbook, a guide to issues related to land-use legislation for citizens interested in familiarizing themselves with the political process and land use litigation.

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

Toward expenses of a one-day conference, Smart Growth in Maryland: Looking Back, Looking Forward.

**Audubon Maryland-DC \$25,000
Bozman, MD**

Toward the establishment of a field office in Patterson Park where Audubon will develop and implement preschool, after-school, in-school, family and community educational outreach programs. Serving as a potential conservation hub in the park, the Audubon Center will provide ornithological and ecological programs in collaboration with local schools within walking distance.

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Chesapeake Bay Foundation \$5,000

Annapolis, MD

For support of the 2003 Environmental Legislative Summit.

The Chester River Association \$5,000

Chestertown, MD

Toward supporting the position of a riverkeeper, to serve as guardian of the Chester River charged with protecting its water quality and biodiversity from further degradation. As land use changes impact the watershed, the riverkeeper will maintain a public presence in planning efforts.

Earthome Productions \$5,000

Stevenson, MD

In support of public discussions about the video, “The Next Industrial Revolution,” which presents the challenges to economic development and environmental and social responsibilities for future sustainability.

Friends of Patterson Park \$5,000

Baltimore, MD

For reprinting the “Master Plan for Patterson Park” and publishing an “Update and Supplement to the Master Plan for Patterson Park.”

Friends of Patterson Park \$5,000

Baltimore, MD

Toward the cost of a crime prevention program in Patterson Park during the summer months in an effort to increase use of the park among the young and old.

Parks & People Foundation \$48,836

Baltimore, MD

For the development and implementation of a community greening strategy to create and maintain pocket community gardens in the Greenmount/Barclay neighborhoods in collaboration with the People’s Homesteading Project.

Scenic Maryland \$5,000

Annapolis, MD

In support of the launch of the Scenic Maryland initiative, promoting the adoption in Maryland of “best practices” and strategies used in other states to encourage greater scenic conservation.

EDUCATION

Archdiocese of Baltimore \$68,000
Baltimore, MD

To provide scholarships enabling Baltimore City at-risk students to attend parochial schools in Baltimore City during the 2002-2003 school year, as part of a longitudinal study comparing student performance in Catholic and public schools. By participating in this model delinquency and dropout prevention program, these students are expected to benefit from smaller classes, one-to-one instruction and structured educational settings.

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

In support of the Education Funders Affinity Group for the 2002-2003 school year.

Baltimore City Community College..... \$28,000
Baltimore, MD

For support of an initiative to improve outcomes of developmental education through the use of Academic Systems, a computer-based educational product designed to accelerate remedial learning. Academic Systems is a faculty-mediated approach that combines traditional instructional methods with interactive multi-media software. The goals are to improve the pass and performance rates of a cohort of Baltimore City Community College students enrolled in pilot developmental courses and to increase the college's retention rate.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
Baltimore City College \$45,313**
Baltimore, MD

For continued support of the 2002-2003 Speech and Debate Program that includes the enhancement of a full-time Mock Trial program.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
Harbor City Learning Center \$97,000**
Baltimore, MD

In support of the Advanced Studies Program, a dual enrollment college program in collaboration with Baltimore City Community College. The Advanced Studies Program will provide students at an alternative high school serving older students, most of whom had been expelled, failed or dropped out of the traditional high schools, with an opportunity to take college-level courses as well as college remedial courses with faculty from Baltimore City Community College.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
Midtown Academy \$80,640
Baltimore, MD**

For costs related to the phase-in of the eighth grade at one of the schools created as part of Baltimore City's New Schools Initiative. The final step of the school's expansion to a K-8 school includes minor renovations, purchase of classroom furnishings and resource materials, professional development, curriculum planning and fine arts, music and physical education programming.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
National Academic League \$119,780
Baltimore, MD**

In support of the 2002-2003 National Academic League in 29 Baltimore City public middle schools. The league provides extracurricular interscholastic programming in a competition and media atmosphere associated with athletic events to encourage higher academic achievement.

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

For continued support of staffing a string instrument music program.

