

# RURAL MARYLAND COUNCIL



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## MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND

### ANNUAL REPORT FY2018



# OVERVIEW

The Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF) is funded through the state of Maryland's Annual Operating Budget. MAERDAF provides small grants to nonprofit organizations and community colleges located in the State's rural areas. In Fiscal Year 2018, MAERDAF received \$680,917.00 in appropriations and awarded 34 grants to rural-serving organizations.

Nonprofit organizations and community colleges in our State's rural regions often lack the access to public and private sector philanthropic opportunities they need to obtain important programmatic and special project funding. Moreover, local governments, especially those in economically distressed rural regions do not have the financial wherewithal to fully address these important developmental needs; consequently, a serious resource deficit exists where the need has often been the greatest.

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## HISTORY

The Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF) was established in 2000 to offer financial assistance to rural nonprofit organizations that promote statewide and regional planning, economic and community development, and agricultural and forestry education. In addition, MAERDAF offers grants to community colleges that support small and agricultural businesses with enhanced training and technical assistance.

## FY2018 PROGRAM

The Rural Maryland Council was pleased to receive \$680,917.00 in a General Fund Appropriation for MAERDAF in Fiscal Year 2018. At the end of Fiscal Year 2017, there were \$0.00 in remaining funds from FY 2017 projects.

## MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS

MAERDAF grants supports small and agricultural businesses with enhanced training and technical assistance, and rural nonprofit organizations that promote statewide and regional planning, economic and community development, and agricultural and forestry education. In FY 2018, the average grant amount awarded was \$20,015.15.

During FY 2018, a total of 119 applications were submitted with a total of \$1,642,296.00 requested. A total of 34 grants totaling \$680,515.00 were distributed to 32 organizations. Of the total awarded grants, 25 were supported by RMPIF funds. The remainder of the grant awards were funded from FY18 MAERDAF funds appropriated through a separate line-item in the State's Operating Budget.

### FY2018 MAERDAF GRANTEES (RMPIF) FUNDED

AWARDEE	CATEGORY	REGION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT AWARDED	MATCH AMOUNT
Allegany Health Right, Inc.	Health Care	Western	\$19,900.00	\$19,900.00	\$137,200.00
Arundel Lodge, Inc.	Health Care	Eastern	\$29,951.00	\$29,951.00	\$0.00
Atlantic General Hospital	Health Care	Eastern	\$26,590.50	\$26,590.50	\$27,090.50
Bay Area for Independent Living	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$56,510.00
Bay Community Support Services, Inc.	Health Care	Southern	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$52,000.00
Caroline County Council for the Arts	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$15,100.00
Chesterwye Center, Inc.	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$770,781.00
Community Development Network of Maryland	Econ/Comm Dev	Statewide	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$127,500.00
Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center	Health	Eastern	\$29,966.00	\$15,120.00	\$0.00
End Hunger in Calvert County, Calvert Ca\$h	Econ/Comm Dev	Southern	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$8,700.00
End Hunger in Calvert County	Econ/Comm Dev	Southern	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$8,500.00
Farming 4 Hunger	Econ/Comm Dev	Southern	\$30,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$72,846.00

## FY2018 MAERDAF GRANTEES (RMPIF) FUNDED

AWARDEE	CATEGORY	REGION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT AWARDED	MATCH AWARDED
Friends of the Grape	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$160,000.00
Garrett County Memorial Hospital (Garrett Regional Medical Center)	Health	Western	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$10,000.00
Habitat for Humanity Choptank	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$26,625.00	\$26,625.00	\$456,447.00
Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area	Econ/Comm Dev	Western	\$35,263.00	\$11,800.00	\$21,839.00
Mental Health Association of the Eastern Shore	Health	Eastern	\$12,552.00	\$12,552.00	\$25,104.00
Philips Wharf Environmental Center	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$22,100.00	\$22,100.00	\$42,900.00
Preservation Maryland	Econ/Comm Dev	Statewide	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$65,000.00
Susquehanna Workforce Network	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$25,000.00	\$18,000.00	\$14,168.31
Tri-County Council Foundation	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$10,269.00	\$10,269.00	\$58,189.00
Washington County Comm. Action Council	Regional Planning	Western/ Eastern	\$29,600.00	\$29,600.00	\$91,207.00
Washington County Museum of Fine Arts	Econ/Comm Dev	Western	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$1,112,725.00
Western Maryland Resource Conservation & Dev. Council	Ag/Forestry	Western	\$17,380.00	\$17,380.00	\$76,961.00
Women Supporting Women	Health	Eastern	\$14,986.70	\$9,200.00	\$1,620.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$566,183.20</b>	<b>\$485,462.50</b>	<b>\$3,412,387.81</b>

