

FY2020 Community Grant Program Applicant Project Summaries

Annapolis, London Town & South County Heritage Area, Inc. (ALTSCHA, Inc.) aka Four Rivers Heritage Area

Funding Request: \$28,000 Recommended \$28,000

Funding enables ALSCHA to carry out administration, fund-raising, grant management including state (MHAA) grants to area organizations, a mini-grant program, and programs that benefit all area heritage organizations, including a Site Directors' Summit, Workshops, the annual collaborative Maryland Day Event and the Heritage Awards program. ALSCHA serves as the "local management entity" for MHAA (Maryland Heritage Areas Authority) grant applications submitted by profit and non-profit heritage related organizations in this region. ALTSCHA will use the City's support to serve as an active and effective Management Entity for the Heritage Area.

Bates Legacy Center (BLC)

Funding Request: \$28,000 Recommended \$28,000

The programs and projects of the Bates Legacy Center (BLC) are designed to preserve the history of Mr. Wiley H. Bates, the school, teachers, staff, students and the role that the school has historically played within the broader community. Program objectives are satisfied through quality research, exhibits, publications, documentary films, oral histories and other educational and cultural programs. The grant funds would be used to help underwrite the operating cost and to expand the operating hours to allow the BLC to better serve its Annapolis clients. The funding would also be used towards the development of the BLC's permanent exhibit focusing on the life and times of Mr. Wiley H. Bates. A portion of the funding will be used to subsidize the rental fees of non-profit Annapolis Community based organizations using the facility and to purchase and replace office and computer equipment. An application was not submitted for the project. We do not have an application for this.

Anne Arundel Community Action Agency- Annapolis Youth Services Bureau (AYSB)

Funding Request: \$30,000 Recommended \$15,000

The AYSB provides formal and informal counseling services for individuals, families, and groups targeting issues of anger management, decision-making, depression, and overly aggressive and risky behaviors. The counselors help children and families learn effective life skills. CAA uses the grant funds for operational costs, salaries and supplies. The goal of the AYSB is to serve 25 informal and 30 formal status clients for

the project. The YSB will also be facilitating a Life Skills training program projected to serve 10-12 young males (9-12 years of age) for a minimum of three sessions.

Annapolis Film Festival

Funding Request: \$25,000 Recommended \$15,000

From the beginning, the mission and vision for the Annapolis Film Festival is to be “walkable, affordable, and accessible to everyone in the community.” The greatest challenge is that there are no theatres in the downtown area. Theatres must be built every year to make the festival happen. All of this is done to keep the tourists and filmgoers in the historic arts district downtown. The AFF has transformed Annapolis from just being the Capital of Maryland known as a sailing, boating and historic destination, to an acclaimed arts city known internationally for its diversity, charm and film festival. Funds will be used for festival office and overhead, staffing, programming, advertising, and especially to increase cinema projection capability.

Annapolis Maker Space

Funding Request: \$18,000 Recommended \$0.

The Annapolis Makerspace Inc. (AMS) was founded in 2017 as a volunteer run non-profit to provide a shared workspace, machinery, technology and tools for its members, and to educate the community makers on a variety of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics) related topics. Maker culture emphasizes learning-through-doing (active learning) in a social environment and emphasizes informal, networked, peer-led, and shared learning motivated by fun and self-fulfillment. Currently, volunteers at the makerspace hosts free weekly workshops for public. They are operating actively with 47 paying members. Annapolis Makerspace is applying for an operating grant of \$18,000 from the City of Annapolis to supplement its operating budget.

Annapolis Maritime Museum

Funding Request: \$20,000 Recommended \$7,000

The Annapolis Maritime Museum’s mission is to educate youth and adults about the Annapolis area’s rich maritime heritage and the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay through programs, exhibits and community events. AMM will use the city grant to fabricate and install a portion of a new permanent exhibit entitled "Our Changing Waterfront". The new permanent exhibit will focus on the cultural heritage of the Chesapeake Bay that is slowly fading from modern memory.

Annapolis Wellness Corp., (Wellness House Cancer Care and Support)

Funding Request: \$21,950 Recommended \$5,000

The Wellness House provides support, education, and services to help individuals and families who have been touched by cancer recover their health and well-being in a home-like environment. Wellness House will use city grant funds to purchase materials and supplies, printing and postage for outreach and public relations, furniture for member comfort and programming. These purchases will enable WH to continue to provide psychosocial non-medical support free of charge to those who have cancer themselves or are impacted by the cancer of loved ones, regardless of their socioeconomic status. The Wellness House is the only local organization that provides non-medical support without charge to adults and children diagnosed with or affected by cancer, their families and caregivers.

Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services (DSS)

Funding Request: \$20,000 Recommended \$15,000

Many people who are experiencing chronic homelessness have an untreated mental illness, substance use problems or serious chronic health conditions. DSS formed the Homeless Outreach Team in late 2016 to serve this population by providing continuing case management. The purpose is to reduce cold weather deaths and chronic homelessness by increasing access to services, shelter and other permanent housing opportunities. Outreach workers visit known and reported homeless camps, identify individuals experiencing homelessness, address any unmet emergency needs, make service referrals and offer to continuously manage their case. With the team's assistance, since late fall 2016, 80 formerly homeless individuals have successfully transitioned to permanent housing. The outreach team assisted these clients with the housing application, the referral process and the time-consuming follow up necessary to help them transition to housing. The Homeless Outreach Team presently provides ongoing case management services to 74 individuals experiencing homelessness, 17 of which are within the Annapolis City limits. The grant will be used to fund a portion of one full-time outreach worker.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County

Funding Request: \$8,733 Recommended \$7,000

Boys & Girls Clubs of Annapolis & AACo provide a Summer Initiative: Summer Brain Gain, which is a 6-week summer reading program designed to enhance and reinforce literacy skills and help prevent summer reading loss. Around 300 children, in grade

level groups (1-3), (3-5), and (6-8), will read a new book each week and complete supporting activities associated with the book that ignite inquiry and highlight the theme of the book. The students should gain knowledge, develop higher-order thinking skills and help eliminate the “summer slide.” The Programs are offered at Admiral Oaks, Bates and Bywater. Grant funds are used for salaries, books, printing, materials and licenses.

Center of Help, Inc.

Funding Request: \$25,000 Recommended \$13,000

The Center of Help (COH) assists Hispanic-Latinos and other immigrants socially, educationally, and economically to become contributive citizens in the Anne Arundel County community. The Center's Building Lives for New Americans Project encompasses the varied assistance services and educational programs we offer year-round. Individuals served by COH arrive in the U.S. not prepared to navigate the local education, legal, health, and other systems and are low income, have limited education, and little or no knowledge of English. They expect to serve 3,000 individuals during FY 2020. The City funds will assist with operating expenses such as salaries for case workers who provide direct assistance to clients; rent for Gardner Center office and Maria de la Paz location where case management, education, and ongoing assistance takes place; utilities; and office supplies.

Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating (CRAB)

Funding request: \$3,000 Recommended \$3,000

Annapolis is a city with some of the highest and lowest income concentration levels in the state. That areas of concentrated poverty negatively affect the growth and life outcomes of our younger residents is a persistent issue. The students in the CRAB summer sailing camps attend schools with the lowest student achievement and success scores for area children. Chesapeake Region Accessible Boating kids summer camps are designed to bring to students from these areas of concentrated poverty a new addition to their "experiences toolbox" -in the same way that students who live in high-income areas build their experiences toolbox. Additionally, the program is held in co-operation with the Annapolis City Police Department. The bonding experience provided by sailing together as a team is a key component of the Annapolis City Police Department's Community Program goal of building trust in the communities they serve. City grant funds will be used to fund staff, transportation support, and materials for the camp program at Sandy Point State Park. The summer camp will serve eighteen students aged 6 to 16 and 6 police officers.

Compass Rose Theater

Funding Request: \$10,000 Recommended \$2,500

Compass Rose Theater will use grant funds provide theater classes, workshops, and performances for students who cannot afford to pay. The workshops and classes build self-esteem, create team-working skills and help students learn how to speak in front of a group. Classes are offered after school and on weekends during the school year. Compass Rose expects to have 50 student participants.

Community Health Center at Parole

Funding Request: \$30,000 Recommended \$24,000

The Community Health Center at Parole, Inc. owns the building located at 1950 Drew Street, Annapolis, MD. The building currently houses the Anne Arundel County Health Department's Parole Health Center ("Parole Health Center") on the second floor and Wellspring Therapy, LLC, on the ground floor. Wellspring Therapy, LLC provides speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, and literacy support for pre-school children. The building is in need of repairs to ensure the property is maintained for the safety of the clientele, to remain compliant with federal and local handicap accessibility laws and to remain in compliance with the City of Annapolis historic preservation guidelines. The funds will be used for updated security lighting, handicapped accessible sidewalks with railings, replacement of Wellspring Therapy, LLC entry door, re-striping the parking lot, power washing and painting of building and repairs to the Historic Marker.

Creating Communities, Inc.

Funding Request: \$10,000 Recommended \$8,000

Creating Communities delivers cultural arts programming to young people from low-income families in Annapolis. Creating Communities partners with communities, nonprofit organizations and schools to provide direct access to the arts to low-income children through mentoring and innovative programs. Low-income youth that participate in arts programming develop key skills (artistic, problem solving and expressive) and developmental assets (self-esteem, supportive relationships and the ability to resolve conflicts) that lead to longer-term outcomes that prepare them for college, work and life. Creating Communities will use grant funds its youth arts programs serving approximately 650 students.