**Baltimore City Public School System/
Southern High School \$100,000
Baltimore, MD**

For the creation of a venture capital fund to provide seed money for advanced student and teacher projects at the new Digital Harbor High School. These projects, chosen from the technology business plans submitted, will be led to the proposal-to-fund stage.

**Baltimore Curriculum Project \$445,285
Baltimore, MD**

In support of the implementation of the Baltimore Curriculum Project for the 2002-2003 school year. The project provides planning and management oversight of four schools in Baltimore City's New Schools Initiative and support for planning for an additional New School. The Baltimore Curriculum Project currently offers a combination of Direct Instruction and Core Knowledge and serves as an incubator for a variety of curricula and projects being piloted.

Baraka School..... \$159,500
Baltimore, MD
 Two grants for expenses related to the construction of new dormitory buildings for eighth-grade students. The boarding school, located in Kenya, provides a residential academic program for 40 at-risk underachieving Baltimore City middle school boys.

The Book Thing of Baltimore, Inc. \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
 For general support of expenses related to the distribution of free books to students and adults in Baltimore City.

Calvert School \$20,000
Baltimore, MD
 Two grants toward administrative assistance in implementing the Calvert curriculum at Dr. Carter G. Woodson Elementary School.

CollegeBound Foundation, Inc. \$25,400
Baltimore, MD
 For the acquisition of computer equipment to improve the transmission of data between the CollegeBound database and computers at 15 Baltimore City high schools where full-time CollegeBound advisors encourage and assist students in the college application process.

Commonweal Foundation, Inc. \$78,450
Silver Spring, MD
 Two grants for matching funds in support of 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 Pathways to Success boarding school scholarships for eight Baltimore City public school students. All Pathways scholars are required to have summer jobs and to participate in school-based employment or community service during the school year.

Core Knowledge Foundation \$161,500
Charlottesville, VA
 In support of the implementation of the Core Knowledge Preschool Sequence in all Baltimore County Head Start Centers; three Baltimore City Public System School preschools; and one private preschool, for the 2002-2003 school year. The purpose of this initiative is to help the participating Head Start Centers refocus their curriculum on school readiness.

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Educational Opportunity Program \$42,300

Baltimore, MD

For staffing of a full-time facilitator to increase the high school graduation rate among Baraka School graduates by providing a constructive role model, academic and social support, and links to college and career counseling.

Fund for Educational Excellence..... \$5,500

Baltimore, MD

Two grants for expenses related to the ongoing evaluation of the academic performance rates of former Baltimore City public school students now attending parochial schools, as compared to a selected peer group in the Baltimore City Public School System.

Gilman School \$5,000

Baltimore, MD

In support of the 2002 Baltimore Independent School Learning Camp, a summer enrichment program for Baltimore City public school students.

The Ingenuity Project \$592,930

Baltimore, MD

For continued support of the 2002-2003 Ingenuity Project, an intensive math and science curriculum for Baltimore City public middle- and high-school students, with emphasis on scientific research and preparation for national competitions.

Johns Hopkins University Institute

for Policy Studies \$5,000

Baltimore, MD

For the establishment of The Abell Foundation Award in Urban Policy. The award will be given to a student who authors the most outstanding urban policy paper, based on original research, offering recommendations, remedies or strategies on an issue facing Baltimore City.

KIPP Baltimore, Inc. \$50,000

Baltimore, MD

Toward the establishment of a Knowledge Is Power Program (KIPP) Academy, a middle school (grades 5 to 8) based on high expectations for academic achievement and conduct, extended day, community leadership skill training, music training, mandatory enrichment weekend programs and summer school.

Maryland State Department of Education \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
In support of an event to benefit Teach For America and Maryland's Initiative for New Teachers.

Office of the Mayor \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
Toward staffing costs of the Adopt-a-School Initiative.

Office of the Mayor \$50,000
Baltimore, MD
For support of the Baltimore City Mayoral Fellowship Summer 2002 Program. The program placed 12 graduate and six undergraduate students in City agencies for ten weeks during the summer. The purpose of the program is to generate interest in pursuing careers in Baltimore City government among qualified university students.