## FY2018 MAERDAF GRANTEES BY REGION

### EASTERN SHORE

# of Grantees: 15

Total Awarded:

**\$286,676.34**

42% of funds awarded

### SOUTHERN MARYLAND

# of Grantees: 5

Total Awarded: **\$79,580.96**

12% of funds awarded

### WESTERN MARYLAND

# of Grantees: 8

Total Awarded: **\$173,118.00**

25% of funds awarded

### STATEWIDE

# of Grantees: 6

Total Awarded: **\$141,140.00**

21% of funds awarded

### TOTAL

**\$680,515.00**



## MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED)- SCOPES OF WORK

### Allegany Health Right

Amount Awarded - \$19,900.00

**Program:** Allegany Health Right improves the oral health for underserved, low income adults in Allegany and Garrett Counties. The dental care program works on prevention and improved oral health while also tackling the immediate dental needs of the target population.

**Summary:** The program focuses on adults with Medicaid or Medicare coverage as these health coverage plans include little or no dental care. The program works with community dentists, oral surgeons and the dental clinics at both the Allegany and Garrett County Health Departments. MAERDAF funding has provided for partial salary for a Dental Case Manager, and direct payment for dental treatment to dentists. **To date, 26 low-income individuals have received dental care treatment provided for with MAERDAF funds.**

### Arundel Lodge, Inc.

Amount Awarded - \$29,951.00

**Program:** Telemental health services (TMH) are particularly suited for treatment of deaf and hard of hearing (HOH) individuals, especially those who live in rural areas where not only is there limited access to mental health services in general, but an extreme scarcity of service providers who culturally and linguistically competent to provide services.

**Summary:** MAERDAF was used to expand the current platform for offering telemental health services to deaf and hard of hearing individuals who communicate using American Sign Language on the Eastern Shore. MAERDAF funding purchased HIPAA-compliant video software and a contract for technical support, and trained 2 staff members to use the video software platform; disseminated marketing materials to rural areas, including behavioral health and other providers, community members, and deaf-related agencies; recruited 10 new consumers to receive software-based teletherapy; and, established meetings face-to-face with consumers for the initial session to provide training on the software and establish schedule for regular therapy schedule. At the end of year 1, a consumer satisfaction survey will be conducted to inquire about accessibility to telemental health services.

# MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

## Atlantic General Hospital Association

Amount Awarded - \$26,590.50

**Program:** Atlantic General Hospital Association's mission is to create a coordinated care delivery system that will provide access to quality care, personalized service, and education to improve individual and community health.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funding provided support to Lower Eastern Shore area food banks to address the basic health needs of the homeless and transitional population and to help understand the nutritional value of foods, prepare diet specific food packages, and increase nutritional education to the recipients. Funding addressed the primary health needs of the homeless patients, those who are food insecure, and residents in the Diakonia Shelter, through early identification screening and increased access to primary care services. Specifically, MAERDAF funding provided for salary and fringe benefits for a part-time Community Health Worker (CHW), Telemedicine Coordinator, Dietician, and Care Coordination and Prevention Nurses, and reimbursement for travel and transportation. Funds provided for the Dietician to attend an education seminar to obtain latest updates and community outreach information, and purchase of a laptop computer, publication and documentation, and administrative materials and supplies.

## Bay Area for Independent Living

Amount Awarded - \$20,000.00

**Program:** Bay Area Center for Independent Living, Inc. promotes access to community resources and support for people with disabilities and their families through programs which offer choices, preserve dignity, and increase independence for an improved quality of life across the nine counties of the Maryland's Eastern Shore.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funding supported the Youth Assistive Technology and Vocational Training Program to allow students with disabilities to gain employment skills in Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties. The vocational services included computer skills training, cover letter writing, resume development, online application completion, job exploration, and career assessments. The Assistive Technology skills included individualized assessments to determine proper adaptive software or low-tech assistive technology devices that may bridge the gap towards gainful employment. Funds were used to provide for partial salary for a Vocational Trainer, purchase of a computers and software equipment, and printing of career assessment materials. **To date, 17 outreach sessions have been conducted, 10 youth have applied for jobs or apprenticeships, and 14 youth have engaged in vocational training.**

