



# FY 2025 Adopt A Community Grants

Office of Community  
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FY2025



# Adopt a Community

- ▶ Grant funds available to non profit organizations that serve Annapolis Communities
- ▶ 501c3 non profit organizations that provide community members with resources and programming.
- ▶ Grants are one time funding
- ▶ Grants range from \$10k-\$25k
- ▶ FY22-24 Funding \$200,000k
- ▶ Total of 10 grantees





# Annapolis All Stars

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For the 2024 season we chose to serve the Woodside gardens and Wilborn Estates community. We began by identifying a group of teens in the community who were currently registered for our football and basket programs. We scheduled an outing of 10 youth with four parents as chaperones. We chartered a 15-passenger van and took them to Six Flags amusement park for the day. We all had a great time. The grant funding has helped us to

We have approximately 20 children, boys and girls, from both communities who are registered in our sports program. We met with the owner representatives of Woodside Gardens and Wilborn Estates. We agreed to support their summer camp programs. Some of the activities we supported are as follows:

- Horse Farm featuring horse and pony rides and animal appreciation
- Weekly swimming at the Arundel Pool on Riva Rd from July 21st Thru August 18th
- 35 youth and 3 adults to Six Flags including lunch for all
- Purchased plants for the community garden
- Registered approximately 20 children for the city spring baseball program ages 4 – 10 years
- Registered over 30 participants in our football and cheerleading program
- Purchased paint and materials for the redevelopment of the community basketball court

We also partnered with the Annapolis Garden community lead by the Annapolis Trust Association Led by Mr. Reginal Brody, with representatives from the Reverend Samuel L Green Foundation (RSLGF), the Chesapeake Bay Trust, and the Water Stewards Association (WSA) of Anne Arundel County.

Through our combined efforts we were effective in educating 27 children and 10 adults on the important role trees play in the environment. We taught them how to plant and maintain 60 trees in their community. State and City Representatives Shanika Henson and Alder Woman Rhonda Charles were also in attendance. The children were very enthused and attentive. We plan to repeat this program in other public housing communities throughout the city.

As you can see this grant is much needed and has helped us to expand our services in not just the communities, we chose but throughout the larger community. With your help we have been able draw kids from all over the City and we were able to add two additional football teams which included one flag team 4- 6 year olds and one 7 and under tackle team, we also registered over 50 cheerleaders ages 4- 12 years which was a 50% increase from last season, 10 basketball teams playing in the City and County leagues and 3 baseball teams which helped to start the new City baseball league. We have served over 400 children through our sports and academic program in the 2024 season with approximately 90% of the participants residing in the City of Annapolis. We plan to expand our Academic Career Enhancement and Sports "ACES" program this fall, and we will hire a part time facilitator to help organize and administer the program.

We than you all for your continued support and look forward to a successful 2025 season.

Sincerely,

Stanford "Stan" Womack Sr, CEO

July 11, 2024

Picture are attached





# Annapolis & Anne Arundel County Scholarship Trust

## Executive Board Report 2023-24

Dear Annapolis City Leadership . Greetings. I hope this report finds you healthy and full of life. I would like for everyone to take the time to review the 2023-24 Executive report on all the exciting work the Annapolis Trust has performed in the past year. My sincere thanks to the Board and the support of the City of Annapolis . Without you and your support, our efforts can not happen.

We are staying consistent in introducing new and innovative programs and services for our youth .

We are having tremendous impact on the the high school sector. The following outline details some of our recent work:

1. We are in the second year of "Pathways to Technology program at the ANNAPOLIS TRUST CENTER FOR EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP.
2. 37 seniors completed The Pathways to Technology program which is a very rigorous academic program where students received a certificate in Google AI in addition to other free Google classes. Our Teach Leadership program has been added as a permanent instructional course to the Teen Center. The course promotes civil and human rights, leadership and technology . Thanks to the WINN Company; a vital part of our community base initiative. As a result of our partnership, the Annapolis Gardens community survey results have found that our students kindness has been directly impacted amongst peers when students are able to interact meaningfully with one another.
3. A reduction in behavioral issues with children who do not usually get to experience the level of camaraderie and social interaction that the Trust provides. Kids develop new passions by discovering career opportunities paths they can actually get excited about. (70% of our participants complete our full Leadership career curriculum.)
4. The expansion of our mission to include all students in Annapolis and to expand our efforts toward direct-service opportunities to benefit low-income students increases our reach to have youth become college and career ready.
5. In February 2024, 5 students from both Annapolis Gardens Community attended the Osgood Model UN 2024 in Washington, DC. The two day conference provided a means for open discussion on global issues with fellow students and policy experts from around the U.S and overseas. It enabled the students strengthen their diplomatic skills.
6. As part of our International Studies curriculum, Shianiyah Johnson from the Annapolis Gardens Community will travel to Gordonstoun International Summer School in Scotland this past summer on July 11-August 16th. She will learn a variety of languages, sailing, enrichment activities, arts, and team building.
7. Our signature Scholarship program continues to thrive by providing financial support and mentoring to nine deserving students attending degree courses at colleges and universities. One of the ways our

program continues to thrive is with partners Judge Essom V. Ricks Scholarship ,Wiley H. Bates Scholarship. The Blacks on the Chesapeake and The Colonial Challenge Cup scholar.

8. We also introduced our inaugural HBCU Scholarship this Fall. We selected Howard University student Jordan Reese 3.95. We are thrilled to announce that the HBCU initiative is sponsored by The Annapolis Trust.

9. In May 2024, we expanded our music and business-related skills to Middle and High school students while also encouraging entrepreneurship. We encourage youth to create positive artistic content such as work ethic songs, artwork poems and video content that support an anti-violence initiative. This can help change the culture to discourage gang activity and violence. Providing Community Events that encourage fellowship with parents , teachers and Community leaders to work together to curtail youth violence in our schools and in our communities. Our unique approach uses a creative way for victims of gun violence to express themselves through video and story telling. This strategy also provides a platform for them to be seen and heard. Using Music and Arts as a focus to connect and build relationship with youth to introduce enterprise and entrepreneurship steers our youth to more enrichment and leadership endeavors. Using our four focus areas of success entrepreneurship , music, story telling and the Arts as a vessel.

We are in the final stages of securing funding for our Global initiative. The funding we are seeking will allow us to continue to send kids to Scotland and hopefully other opportunities abroad



# Charting Careers



## FY2024 Adopt a Community Report

**Project:** Greater Clay Street Community Impact Team

**Goals:**

- Develop trusting relationships with community members
- Increase community engagement
- Connect residents with resources to strengthen families and achieve goals
- Provide experiences to broaden opportunities and learn new skills to move towards increased self-sufficiency

**Grant Activities and Outcomes/Impacts:**

- **Community-building events in Clay St. Community**
  - **Events:**
    - February Paint and Sip and mental health support
    - Support for Clay St. Community Spring Festival to build community
    - Grief Support for Families who experienced unexpected loss to show community support
    - Support for Mother's Day Event to give moms and daughters a chance to bond together
    - Last Day of School Celebration to celebrate the hard work of the children and youth
    - Support for Field Trip to a June Orioles Game to support children having a new experience
  - **Event Impacts/Outcomes:** As a result of these different events and activities, over 80 adults and children were able to access new experiences, have opportunities to bond with their neighbors, and learn/practice new skills. These types of positive events help to improve and build a stronger community. One mom said the following thing about the Mother's Day event: "I definitely enjoyed myself. It was definitely a breakthrough moment for me. The atmosphere was wonderful."
- **Case Management with Greater Clay St. Families:**
  - **Case Management Activities:**
    - Renetra Anderson provided on-going case management (needs assessment, goal setting, resource linkages) with 10 families in the community. She has an initial quarterly meeting with each parent/caregiver to reflect on strengths and areas of needs, support them with setting goals, helps them connect with resources, and serves as an on-going accountability partner.
  - **Case Management Impacts/Outcomes:**
    - 100% of the parents/caregivers receiving case management support from Renetra set and achieved important goals. For example, one mother was able to achieve her goals of moving out of the community and into section 8 housing, to get a new job, and to improve her health! Additionally through Charting Careers support, her daughter has met her goals. She was matched with a mentor, is receiving regular reading tutoring, and she has started to develop her talent for singing.
    - Renetra and other Charting Careers staff worked to help 19 scholars get set up with 529 College Savings plans, including many from the Clay St. Community
    - Parent/caregiver survey results revealed that 100% of parents/caregivers feel they are better off since working with Renetra.