Parks & People Foundation \$180,000
Baltimore, MD
For continued support of SuperKids Camp 2002, a six-week summer educational, cultural and recreational program for third-grade Baltimore City public school students performing below grade level.

The Piney Woods School \$108,690
Piney Woods, MS
To provide scholarships for selected underachieving students from Baltimore City for the 2002-2003 school year. The grant also includes funding for the salary of a retention counselor whose responsibilities are to encourage positive attitudes, appropriate social behavior and academic achievement.

Teach For America-Baltimore \$100,000
Baltimore, MD
For the continuation of an initiative to recruit, train and provide ongoing support for 85 new Teach For America corps members. These recent college graduates, who make a two-year commitment to teach in Baltimore City public schools, are also offered an opportunity to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching at Johns Hopkins University.

University of Maryland Baltimore County \$1,000,000
Baltimore, MD
A five-year grant toward establishment of the Walter and Janet Sondheim Public Affairs Scholarship Program.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Alternative Directions, Inc. \$7,140
Baltimore, MD

For the purchase of a database program with capacity of tracking client demographics, outreach services received, referrals, contact with employers and program-related performance outcomes. The intent of the program is to reach noncustodial parents entering the prison system and provide them with child support services.

American Institute for Social Justice/ACORN \$95,000
Baltimore, MD

For a comprehensive lead poisoning prevention program in the Park Heights area. The initiative allows for an increase in the number of children that can be tested, and a strengthening of abatement and legal enforcement efforts.

Aunt Hattie's Place, Inc. \$29,300
Baltimore, MD

For renovation costs of a long-term family-style residential home in Montgomery County for 12 homeless boys in Baltimore City's foster care system.

**Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community
Development/Office of Homeless Services \$30,000**
Baltimore, MD

Matching grant to provide additional emergency winter shelter for homeless women and children in Baltimore City.

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

For support of the Fourth Annual Conference on Urgent Needs of Newly Released Inmates as 8,000 ex-offenders reenter the community each year in Baltimore City.

Baltimore Healthy Start, Inc. \$78,000
Baltimore, MD

Three grants for the purchase and renovation of properties for use as transitional housing, administrative space, and a laundromat for Recovery In Community clients participating in a comprehensive substance abuse treatment program. The funds also support staff training and equipment.

Baltimore Pediatric HIV Program, Inc. \$26,142

Baltimore, MD

For the purchase of a 15-passenger van to transport children with HIV/AIDS (ages two to four) and their parents served by the Day and Respite Program. The comprehensive and holistic program includes full-day child care, parental support groups, outreach and referral services, and prevention and educational programs.

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Baltimore Police Foundation \$350,000

Baltimore, MD

In support of the DNA Cold Case Project that uses DNA technology to identify Baltimore’s most violent offenders and to help clear innocent individuals.

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Bon Secours of Maryland Foundation \$25,000

Baltimore, MD

For second-year support of the Bon Secours Youth Employment and Career Development Project. The program helps high-school students to obtain after-school employment and plan future careers. It provides formal training sessions in financial literacy, leadership, and post-high school education planning.

Business Volunteers Unlimited/Maryland \$5,000

Baltimore, MD

For the purchase of a Web-based database management system to provide leadership and volunteer opportunities in support of the nonprofit community.

The Center for Fathers, Families and Workforce Development \$350,000

Baltimore, MD

Fourth-year funding of the STRIVE Baltimore Program, a comprehensive job training and placement service for unemployed and underemployed men and women. The intense three-week program prepares participants for the workforce through a highly-structured workshop that focuses on attitude modification and the development of job readiness skills. Core services also include job placement with long-term follow-up, one-to-one and group counseling, and case management.

Center for Poverty Solutions \$40,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward the development of the Maryland Justice Coalition, an initiative to address adult justice issues in Baltimore City. The coalition will focus on three strategic areas: over-representation and over-incarceration of poor people and people of color, institutional reforms, and reentry and integration back into the community.

