



Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to present to you the 2011 Maryland Governor's Grants Office Annual Report. As part of our efforts to keep Maryland State government open and accountable, this report contains details about how your federal tax dollars are flowing back to the State of Maryland and being put to work for you.

The State Grants Team, under the direction of the Governor's Grants Office, works to find, win, and manage federal grants, and with great success. This Annual Report describes the 520 federal grants that brought in approximately \$10.3 billion to Maryland state agencies, an all-time high, during FY 2011.

I am particularly pleased that even with recent budget constraints, Maryland state agencies are concentrating our grant seeking efforts in ways that move Maryland forward. This year, 69.5% of the federal grants address at least one of my 15 goals, an increase from last year's 51.4%. This shows that not only are we competing effectively for federal grant dollars, but we are also pursuing funds that will have the largest possible impact on the greatest number of Maryland citizens. In this report, state agencies describes the source of federal funds and how those funds are being spent to improve the lives of Marylanders.

The largest new grant we received this year is the Race-to-the-Top funding that our State competitively won: \$124 million in FY 11, with another \$25 million anticipated in FY 12. And, led by Lt. Governor Anthony Brown, The Health Care Affordability Act (also known as Health Care Reform) resulted in several new, first time federal grants to different state agencies as well as to Maryland organizations outside of state government.

To date, the Governor's Grants Office has educated thousands of Marylanders. As always, I encourage you to seek the advice of the Governor's Grants Office and attend some of their free webinar training sessions on a wide range of grant related subjects. And, I hope you can attend the Governor's Grants Conference on September 12, 2011 at UMUC Inn and Conference Center in Adelphi.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin O'Malley".

Martin O'Malley
Governor