**A Sample of Photos:**





## Adopt a Community Grant Review – Bay Ridge Gardens

July 11, 2024 – Rev. S. Jerry Colbert

We have just started our 2024-2025 program and I will try to expound of what has happened and the programs for the upcoming year. It is with humbleness that I submit the events and programs being establish within the Bay Ridge Gardens apartment complex

To make the program in this community effective, the committee and I have partnership with some of the following agencies to assist us in transportation, feeding the community and other areas in which we are more than glad for their support. We have partnership with the Boys and Girls Club and have enrolled approximately 28 children in their summer camp program, the Annapolis Police Department with their summer camp program and transportation.

One of the requirements for the children to participate in these activities is to write an essay after each event. They are awarded a gift card for their efforts. Education and transformation is our goal and to expose them to other elements of society other than the community in which they live.

Our Behavior Modification Diversion Program was a huge success. We had approximately twenty residents in attendance. This program had many components: understanding the lease agreement, the importance of housekeeping in compliance with their lease, training in financial literacy and its impact of the family.

On July 8<sup>th</sup> we brought some of the children and adults to visit and witness the actions of our City Council and its function. The children was in totally amazement as to this is where the laws of the City are created and legislated. On July 11<sup>th</sup> we took the same group on a walking tour of Annapolis and Naval Academy. To my surprise only one adult had ever visited the Academy. It was full of history and fun. We have a trip planned to the Black Wax Museum in Baltimore scheduled for July 25, and lunch at Golden Corral at Annual Mills.

We have purchased six computers and a printer to avail to the children to assist with their homework. John Wesley and Mount Moriah A.M.E. Church have combined their Vacation Bible School. We have also planned another trip to Harriet Tubman Museum in Cambridge for August 10<sup>th</sup>. We will follow-up and discuss other events at our next meeting July 22<sup>nd</sup>, including a Bay Sock Game, our very own Frederick Douglas Museum, Sight & Sound Bible Show for adults, CPR Classes, Cosmetology Classes, tutoring and mentoring programs for the young men and ladies, visit to Washington, DC to visit some of the Smithsonian Buildings and the Capital.

We met the new Regional Manager and On-Site Manager, who was very pleasant and sanction what we were doing in the community.



# OIC of Anne Arundel County

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## FY25 Adopt a Community Grant Review

Organization: OIC of Anne Arundel County, Inc.

OIC of Anne Arundel County, Inc. has been dedicated to transforming lives by providing essential educational and job readiness programs to the residents of Anne Arundel County. We specialize in offering Virtual Online Career Pathway classes, focusing on GED preparation, Job Readiness, and Basic IT Skills, in English and Spanish (all free of charge). Through these programs, we aim to equip individuals with the knowledge and confidence they need to secure better job opportunities, thereby fostering long-term economic stability and personal growth within the community.

## Adopt A Community Grant Impact and Achievements

Our commitment to serving the Anne Arundel community has consistently exceeded expectations. Initially set up with the goal of aiding 50 families annually, our programs have proven to be incredibly impactful. Over the past year FY22 alone, we have tripled our outreach, assisting 177 families. By offering classes virtually, we have removed barriers such as transportation and scheduling conflicts, which often hinder individuals from accessing educational opportunities.

One of the many success stories from our program is that of Apriel Dorsey, a 32-year-old mother of six. Through our support, Apriel earned her GED and is now on a path to further her education at Anne Arundel Community College as physical therapist. We just celebrated her GED ceremony at City Hall where she was given citations by Mayor Gavin Buckley, County Executive Stuart Pittman and Governor Wes Moore.

Thank you,

Jesse Raudales

Executive Director



Please join us for a graduation party honoring  
**APRIEL DORSEY**  
July 8th, 2024 at 11am



Annapolis City Hall  
160 Duke of Gloucester St, Annapolis MD, 21401





# One Annapolis Inc.

## One Annapolis Grant Review Report



### Adopt a Community Grant

Empowering Community Leaders

One Annapolis is extremely grateful for the support from the City of Annapolis' Office of Community Services to empower community leaders in some of our most vulnerable neighborhoods. Your generous and continued support is creating impactful change, one community at a time.