The Community Mediation Center \$5,000
Baltimore, MD

In support of the acquisition of the Safe & Smart Center building housing the Community Mediation Program. The goal of the program is to reduce interpersonal and community violence by using nonviolent conflict resolutions strategies and making the mediation process more accessible to local residents.

Community Resources..... \$30,000
Baltimore, MD

For the development of the Metro Green Urban Tree Nursery and Training Center. Established on a reclaimed brownfield to provide a source of street trees, the Center will also offer horticultural and tree care training and landscaping skills to unemployed Baltimore City residents.

The Daisyfields Foundation, Inc. \$25,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward the purchase of property to house a foster care facility for infants who are medically fragile as the result of being born addicted to drugs or being neglected by a substance-abusing caregiver.

**Druid Heights Community
Development Corporation \$25,000**
Baltimore, MD

Start-up funds for the establishment of the New Life Recovery Program, a transitional recovery house for ex-offenders in Baltimore City.

Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County \$5,000
Dundalk, MD

For the purchase of mattresses, linens and replacement beds for a shelter serving domestic violence victims.

Food Link \$5,000
Annapolis, MD

Toward handling fees for gleaned produce distributed to more than 100 emergency feeding programs in Anne Arundel County.

Franciscan Center \$10,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward the cost of computer upgrades for the Health Support Initiative, an emergency outreach program for the poor in Baltimore City. This enhancement will enable the Center to be electronically linked to other service providers when meeting clients' needs.

Frederick Community Action Agency \$24,500
Frederick, MD

For the purchase of a box-type cargo van to transport donated, usable surplus food for the mobile food bank serving people living in poverty on the outskirts of Frederick.

Good Samaritan Hospital of Maryland, Inc. \$55,444
Baltimore, MD

In support of the development of a clinical nursing assistant certificate program. This six-week training program will be offered to selected current employees as an opportunity to enhance their professional knowledge while preparing them for nursing school.

Harford-Belair Community Mental Health Center, Inc. \$187,900
Baltimore, MD

Toward the purchase and renovation costs of two houses in Northeast Baltimore to provide housing and residential rehabilitation services to chronically mentally ill substance abuse clients.

Heart's Place Shelter \$10,710
Baltimore, MD

For renovations to a kitchen and bathrooms in a winter emergency shelter for homeless men, women and children in the Midtown area.

Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc. \$128,256
Baltimore, MD

In support of an initiative designed to reduce employment discrimination against ex-offenders by providing direct legal services to ex-offenders. The initiative will also create a legislative agenda advocating changes to selected state employment policies that create barriers to job-seeking ex-offenders.

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

Toward consultancy fees for the Labor Pool Organizing Project designed to advocate for greater government regulation and protection of temporary employees from unlawful practices.

Job Opportunities Task Force \$30,000
Baltimore, MD

For the continuation of a comparative study of Baltimore’s workforce development system and workforce development systems in other cities with similar demographics. Components of the study include a review of the cities’ welfare-to-work systems; one-stop centers for adults who are not on welfare, youth programs, local community colleges’ curricula, public schools’ vocational and dropout prevention programs, literacy programs, and public housing workforce initiatives.

Job Opportunities Task Force \$43,000
Baltimore, MD

Challenge grant toward the salary of the program director of the Transitional Jobs Consortium, a newly created transitional employment program for ex-offenders in Baltimore City. The purpose of the program is to provide services that will help stabilize ex-offenders as they reenter the community.

Johns Hopkins University
Institute for Policy Studies \$48,500
Baltimore, MD

Toward staffing costs of a senior research analyst to manage and staff the Evaluation and Accountability Committee of the Baltimore Workforce Investment Board. As part of the project, the analyst will provide recommendations for improving Baltimore’s Workforce Development System by creating an “evaluation landscape map” of research being conducted. The purpose of this effort is to determine the gaps in data collection and analyses. With partnering agencies and other Workforce Investment Board members, the analyst will create performance measures of Baltimore’s workforce development system for validation and implementation by the Workforce Investment Board.