## Bay Community Support Services, Inc.

Amount Awarded - \$13,000.00

**Program:** Bay Community Support Services' (BAY-CSS) mission for the past 25 years is to support people with intellectual and physical disabilities to attain their fullest possible employment productivity and inclusion into the everyday life of the community, along with assuring their rights, entitlements and choices and educating the community to improve awareness and understanding of people with disabilities.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funding addressed the transportation needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert and Southern Anne Arundel County served by Bay Community Support Services to access employment, volunteer locations and community activities. Funding purchased a lift equipped, 12 passenger vehicle used to transport people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to access their communities for work, volunteering, social engagements and medical appointments. **To date, 20 individuals have been provided with daily transportation to 15 locations.**



# MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

## **Caroline County Council for the Arts**

Amount Awarded - \$13,000.00

**Program:** For 40 years, Caroline County Council of Arts has served the residents of Caroline County, Maryland by pursuing our mission to enhance the cultural opportunities and access to the arts in each of the County's unique communities, promote economic development and downtown revitalization through the arts, and inspire creativity and personal development by supporting arts education programs in our schools and communities.

**Summary:** The Fiber Arts Center of the Eastern Shore (FACES), a division of the Caroline County Council of Arts, supports the economic opportunity in the rural communities of the Eastern Shore through the fiber arts. MAERDAF funding developed training resources on marketing topics for fiber and culinary artists and small business owners. The training included a full-day training workshop, featuring speakers and trainers on a variety of topics, and the development and distribution of marketing how-to guides available in print and online. The full-day workshop training was held on May 4, 2018 at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills, MD with the goal of training 100 individuals.

## **Chesterwye Center, Inc.**

Amount Awarded - \$30,000.00

**Program:** The mission of Chesterwye Center is to enhance the lives of adults with developmental disabilities towards personal independence and choice. The program offers a wide range of services that will assist individuals to develop their abilities, support their life choices, and become a valued member of their community.

**Summary:** The Chesterwye Center serves adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the Midshore five county region. MAERDAF funds purchased and installed a ceiling tracking and hoist to adequately assist residents in becoming more independent. The tracking is mounted in the ceiling between bed and toilet/shower and can also go in the living spaces to assist staff with patient movement. It will provide greater safety to the persons using it. Accessibility throughout the group home is designed to increase independence for people with some of the most significant physical and intellectual/developmental needs.

## **Community Development Network of Maryland, Inc.**

Amount Awarded - \$30,000.00

**Program:** The Community Development Network of Maryland (CDN) is a statewide organization made up of over 180 member organizations from across the state including nonprofits, public agencies and developers. CDN promotes, strengthens and advocates for Maryland's community development industry serving urban, rural and suburban communities.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funding provided technical assistance to help rural-serving community development organizations build capacity. Specifically, funds were used to hire consultants: one consultant to assist with the development of a viable, sustainable funding source for the Community Development Fund, a fund designed to provide flexible funding for community development and consultants to enhance the one-on-one capacity building program.

The Capacity Building Program includes services for organizational transformation for five (5) nonprofit community development organizations, including strengthening of strategic plans, budgeting and programming. This opportunity will streamline operations and diversify funding to help keep organizations sustainable to continue to provide critical services.

# MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

## **Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center**

Amount Awarded - \$15,120.00

**Program:** Through collaborative partnerships, the Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center (ESAHEC) shall become the leader in providing educational services and programs to assist Eastern Shore communities in the recruitment and retention of health care professionals.

**Summary:** In order to meet the demands of the current healthcare deficit on the rural Eastern Shore, it is imperative to train more Community Health Workers (CHWs). Funding was used to train a cohort of twelve (12) Community Health Workers, throughout the nine counties of the Eastern Shore within a one year time frame. ESAHEC will be responsible for scheduling and facilitating the training for a cohort of twelve (12), reviewing base line knowledge scores and program evaluations, as well as compiling all data to create a final report for the funder. Funds provided support for the costs for twelve (12) individuals to participate in Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center (ESAHEC) 80 hour curriculum Community Health Worker training program and to hire a Community Health Worker contractual co-trainer to assist the LEAD Trainer.