Feed a Healthy Mind, Inc.

Funding Request: \$15,000 Recommended \$4,000

Feed a Healthy Mind will be holding weekly classes for residents of Obery Court, teaching the importance of healthy eating, nutrition, cooking and fitness and providing ongoing feeding programs for the children of the community. Highlights of program include cooking lessons, lessons in healthy ways to use social service dollars for food, Make-it/Take-it food preps, fitness instruction and a community garden. This program addresses food insecurity, childhood diabetes and childhood obesity. The goal is to serve 100 people per week throughout the year. The goal is to expand the program into other Section 8 communities in the future. Grant funds will be used to purchase ingredients and supplies.

Gardens for Heroes

Funding Request: \$25,000 Recommended \$0

Gardens for Heroes (GFH), is a 501 C-3 organization dedicated to building therapeutic gardens and delivering multidiscipline therapies on site to meet the complex needs facing veterans, their families, and caregivers living in our community. These needs include suicide, depression, PTSD, traumatic brain injury, chronic pain, addiction, amputation, isolation, and reintegration. Clinical research conducted by NIH, Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Uniformed Services University and the American Horticulture Therapy Association all support the positive effect these gardens have on this target population. GFH is building a therapeutic garden in partnership with Homestead Gardens in Davidsonville, Maryland. Funds will be used for design, marketing and outreach to Annapolis veterans and family.

He Opens Paths to Everyone, Inc. (HOPE for All)

Funding Request: \$12,000 Recommended \$10,000

Living with homelessness impacts many people: Single moms, Parents, Grandparents caring for grandchildren, Seniors, Veterans, Adults with Disabilities, Adults in Recovery, Families who have lost homes due to fires, Families taking care of very sick children, Young adults, etc., who also struggle with dire poverty. Through our Turning Houses into Homes Program, HOPE for All provides beds and basic goods at non-monetary cost. About 60-65 of these households represent Annapolis residents. They will use the grant funds help with the purchases of beds, basic furniture, and clothing and to support the processing/deliveries of beds/basic goods to 35-40 Annapolis households in need.

Heritage Baptist Church-Backpack Buddies

Funding Request: \$3,500 Recommended \$3,500

Heritage Baptist Church provides weekend supplemental food for children in two city public elementary schools, Georgetown East and Mills/Parole, designated by the schools as benefitting from this extra nourishment when not in school. The program bridges the gap between lunch at school on Friday and breakfast at school on Monday. Volunteers operate the program, which is completely funded through grants and contributions. Grant funds are used solely for the purchase of food.

Langton Green

Funding: \$3,792 Recommended \$0

Funds will be used to transport healthy fruit and vegetables (Community Support Agriculture shares) from Langton Green's Community Farm to vulnerable adults who have developmental and intellectual disabilities and who reside in Annapolis zip codes 21401 and 21403. As a result, at least 100 Langton Green residents will have access to fresh local produce that otherwise tends to be reserved for populations that are more affluent. In addition, additional non-profits such as the Lighthouse Shelter may benefit from surplus produce.

The Light House, Inc.

Funding Request: \$45,000 Recommended \$20,000

The Light House's newly renovated Safe Harbour Resource Center provides prevention and diversion services to people who are at risk of homelessness and unsheltered homeless. SHRC services include counseling, goal setting, success/service plans, eligibility determination for government and other benefits, referrals to needed services available at The Light House or offered by other service providers. They also provide direct assistance for rent, eviction assistance or other direct expenses such as medical needs (co-payments, prescription and non-prescription medication, eyeglasses, and dental needs) and non-medical needs (including fees for obtaining vital documents and transportation costs), otherwise creating a barrier for housing, showers, laundry, clothing, toiletries, hot meals, bagged lunches, client pantry program, fresh market. The Light House expects to serve 615 unduplicated people through the program. Grant funds will partially pay the Prevention and Diversion Specialist and Community Assistant's salaries and housing assistance that helps prevent or end homelessness for our clients.

The Mu Rho Uplift Foundation

Funding Request: \$50,000 Recommended \$6,000

The Mu Rho Uplift Foundation, a fraternal organization and Asbury Methodist Church are renovating two (2) rooms of the Church to create the Bishop Edgar Amos Love (BEAL) Conference Center which will provides much needed conference and meeting space for Annapolis. The Church is also a venue for community and business activities that sustain and promote the character of the city such as the Annapolis Film Festival, the Annapolis Opera, rehearsal and performance venues, numerous concert performances, weekly "soup" kitchens and grocery giveaways, winter relief for the homeless, and other events such as Alcoholics Anonymous Asbury, Kunta Kinta -Alex Haley Foundation, Inc., rehearsal space for choirs, bands performing at events and venues around the city, county and state and Local 7 which represents hotel, gaming and food service workers throughout Maryland.

Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts

Funding Request: \$40,000 Recommended \$20,000

Maryland Hall's mission statement is "Art for All," to make the arts affordable, accessible and available to our entire community. Maryland Hall provides performances, art exhibits and classes, and supports extensive outreach/scholarship programs for minority individuals. Funding will be used to offset the operational costs of planning and implementation of the events.

OIC of AAC, Inc.

Funding Request: \$40,000 Recommended \$15,000

OIC is an employment-oriented adult basic education service. These services consist of evening GED Preparation, Computer Classes and ESOL programs. OIC maintains high rates of enrollment, retention and completion in courses available. These courses increase job readiness and education level for low-income city residents. Estimated cost per student is \$460.00, but all classes are free to the participants. The grant funds will be used in support of the programs listed above, with the intention of serving between 50 - 75 participants.

Partners in Care

Funding Request: \$10,000 Recommended \$3,000

Partners in Care, Inc. provides programs and services that support the independence of older adults. The grant funds will be used to continue the Ride Partners program

that provides arm-in-arm transportation for older adults throughout Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. The grant would support coordination of the program for zip codes 21401, 21402, 21403, 21404. In FY 2018, PIC provided 1018 trips to 61 Annapolis residents at no monetary cost.

Restoration Community Development Corporation

Funding Request: \$30,000 Recommended \$15,000

The Restoration Community Development Corporation (RCDC) mission is to ensure quality community service programs that empower, strengthen and preserve families. RCDC provides an Alternative in Music (AIM) program for 12-15 disconnected youth, ages 12-18, who attend Annapolis Middle, Bates Middle and Annapolis Senior High School. The program is prevention and intervention for substance use, and alcohol use. They work with community, HACA, Anne Arundel County School, Anne Arundel County Health and Police department and families who will identify students who have the potential for substance and alcohol, mental health, homelessness, academic struggles. RCDC maintains the H2O 4 Life Adolescent Recovery Clubhouse in Robinwood and provides peer support, substance and alcohol abuse education, gang violence, mentoring, literacy, employability soft skills, character, education financial management, budgeting skills, college sites, computer skills, vocational, recreational, creative expression, connections to summer employment during school vacation, if they are of age.

Start the Adventure in Reading (STAIR)

Funding Request: \$8,500 Recommended \$7,500

Start The Adventure In Reading (STAIR) -Annapolis, Inc. focuses on reading! STAIR is a successful, proven early intervention-reading program for at-risk 2nd grade students. The school reading specialists identifies students as reading below grade level and at risk for future failure. Each STAIR student receives one-on-one tutoring twice a week after school from the same STAIR-trained adult tutor from late September through May. During the 2019 - 2020 school year, they expect to serve 100 students. Will use grant funds for operating expenses including salaries, training a strong volunteer force to support STAIR students, to purchase books, curriculum, and supplies.

We Care and Friends, Inc.

Funding Request: \$40,500 Recommended \$36,000

We Care and Friends, Inc. serves as a last resort for when people have reached an impasse with other social service organizations in Annapolis and Anne Arundel County. Their programs fall into four main categories: substance abuse treatment, services for the homeless, programs for at risk youth, and community building programs. The requested grant funds would be used for substance abuse treatment and services for the homeless. We Care and Friends is the only local program that provides access to long-term treatment outside of the local area. We Care also provides escorts to medical and legal appointments and assistance with obtaining necessary documentation. We Care provides short-term hotel stays for people without shelter, most often in extreme weather or circumstances. Staff also provides counseling and housing assistance. Funds are also included for emergency shelter at the Stanton Center.

\$7,500 FUNDED IN THE SPECIAL PROJECT'S BUDGET

Kunta Kinte-Alex Haley Foundation, Inc.

Funding Request: \$10,500 Recommended \$7,000

The mission of the Kunta Kinte-Alex Haley Foundation is to promote Alex Haley's vision of a world that values and celebrates racial and ethnic diversity while honoring humankind's common, universal experiences. The Foundation's goals include improving the Foundation's capacity and sustainability; providing quality genealogy/history resources and opportunities for the Annapolis community; and providing oversight, care, and maintenance of the Alex Haley Memorial at the Annapolis City Dock. Grant funds will be used to maintain the Alex Haley Memorial, sponsor a public ceremony for attendees to commemorate the annual arrival of Kunta Kinte in Annapolis on September 29, 1767, on board the slave ship "Lord Ligonier", increase outreach and access to genealogy and historical information by updating the Foundation's website and maintaining the Foundation's local history and genealogy research and Resource Center to provide free public access.