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine \$53,000
Baltimore, MD

For general support and staffing of Maternity Center East, a women’s health care and family planning facility serving low-income residents of East Baltimore. The Center provides family planning, prenatal, obstetric and primary health care to approximately 3,000 patients who are uninsured or underinsured.

**Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg
School of Public Health \$12,750
Baltimore, MD**

For the completion of a study on Medicaid managed care and family planning in Baltimore City. The research addresses two issues: the path women take as they move from traditional Medicaid coverage to enrollment in managed care organizations; and how mandated managed care affects the providers of reproductive health services to the Medicaid population.

\$30,000

**The Justice Policy Institute/The Tides Center \$49,733
Washington, DC**

To provide seed funding for the establishment of a new organization that will address adult and juvenile justice reform issues in the State of Maryland. The agency will provide technical assistance and training to local agencies to help determine the most effective methods of delivering neighborhood-based services to needy populations.

**WAS AWARDED
TO THE
MARYLAND
FOOD BANK
TO IMPLEMENT**

**Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. \$193,208
Baltimore, MD**

Third-year funding for an initiative to meet the needs of noncustodial parents whose child support obligations exceed their ability to pay. By providing individual representation, Legal Aid has been able to identify recurring issues that adversely affect noncustodial parents, such as driver's license suspensions, reports to credit agencies, and denial of access to child support records.

**THE FRESH
FOODS FOR
FAMILIES
PROGRAM.**

**Man Alive Research, Inc. \$75,000
Baltimore, MD**

Challenge grant toward construction costs of completing a facility for expansion of outpatient methadone maintenance treatment services for heroin-addicted individuals.

**Maryland Center for Arts and Technology, Inc. 50,000
Baltimore, MD**

Planning grant for the development of the East Baltimore Technology and Resource Center to provide entry-level workers with on-the-job experience in computer repair and network management.

**Maryland Food Bank \$30,000
Baltimore, MD**

For transportation expenses, gleaning costs, storage and salaries for the implementation of the Fresh Foods for Families program, providing fresh produce gleaned by volunteers from regional farms with leftover harvests.

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service \$40,000
Baltimore, MD

For support of an initiative to increase the use of the Earned Income Tax Credit and free legal and tax preparation services at ten Volunteer Income Tax Assistance sites for low-income families and individuals in Baltimore City. The initiative provides for training of volunteers and site coordinators and marketing efforts.

**National Council on Alcoholism and
Drug Dependence-Maryland \$25,000**
Baltimore, MD

Toward the salary of an advocate consultant with responsibilities for promoting the critical need for increased funding earmarked for drug treatment initiatives in Baltimore City and throughout Maryland.

Nazareth Lutheran Church \$15,000
Baltimore, MD

Seed funding for renovations and the purchase of furniture for Nazareth House, operating as a transitional housing facility for recovering male addicts in Highlandtown. The house will be operated based on Oxford House principles of self-governance.

Neighbor to Family \$100,000
Daytona Beach, FL

Seed funding for the establishment of the Neighbor to Family Sibling Foster Care Program in Baltimore City. The program will provide comprehensive foster care services to 40 children in sibling groups. The foster parents, trained by Neighbor to Family caseworkers, will be given a stipend above the normal foster care rate to enable a parent to stay home and provide home care to sibling groups.

Planned Parenthood of Maryland, Inc. \$17,500
Baltimore, MD

Third-year support of the Statewide Emergency Contraception Project, providing outreach and education to clients.

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

Two grants in support of drug treatment and job training programs for FY 2002 and FY 2003. The Center supports job training, educational opportunities, after-school tutoring programs for neighborhood youth, and drug treatment programs. The Center also provides weekly stipends to program participants to assist with living expenses while they are enrolled in self-help programs.

Rose Street Community Center \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
In support of the Garden of Eden Project, a two-week faith-based summer camp for youth ages 7 to 12 in East Baltimore.

St. Ambrose Family Outreach Center \$5,000
Baltimore, MD
For purchase of food for the institution’s soup kitchen and emergency food pantry for people in need in lower Park Heights.