#### Projects Outcome

20+

Native Plants Installed in Eastport Community

#### Peace of Mind Garden Club

Project Leader Toccara Bridgers planted over 20 native perennials throughout the Eastport community, most notably in the revived Eastport Community Garden.

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The Bywater Community Garden is in its 4th growing season

#### Bywater Community Garden

The Bywater Community Garden boasts over 10 varieties of vegetable plants and herbs, in addition to a dozen native pollinators.

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60 students and families will benefit from the One Annapolis 21st Community Learning Center

#### Operating Funds

Operational support for One Annapolis allowed us to apply/qualify for a large grant from the Maryland State Dept. of Education that will establish a 21st Century Community Learning Center at Annapolis Middle School.

#### Future Impact



This summer, One Annapolis will support the Peace of Mind Garden Party in Eastport and the Bywater Backpack Giveaway in Bywater Mutual Homes.

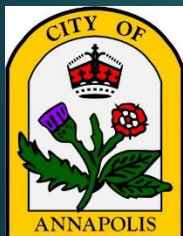
#### One Annapolis, Inc

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#### FY 24 Funding

\$10,000

Grants





# Organization of Hispanic/Latin Americans of Anne Arundel County OHLA

Project Synopsis for FY25: Expanding Hispanic Needs Assessment and Services in Annapolis

### About OHLA

OHLA is an Annapolis-based nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering the Immigrant and Hispanic/Latinx community through direct services, policy advocacy, and research. With 25 years of demonstrated success, our mission is to bridge the gap between underserved populations and the resources they need to thrive. We specialize in providing culturally competent solutions to effectively engage and support the Hispanic/Latinx and Immigrant community.

In Annapolis, the Hispanic population is largely a vulnerable underserved community. Current census statistics show that 22.7% of the Annapolis population is Hispanic, and that the Hispanic/Latinos are the fastest growing community in the State and across the country, yet agencies are delayed in their ability to provide integral services that can readily meet the demand of this fast growing community. Our organization provides many of the direct services needed in Spanish to the community, while also compiling data and researching information in order to better serve and advocate for the community.

Building upon the FY24 final report presented to the City of Annapolis, our FY25 project aims to provide wrap around services to 100 neighbors and establish a community presence through tabling opportunities, and conduct a comprehensive city-wide assessment of Hispanic community needs in Annapolis. The primary objective is to produce a detailed report that will serve as a critical resource for understanding and addressing the diverse needs of the Hispanic population across the city and inform decision makers on current trends and urgencies as reported by the community.

### Project Implementation

Our activities will include the following:

**Weekly bilingual presence:** We will develop a consistent weekend resource table to engage with the Latino community, connecting with at least 200 neighbors throughout the grant period.

**Wrap-around services:** Our team will provide comprehensive support to 100 Latino residents within the scope of the grant period. This support will encompass social services, legal consultations, and access to healthcare and mental health programs.

**Collaboration with property management:** We will reach out to each apartment complex that has high Latino population rates and work with the property management companies to develop activities as they will allow. These activities will aim to build community cohesion, foster trust, and empower the residents.

**Data collection and analysis:** OHLA will publish a report with data collected throughout the grant period to highlight the critical needs established by the community.

### Key Components:

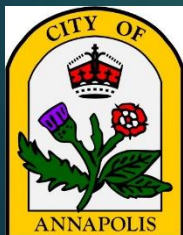
1. **Community Engagement and Outreach:** Expand outreach efforts to engage a broader representation of the Hispanic community, including those from different socio-economic backgrounds and geographic areas within Annapolis.
2. **Data Collection and Analysis:** Utilize qualitative and quantitative methods to gather comprehensive data on various aspects such as healthcare access, education, housing, employment, cultural integration, and social services utilization among Hispanics.
3. **Stakeholder Collaboration:** Partner with local organizations, community leaders, businesses, and governmental agencies to ensure a collaborative approach in data collection and interpretation.
4. **Cultural Competency Training:** Provide training sessions for stakeholders involved in data collection to ensure cultural sensitivity and effective engagement with the Hispanic community and present data collected to the City Council.
5. **Report Compilation and Publication:** Compile findings into a detailed report that outlines key needs, challenges, and recommendations for addressing gaps in services and support for Hispanics in Annapolis.
6. **Dissemination and Advocacy:** Develop strategies for disseminating the report to policymakers, service providers, and community members to advocate for targeted interventions and policy changes.