## **End Hunger in Calvert County, Calvert Ca\$h**

Amount Awarded - \$7,500.00

**Program:** End Hunger in Calvert County (EHCC) is a coalition of over 150 businesses, churches, farmers, public schools, government and social service agencies united behind the idea that we can end hunger in our community.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funding provided for a stipend for a Volunteer Maryland Coordinator for the Calvert Ca\$h program. The Calvert Ca\$h program is a free tax preparation service that serves low-income families in Calvert and St. Mary's Counties, and teaches families how to prepare their own tax forms, claim the Earned Income Tax Credit and avoid predatory practices. The Volunteer Maryland Coordinator recruited and trained new volunteer area experts and business partners to provide financial education classes, tax coaches to support the Calvert Ca\$h program, and assist with bilingual education material development and distribution.

## **End Hunger in Calvert County, Food Distribution Warehouse**

Amount Awarded - \$7,500.00

**Program:** End Hunger in Calvert County (EHCC) is a coalition of over 150 businesses, churches, farmers, public schools, government and social service agencies united behind the idea that we can end hunger in our community.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funding was used to support a Volunteer Maryland Coordinator (VMC) position to meet the growing demand for food distribution services for low-income families in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties, as well as rural Southern Anne Arundel County. The Volunteer Maryland Coordinator developed volunteer guidelines, training materials, and helped to build the volunteer base, and recruit community volunteers and new business partners during the grant period. **To date, over 6,000 unduplicated individuals have received food support and community based referrals.**





# MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

## **Farming 4 Hunger**

Amount Awarded - \$27,000.00

**Program:** Farming 4 Hunger's mission is to feed the hungry and help feed the soul. Hunger comes in many different ways. Healing the mind, body and spirit is at the core of Farming 4 Hunger. We believe if you serve others, you too will be fed.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funding expanded the Agricultural Education/Workforce Investment Initiative to introduce more students and incarcerated men completing time at the Department of Corrections Southern Maryland Pre-Release Unit to farming and agriculture as an employment opportunity and viable way of life. The Initiative includes promoting agricultural education directly into schools with an overarching theme of developing healthy lifestyles. Funding supported costs to hire consultants to serve as a Farm & Inmate Supervisor, a Warehouse Manager, Youth Outreach Coordinator, Grant Manager and a Life Coach. Funds also provided for stipends for three (3) assembly speakers to speak at Southern Maryland area high schools to promote agricultural education and careers.

## **Friends of the Grape, Inc. (Chesapeake Culinary Center)**

Amount Awarded - \$30,000.00

**Program:** Chesapeake Culinary Center (CCC) is a grassroots non profit organization committed to the betterment of our community through job training, youth development, culinary and nutrition education, local foods sustainability, and economic development.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funding provided for staffing and product startup support for a commercial kitchen incubator to serve the midshore region. Friends of the Grape will provide direct assistance to farmers and other food based entrepreneurs to guide them through the process of getting their product to market. The objective is to provide the farmers and growers a one-stop shop for producing and selling their products by providing coordination and assistance with the creation of business plans, cash flow, packaging, labeling, marketing, product testing and production of a product. Specifically, MAERDAF funding provided for salary for a Processor and Operator position, and for a Marketing and Sales position to target a goal of assisting at least 10 businesses/individuals annually.

## **Garrett County Memorial Hospital (DBA Garrett Regional Medical Center)**

Amount Awarded - \$25,000.00

**Program:** Garrett County Memorial Hospital's (DBA Garrett Regional Medical Center) mission is to treat every patient and each other like a member of their own family.

**Summary:** Garrett Regional Medical Center does not have a vehicle for Community Health Workers (CHWs) to visit patient homes or ferry patients with limited transportation options to health care appointments. MAERDAF funding was used to purchase a vehicle for the CHWs to use in home visits, as well as in transporting patients to scheduled health care checks throughout Allegany and Garrett Counties. The CHWs traveled extensively to provide support to chronic disease patients discharged from Garrett Regional Medical Center. Funds purchased of a 4-wheel drive vehicle for CHWs to use for patient home visits and to take patients with transportation barriers to wellness checks and other doctor appointments as needed. **Through January 2018, 138 patients have received support for medical appointments, with a target goal of 200 patients by the end of the fiscal year.**

# MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

## Habitat for Humanity Choptank

Amount Awarded - \$26,625.00

**Program:** Habitat for Humanity Choptank, an affiliate of “Habitat International”, is a nonprofit organization operated on Christian principles that seeks to put God’s love into action by building homes, communities and hope, and serves Dorchester and Talbot Counties.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funds provided support for the growth of Habitat for Humanity Choptank’s Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) program by hosting AmeriCorps members. AmeriCorps members established systems increasing organizational capacity to serve additional families. MAERDAF funds purchased tools and safety gear supplying a dedicated volunteer repair and home preservation crew. Specifically, funds provided for purchase of scaffolding, ladders, hand and power tools to supply the volunteer crew, and for stipends for two (2) AmeriCorps positions to include a Volunteer Maryland and Habitat for Humanity International AmeriCorps member. **To date, 31 families have been served with home repairs including weatherization and preservation, and 30 new volunteers have completed training.**

## Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

Amount Awarded - \$11,800.00

**Program:** The mission of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area is to promote the stewardship of the historic, cultural and natural Civil War resources of Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties; encourage superior visitor experiences; and stimulate tourism, economic prosperity, and educational development, thereby improving the quality of life of our community for the benefit of both residents and visitors.

**Summary:** A Familiarization (FAM) Tour, a complimentary tour designed to acquaint participants with destinations to stimulate travel, was provided to the Student Youth Travel Association (SYTA) Annual Conference held in Baltimore in 2018. The heritage tourism and economic development project aims to meet the need of the rural counties of Carroll, Washington and Frederick to serve more motorcoach group tours. The FAM tour introduced the advantages of staying in a Carroll, Frederick, or Washington County lodging facility when leading student group tours in the region, and demonstrated the locations as accessible and affordable hubs for visiting Washington, D.C. and Gettysburg. Funds provided for motorcoach rental for two (2) days and lodging expenses for FAM tour attendees.

## Mental Health Association of the Eastern Shore

Amount Awarded - \$12,552.00

**Program:** The mission of the Mental Health Association of the Eastern Shore is to promote mental wellness and behavioral health with education and advocacy.

**Summary:** Mental Health Association of the Eastern Shore is the lead organization for the Shore Training Collaborative (STC), whose goal is to improve outcomes for children and youth with serious emotional and behavioral challenges. The STC trains professionals, families and other community members in mental health related topics. MAERDAF funds provided for costs for six (6) professional behavioral health/mental health trainings to residents of the nine Eastern Shore counties. Deliverables include increased mental/behavioral health knowledge and understanding of individuals and organizations responsible for the care and education of youth, and distribution of a survey to behavioral health workforce, families and others who engage with youth on the Eastern Shore and identify future training needs. **To date, the survey has received 101 responses, and 3 outreach trainings have been conducted.**



# MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

## **Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, Inc.**

Amount Awarded - \$22,100.00

**Program:** Phillips Wharf Environmental Center informs, inspires, and involves the public in understanding how every-day decisions affect the Chesapeake Bay. Hands-on learning experiences teach how modern scientifically based aquaculture can launch an economically viable and environmentally appropriate seafood industry for the 21st century.

**Summary:** The Phillips Wharf Environmental Center (PWEC) has launched a secondary school vocational aquaculture program for students in their junior and senior year of high school, in the 2017 - 18 school year. Phillips Wharf envisions the vocational aquaculture program as a novel opportunity for high school students who want to continue to reside in the Mid-Shore area, follow their heritage, and envision a career on the water.

MAERDAF funding provided for partial salary and fringe benefits for the Executive Director to create lesson plans and ensure curriculum meets Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) to teach best practices of oyster aquaculture; partial salary and fringe benefits for Aquaculture Manager to implement the new curriculum; student transportation expenses to Phillips Wharf and other industry partner sites from participating schools once a week as an immersion part of the curriculum. Funding also provided for a stipend for an AmeriCorps member to work directly with the Education Director and Aquaculture Manager to recruit and train needed volunteers to staff the program for maximum effectiveness, and expenses for Skipjack cruises to provide educational sailing trips for younger students.

## **Preservation Maryland**

Amount Awarded - \$30,000.00

**Program:** Preservation Maryland has worked tirelessly to protect the historic places, stories, and communities in Maryland that matter. Preservation Maryland is dedicated to preserving Maryland's historic buildings, neighborhoods, landscapes, and archeological sites which are irreplaceable resources that instill pride of place, attract new investment, stimulate employment and economic activity as well as create livable towns and communities.

**Summary:** The Rural Historic Communities Development and Education Program helps to bridge the gap, and lack of understanding of the economic value of historic preservation and how the private sector can access available financial incentives to reduce the cost of historic rehabilitation investments by providing an education program directed to the leaders of historic preservation commissions and related organizations in the 18 rural counties. MAERDAF funding provided for the costs of for professional development training workshops, in-the-field service outreach sessions, expanding and maintaining online business directory, podcasts, webinars, and communication.