The Samaritan Center \$25,000
Baltimore, MD
In support of the Eviction Prevention Assistance program at the Samaritan Center designed to provide emergency grants to individuals and families facing eviction. This one-time assistance also provides the opportunity for the Center to help those at risk address underlying issues, such as unemployment and substance abuse that contribute to their problem.

The Samaritan Center \$111,300
Baltimore, MD
Three grants in support of the Travel Voucher Program. The program provides homeless persons in need of travel assistance with vouchers for bus travel, if they have a contact in a destination city willing to take them in or assist them in finding housing.

Second Chance Project, Inc. \$85,000
Baltimore, MD
Two-year funding to create a revenue-producing business that employs ex-offenders participating in the Second Chance program.

The Shepherd’s Clinic \$50,000
Baltimore, MD
For continued funding of operating costs to provide primary medical and dental care to uninsured persons in Baltimore City.

A Step Forward, Inc./Temple Hope House, Inc. \$25,000
Baltimore, MD
Seed funding of an initiative to provide transitional housing and drug treatment programs to adults in Baltimore City, with a focus on the returning ex-offender.

Sylvan Beach Foundation, Inc. \$111,000
Baltimore, MD

For the expansion of the Sylvan Beach Café and Ice Cream Company, set up as an entrepreneurial endeavor to provide employment for ex-offenders. Modeled after the Delancy Street Foundation in San Francisco that provides career and ownership opportunities, the Sylvan Beach Foundation operates on the principles of project-based learning, high expectations, earned responsibility and privileges, peer leadership and community living.

TuTTie's Place \$75,000
Baltimore, MD

Toward renovation of a house providing residential services for abused and neglected adolescent boys in foster care.

**University of Maryland Baltimore County/
The Shriver Center \$149,936**
Baltimore, MD

For support of the CLEARCorps home repair and education program for the prevention of childhood lead poisoning in the Park Heights neighborhood. The workers are AmeriCorps members who are trained in construction to make home repairs designed to reduce the lead hazards and to provide health education to families in distressed neighborhoods.

United Ministries, Inc. \$20,000
Baltimore, MD

For operating expenses of a transitional housing drug-free program for homeless men, many of whom are recovering from substance abuse and are also HIV positive. Successful completion of the program is defined as the participant's being employed, pursuing a GED, and securing permanent housing.

United Way of Central Maryland \$50,000
Baltimore, MD

In support of United Way's effort to address human service and health needs in Central Maryland.

Unity Center of Christianity \$18,000
Baltimore, MD

For continued support of the Do You Know Where Your Children Are? program for the 2002-2003 school year. This grassroots project offers incentives to participating parents and other adults who assume full responsibility for knowing where their middle-school children are during the afternoon and evening hours of the school week.

The Urban Institute \$50,000
Washington, DC

For a study, “Returning Home: Understanding the Challenges of Prisoner Reentry” delineating the risks and needs of returning prisoners and their families in Baltimore. Data will be collected from interviews with offenders before and after release, and from interviews with family members, neighborhood focus groups and representatives from human service and employment agencies.

\$18,175

Vehicles for Change, Inc. \$83,000
Elkridge, MD

Fourth-year funding of a transportation program to provide used reconditioned cars for 80 participants in the Affordable Housing Initiative Program and other low-income residents of Baltimore City who need a car to get to work.

**WAS
AWARDED TO
WOMEN'S
HOUSING
COALITION**

Women's Housing Coalition \$18,175
Baltimore, MD

For start-up costs of the Wesley House Family Program, a long-term transitional housing facility that serves nine homeless families referred from emergency, transitional and substance abuse treatment programs.

**IN SUPPORT
OF THE**

The YANA Project \$60,610
Baltimore, MD

Toward staffing costs of a social worker/court monitor to work with women and girls engaged in prostitution. The YANA model offers a continuum of services from street outreach to drop-in services, counseling, and case management with referrals to medical services. Participants who complete the 90-day program with no new arrests will have charges dropped.

**WESLEY HOUSE
FAMILY
PROGRAM.**

Youth Enterprise Services \$75,000
Baltimore, MD

Challenge grant for the purchase of a second facility for use as a residential treatment center for severely disturbed adolescents referred by the Department of Juvenile Justice.