### Expected Outcomes:

- **Enhanced Understanding:** Provide a nuanced understanding of the diverse needs and challenges faced by the Hispanic population in Annapolis.
- **Policy Recommendations:** Generate actionable recommendations to improve access to services and promote equity and inclusion for Hispanics.
- **Community Empowerment:** Empower the Hispanic community by amplifying their voices and advocating for resources that address their identified needs.

### Impact:

The FY25 project seeks to build upon the foundation laid in FY24 by expanding the scope to encompass the entire city of Annapolis. By doing so, it aims to foster a more inclusive and supportive environment where all residents, including Hispanics, can thrive. The final report will serve as a crucial tool for guiding future initiatives and policies aimed at addressing the unique needs of the Hispanic community in Annapolis.



# Street Angel-Yard to Table

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## Yard to Table Project

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July 2024

### Garden Boxes

The City of Annapolis Adopt a Community Grant has enabled the Street Angel Project to install 26 wooden garden boxes in the Greater Clay Street Community so far, with 6 more boxes to be delivered there in August.

Residents are growing their own fresh, organic produce which helps them overcome food

insecurity and improve their diets. The boxes are table height, and come with the box, soil, a cover, watering can, spray bottle, fertilizer, instructions, a book, gardening tools, gloves and a reusable bag to keep all the supplies organized. We install it with the family and help plant it with flowers, herbs, and/or vegetables. A free seed library is being established on Clay Street so residents can take seeds/leave seeds.



In addition to the wooden boxes installed in the Clay Street Community, we are also installing up to 30 vinyl boxes in the Bywater Community. Four boxes are scheduled to be delivered there in mid-August, with orders to be taken for the additional 26 boxes on a first-come/first-serve basis. The vinyl boxes will come with the same supplies as the wooden boxes, and a free seed library will also be established there. Delivery includes a class on how to maintain the box.



This project is being administered through the Street Angel Project. For more information, please contact Lori Miller at: [loripmiller@yahoo.com](mailto:loripmiller@yahoo.com).





# Zetta Gamma Foundation

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## Zeta Gamma Foundation 11 July 2024

### Zeta Gamma Foundation is grateful for the investment of the Annapolis City Government.

Zeta Gamma Foundation working with the Co-Advisors of the Black Student Union at Annapolis High School assisted in the taking of 50 students on a journey to New York City on May 29<sup>th</sup> to see the historical remake of a timeless classic *The Wiz* on Broadway. Students were able to explore the sights and sounds of Times Square as well as engage in an educational talk arranged by Zeta Gamma Foundation with working professional actors. This experience was made possible by the support of The Office of Equity at Anne Arundel County Public Schools and the Zeta Gamma Foundation.



Zeta Gamma Foundation is utilizing the remainder of the Grant for SAT preparation for approximately 20 students of the AVID and BSU at Annapolis High School. The program runs weekly with in person sessions on Tuesdays and virtual drop in sessions on Thursdays. One on one virtually with the instructors is provided weekly as needed. The program began on June 18<sup>th</sup> with a Parent/Student introductory session. The program runs weekly from June 18<sup>th</sup> to August 13<sup>th</sup>. Student Scholars will take the SAT on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Zeta Gamma's goal is to show a significant improvement over the SAT scores of the Scholars taken during the previous school year. We are tracking those scores and plan to assess percentage improvement for those Scholars. As a celebration of completion of the program and taking of the SAT exam, Zeta Gamma plans to host an outing to see a Baltimore Orioles game shortly before or after the SAT exam date.



Respectfully Submitted,  
John C. Dove, Jr. -Zeta Gamma SAC



# Restoration Community Development Corporation

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# Adopt a Community Grants

## Summary

- ▶ 10 proposals totaling \$ 200,000

