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Public Service Projects

Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency (AACAA)

Funding Request: \$10,000 Recommended \$4,000

CDBG funding enables AACAA to carry out its Housing Counseling project which consists of: 1) homeless prevention activities that help customers find a new house or remain in their current home; 2) counselors working with families to develop and implement Self-Sufficiency Plans for customers; 3) counseling for first time home buyers and renters; 4) counseling for those facing mortgage default and help with foreclosure mitigation; and 5) eviction prevention services, which provide counseling and resources to prevent homelessness.

In addition, AACCA will acquire and analyze credit reports to determine if customers have credit problems that need to be addressed, and conduct credit repair and financial management workshops to assist customers in eradicating their issues.

Blessed in Tech Ministries (BITM)

Funding Request: \$7,500 Recommended \$4,000

Blessed in Tech Ministries plans to work with unaccompanied youth and first-time offenders to help them avoid a life of crime. BITM will provide empowerment seminars, counseling, resource referrals, training, and mentoring. They have partnered with the community social worker at the Woodside Gardens/Newtowne 20 Community and the Juvenile Detention System to aide in this endeavor. Through its mentorship program, BITM is able to connect with youth early to ensure the proper steps are taken that result in positive outcomes to combat recidivism. This program also helps the homeless by providing them opportunities to get off the streets, through a coordinated effort of partnering with agencies and organizations that provide Rapid Re-Housing, Housing First and Permanent Supportive Housing. They have also joined with the Partnership for Families, Youth and Children to provide education, job search and employment. BITM also administers Winter Relief efforts at the Stanton Center.

Boys and Girls Clubs of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County (BGCAA)

Funding Request: \$9,000 Recommended \$4,000

This funding request for the Boys & Girls Club at Bywater, located at 1903 Copeland Street in Annapolis, is to continue its critical work of providing a safe and accessible facility and life-changing programs for youth every day after school until 7pm during school breaks and for an 8 week Summer Camp. The Clubhouse follows the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's FORMULA FOR IMPACT which focuses on young people who are most in need, providing them with an outcome-driven Club experience with priority outcomes in Academic Success, Good Character/Leadership, and Healthy Lifestyles.

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Center of Help

Funding Request: \$26,000 Recommended \$8,500

CDBG funds will be used to provide a Case Navigation Program. Case Navigation combines prevention and intervention when serving clients because emergency needs are met. Case navigators are trained to educate clients throughout the process by providing information and teaching skills necessary to solve problems on their own in the future. Case navigators are highly skilled in guiding clients in navigating government systems and connecting them to resources in the path to self-sufficiency, and empowering clients to advocate for themselves. The program provides for language access to healthcare and government services, minimizes abuse and discrimination by employers, landlords, and others in the community, supports survivors of domestic violence, and assists families in crisis.

Light House Shelter

Funding Request: \$15,000 Recommended \$6,000

CDBG funds will be used to support case management services. The Case Management staff connect clients to support services available in-house at The Light House's 10 Hudson Street facility, and to mainstream benefits and services through the local coordinated assessment process. The Light House services include: mental health and addiction services, parenting and life skills classes, GED preparation, workforce development training, financial literacy and credit counseling, job training, transportation vouchers, direct financial assistance for emergency needs, health education and care access assistance, legal counseling and childcare. The Light House collaborates with over 50 public and private organizations to provide innovative wraparound services and support to its clients.

Organization of Hispanic/Latin Americans of Anne Arundel County (OHLA)

Funding Request: \$3,000 Recommended \$1,500

OHLA's Program provides free-of-charge assistance, information and referrals to help clients resolve a wide range of issues. OHLA personnel are fluent in both Spanish and English and provide assistance in Spanish to the overwhelming majority of clients who are not fluent in English. OHLA staff also has the skills and knowledge to help on the many matters facing clients. During the pandemic OHLA conducts the Program by telephone from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Mon - Thurs. OHLA assists clients to prepare applications for food stamps, Medicaid insurance, and other assistance. OHLA personnel help clients in responding to caseworker inquiries and resolving their inquiries on the status of their applications. OHLA also provides help with applications to other agencies regarding immigration, child support, school matters, and passports.

OIC of Anne Arundel County (OIC)

Funding Request: \$ 30,000 Recommended \$8,342

OIC provides training to increase the job readiness and education level for low income city residents. OIC also provides English training to the ever increasing number of immigrants who need to be able to effectively communicate if they are to obtain career ladder type jobs. OIC, with funding

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support, takes individuals who were previously a drain on city resources to make them tax paying members of the community.