OTHER

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

For 2002 membership dues.

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

ARTS AND CULTURE

Baltimore Center for the Performing Arts	\$1,500
Baltimore Theatre Alliance	\$3,000
Contemporary Museum	\$2,250
Contemporary Museum	\$2,000
Creative Alliance, Inc.	\$4,500
Downtown Partnership of Baltimore	\$2,500
Emmart Memorial Award	\$ 500
Emmart Memorial Award	\$2,500
The Mobtown Players	\$4,000

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc.	\$ 500
Banner Neighborhoods Community Corporation	\$2,500
Charles Village Community Foundation, Inc.	\$4,550
Community Law Center, Inc.	\$5,000
Downtown Partnership of Baltimore	\$3,500
Governor's Office of Smart Growth	\$4,000
Madison-East End Improvement Association	\$4,730
Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service	\$1,912
Southeast Community Development Corporation	\$5,000
The York Road Partnership/GEDCO	\$1,400

CONSERVATION/ENVIRONMENT

Chesapeake Bay Foundation	\$3,000
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EDUCATION

Baltimore City Community College	\$4,500
Baltimore City Public School System/Baltimore City College	\$5,000
Baltimore City Public School System/ Booker T. Washington Middle School	\$ 900
Calvert Institute for Policy Research	\$2,500
CollegeBound Foundation, Inc.	\$2,500
The GreenMount School	\$5,000
St. Mary's Seminary and University	\$5,000

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Baltimore City Foundation	\$5,000
Baltimore City Health Department	\$4,998
Baltimore City Public School System/Frederick Douglass High School	\$5,000
Brooklyn United Methodist Church	\$2,500
Center for Poverty Solutions	\$5,000
Charles Village Community Foundation, Inc.	\$4,311
Citizens Planning and Housing Association	\$2,500
East Baltimore Church of God	\$2,500
Empower Baltimore Management Corporation	\$4,250
The Enterprise Foundation	\$4,500
The Family League of Baltimore City, Inc.	\$3,795
GBMC Weinberg Community Health Center	\$5,000
Homeless Persons Representation Project, Inc.	\$1,350
Johns Hopkins University Institute for Policy Studies	\$1,053
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine	\$5,000
Julie Community Center	\$4,725
Kennedy Krieger Institute	\$5,000
Madison Square Buccaneers Inner-City Youth Program	\$2,000
The New Life Evangelical Baptist Church	\$2,500
The Salvation Army	\$5,000
Santa Claus Anonymous	\$5,000
The Southeast Teen Center, Inc.	\$1,500

OTHER

The Foundation Center	\$2,000
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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 health and human services organizations to support programs developed to help the 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 also given to community development-related activities to expand the Baltimore region's economic base, job opportunities, tourism and neighborhood revitalization. Workforce development initiatives designed to meet the needs of the unemployed and underemployed are also of interest.

The Foundation 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. Three types of grants are awarded: planning, seed funding (for start-up and demonstration projects), 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 which include:

1. Demonstration of need;
2. Clearly defined goals and objectives;
3. Evidence of strong fiscal management and ongoing operational support;
4. Impact on 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 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.,
President, The Abell Foundation, Suite 2300, 111 South Calvert Street,
Baltimore, MD 21202-6174.

ABELL PUBLICATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

As part of its mission to identify and promote discourse on community issues, The Foundation publishes a newsletter, The Abell Report, and a variety of commissioned studies and other publications. In 2002, The Abell Foundation began distributing all of its publications over the Internet. All Abell publications can be downloaded from the Foundation's Web site, www.abell.org.

ABELL REPORTS

JANUARY

New, Rigorous GED Tests Poses Another Challenge for One in Five Maryland Residents Who Lack a High School Education. Needed: more alternatives for earning a high school diploma in school and out of school; adequate State funding for adult education.

While Maryland receives high marks for young people completing high school, the number of Maryland residents without a high school diploma continues to increase. There have been an estimated 70,000 high school dropouts in Maryland since 1993, for example, and only 41,000 individuals of all ages passed the GED in that period. It is the role of Maryland's under-funded and oft-neglected adult learning community to make up this mathematical difference.

Abell Salutes: CitiStat; for making Baltimore City government more responsive.

FEBRUARY

Still Getting It Wrong: the continuing failure of Special Education in Baltimore City.

Special Education students are not coming close to achieving their academic potential. In many respects, the Baltimore City Public School System has made great progress over the past several years. Yet its special education program—despite massive efforts for at least a decade and prolonged U.S. District Court supervision—is still squandering too much time, attention and money on excessive paperwork and bureaucracy at the expense of better instruction. Special education students are not coming close to achieving their academic potential.

Abell Salutes: Maglev-Maryland; for keeping an eye of the prize – Baltimore to Washington in 20 minutes.

MARCH

Baltimore City Community College at the Crossroads.

It properly boasts many successes, but its ability to provide adequate access to a college education is diminishing. Problems and possibilities; a report to BCCC and the community. Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) is now in its sixth decade serving the people of Baltimore and Maryland. The college had a fall 2001 enrollment of 6,300 credit students and more than 12,000 non-credit students, but only 13 percent of the students entering in 1996 had graduated or transferred four years later. The number of graduates at BCCC, however, is far too low to fulfill its mission of providing Baltimore with a “world class workforce.”

Abell Salutes: ACORN; for strengthening neighborhoods house-by-house, helping renters to become homeowners.

JUNE

Leave your car where you parked it; get from the Inner Harbor to Inner Harbor East, Fells Point and Canton in about 20 minutes on SMRTram – with fun stops along the way.

Just a few miles east of Baltimore’s world-renowned Inner Harbor attractions lies another world of attractions—Inner Harbor East, Fells Point and Canton. So near yet so far — because the streets and traffic and parking problems of a busy city too often discourage taking one’s car to make the drive. The report presents an answer to the problem: it is called SMRTram, and it is like no other mode of transportation the City has ever seen.

Abell Salutes: Open Society Institute (OSI); a worldwide philanthropy that is making a difference locally. “We are a foundation in a hurry.”

SEPTEMBER

Childhood Lead Poisoning in Baltimore: a generation imperiled as laws ignored.

It is the chief environmental disease affecting Baltimore City’s children, and it is entirely preventable. Three recommendations to avoid making our children victims of 45 years of catch-up.

Baltimore City children remain woefully unprotected from lead poisoning and its long lasting harmful effects. Thousands of City children live in dangerous rental properties out of compliance with State law. Thousands are not identified, despite laws which require a routine blood test. If identified, available services are overburdened and fail to address the most serious of lead poisoning’s effects—developmental delays and cognitive impairment.

Abell Salutes: I Can’t We Can, Inc.: “saving lives, winning souls;” drug rehabilitation through divine intervention.

NOVEMBER

Attracting New Americans into Baltimore City Neighborhoods – Again. Immigration is the key to reversing Baltimore City’s decline.

With the population of Baltimore City falling from about a million to about 650,000, along with the loss of industry and a complex of seemingly intractable social problems, a memory of Baltimore’s immigrant experience and its contribution to Baltimore’s glory days are enticing Baltimore City’s leadership to observe carefully how other cities with similar problems are benefiting from immigration to freshen and invigorate their economies and lifestyles.

Abell Salutes: The Downtown Partnership; bringing pride back into downtown Baltimore

SPECIAL REPORTS

- “New, More Rigorous GED Tests Poses Another Challenge for One in Five Maryland Residents Who Lack a High School Education”
- “Still Getting It Wrong; The Continuing Failure of Special Education in Baltimore City”
- “Baltimore City Community College at the Crossroads”
- “Attracting New Americans Into Baltimore City Neighborhoods – Again”

HONORIS CAUSA: RECOGNITION OF MERIT

The Abell Foundation Award in Urban Policy to the Johns Hopkins University Institute of Policy Studies: In 2002, the Foundation created a \$5,000 award to be given to that student at the Johns Hopkins University who presents a paper indentifying a problem in the civic affairs of Baltimore City and offering a solution.

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