Restoration Community Development Corporation (RCDC)

Funding Request: \$20,000 Recommended \$8,500

RCDC has created an environment, the H2O Club House that is more attractive and stimulating than the streets: Its Outreach team and Peer Support Specialist meet the youth where they are, within their context and judgment. They then develop individualized action plans (IAP). The Clubhouse will provide 8 hours of recovery and life skills for, at least 30 youth and their families each month. The program runs year around. RCDC, also provides community open house to share program objectives and goals and outcomes, annual citywide symposium hosted at Pip Moyer (annual attendance each year has been 200-300) participants and vendors who provide supportive services and training ranging, education to health.

Capital Projects

The ARC of the Central Chesapeake Region

Funding Request: \$44,600 Recommended \$44,600

This project retains four quality affordable units for people with a disability residing within the city. Five of the people who currently occupy this rental home have lived there for over 20 years. The Arc's previous renovations vastly improved the living conditions and made the home more accessible to the residents with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities. Funding from CDBG will be used to support the needed renovations outlined below:

- Address settlement cracks in the brick to include demolition, concrete and masonry work
- Remove two sliding doors, infill openings with brick and install windows
- Install two new doors
- Remove existing siding and louver and install hardy board siding
- Paint exterior brick, doors, frames, windows, railings and shutters
- Remove and install new gutters, downspouts, fascia and soffit
- Replace disturbed landscaping

Arundel Lodge, Inc.

Funding Request: \$15,242 Recommended \$15,242

Arundel Lodge is a Community Behavioral Health Center that provides psychiatric rehabilitation programs including a Day Program with life-skills classes and hot meals; a Supportive Living Program which provides services off-site to persons living in their own homes or with their family; a Health Home which identifies and addresses all of participants behavioral and somatic health needs; and a Residential Rehabilitation Program with 32 homes in the community that up to 110 community members with behavioral health disorders call home. Arundel Lodge owns 4 group homes on Bay Ridge Avenue, 1790, 1792, 1794 and 1796 in Annapolis which were built in 1970's. Arundel Lodge purchased the homes in 1988. The roofs on these homes have been repaired several times and were last replaced in 2004. The two roofs are in need of replacement.

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Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA) Morris H. Blum Senior Apts.

Funding request: \$100,000 Recommended \$100,000

Morris H. Blum, also known as Glenwood, is a 154-unit, 8-story senior apartment building constructed around 1976 for public housing residents. It has 92 efficiencies, 56 1-BR units, and 6 2-BR units located on approximately 2.4 acres at 701 Glenwood Street in Annapolis, Maryland. HACA is currently involved in the planning stages of repositioning this property through various HUD financing instruments. Receipt of the CDBG grant would play a small but crucial role of gap funding for the larger substantial rehabilitation project. The property, once rehabilitated, will continue to service HACA low-income residents but will convert the operational stream of funding from the Section 9 to the Section 8 platform. The CDBG grant will directly allow for the design and construction cost of new building systems and contribute to the overall capital stack required to accomplish the ambitious and comprehensive building renovation. HACA and its development partner will be seeking 4% Low Income Housing Tax Credits, permanent debt financing, and additional state, local, and national grant funding to complete the project. Rehabilitation work is anticipated to begin in early 2022.

Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA) Robinwood

Funding Request: \$100,000 Recommended \$34,474

Robinwood is a 150-unit apartment building constructed in 1970 for public housing residents. It has 126 3-BR, 20 4-BR, and 4 5-BR units and a community center located at 1386 Tyler Avenue in Annapolis, Maryland. Due to the larger unit size, this property serves HACA's larger families numbering just over 400 residents.

At the time the project was constructed, central air conditioning was not a standard installation item. Each unit in the project was constructed to contain 1 window unit. Today, many residents need a window unit in each bedroom, the inefficiency and improper placement of which causes a myriad of other indoor air quality issues, especially in the summer. The small bathrooms have no ventilation except for small windows within the tub/shower enclosure itself. Since 2019, HACA has received some grant funding from the state to install central air conditioning, bath fans, new water heaters and additional attic insulation through weatherization grants. This funding source has provided funding to perform the updates to about half of the units, but due to funding limitations, the grant cannot pay for the remaining units. The Housing Authority of the City of Annapolis (HACA) wishes to complete the installation central air and other important energy efficient and indoor air quality upgrades by leveraging this CDBG grant with HACA's Capital Funds

Administration and Fair Housing

CDBG funds will be used for general management, oversight and coordination, monitoring, and evaluation. Funds will also be used for fair housing activities. Provision of fair housing services designed to further the fair housing objectives of the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-20), such as housing enforcement, education, and outreach activities; and other activities designed to further the housing objective of avoiding undue concentrations of assisted persons in areas containing a high proportion of low and moderate income persons.