## **Susquehanna Workforce Network, Inc.**

Amount Awarded - \$18,800.00

**Program:** Susquehanna Workforce Network (SWN) is focused on executing workforce strategies that contribute to the economic competitiveness of the Harford and Cecil County region by creating solutions to address the region's pressing workforce and economic development challenges.

**Summary:** The Susquehanna Workforce Network proposes to address the long term unemployed in Cecil and Harford Counties with the development of the Cecil College Warehouse Distribution Technician Training Pilot for the 1300 projected new warehouse jobs coming to Cecil County. This training will include basic warehouse training, fork lift operations, OSHA industry safety, computer basics and distribution functions. Workplace readiness skills will be developed with pilot participants to increase their employability and job placement services. MAERDAF funding provided for subcontracts for training of participants in the Warehouse Distribution Training program at Cecil College, daily support payments for participants in training, and participant supplies including occupational tools and uniforms.

# MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

## Tri-County Council Foundation

Amount Awarded - \$10,269.00

**Program:** The Tri-County Foundation will support economic development, job growth and retention and social development of the region by providing administrative and payroll services that will effectively utilize the public and private assistance provided to government agencies, non-profit organizations and business.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funding provided a portion of the operating expenses of the One Stop Job Market mobile unit to address the need for employment and training services in the remote areas of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester counties. The use of the One Stop Job Market mobile unit allows the Lower Shore Workforce Alliance to bring and deliver employment services to those who live in rural areas and need them the most. MAERDAF funds provided for salary and fringe benefits for the One Stop Job Market Mobile Operator, and expenses for the One Stop Job Market Mobile Unit to include gasoline reimbursement, and routine maintenance and vehicle repairs. **To date, 476 individuals have been assisted with employment services and training opportunities, 376 Maryland Workforce Exchange clients have been registered, and 168 clients have been assisted with online job applications.**

## Washington County Community Action Council, Inc.

Amount Awarded - \$29,600.00

**Program:** Washington County Community Action Council, Inc. assists people in economic need in our community to achieve and maintain self-sufficiency while respecting their diversity.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funding supported systems upgrades and related work for a shared client tracking software system, called Service Point (SP). SP is the brand of software counties use to manage Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) requirements. HMIS is an information technology system used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at risk of homelessness. The system was implemented in Allegany, Washington and Cecil Counties.

Specifically, MAERDAF funds provided for travel for the HMIS staff to local agencies for training or consultation and/or applicable trainings hosted by parent software company; salaries and fringe benefits for at least four (4) full-time employees to assist as liaisons for the coordination efforts for the HMIS system; and, provided 36 hours of training and 360 hours for systems upgrades & testing, rebuilding shared reports, data element integration, and other system administration duties for Allegany, Washington and Cecil Counties. MAERDAF funds also supported specific local needs such as new user set-ups, client de-duplication, provider set-ups & consultations, issue tracking & monitoring, etc., and one-time reporting license upgrades and annual user license fees.

## Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Amount Awarded - \$30,000.00

**Program:** A non-profit organization serving the public good, the mission of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts (WCMFA) is to provide a vibrant place for the presentation and exploration of art of lasting quality for the benefit of a diverse public through intentional art collecting, lively interpretation, diligent preservation and care, active educational programs, and opportunities for social interaction.

**Summary:** The Washington County Museum of Fine Arts serves a broad cross section of five Western Maryland rural Counties including Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett and Washington to provide a vibrant place for the presentation and exploration of art of lasting quality. MAERDAF funding provided support for comprehensive modifications of the Museum's HVAC system and LED upgrades to maintain its reputation, accreditation, and increase visitor capacity and energy efficiency.

Specifically, MAERDAF funding provided for partial salaries and wages for engineering design fees, electrical contractor HVAC installation, labor, supervision and project management, and general administration and sales; partial costs for purchase of equipment for HVAC installation; and, materials and supplies to include commissioning service fees (includes document, construction and acceptance). MAERDAF funding also supported subcontracted services for installation of HVAC installation.



# MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

## Western Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Council

Amount Awarded - \$17,380.00

**Program:** Western Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Council's mission is to build and sustain resource conservation programs, raising the quality of social, economic, and environmental development in our region.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funding purchased a trailer style post pounder with hydraulic post hugger and 4" pilot auger. This machine was towed from farm to farm, and will allow farmers the opportunity to install their own fence, in a much more timely and efficient manner, to increase the number of fencing best management practices. The machine was made available to all Soil Conservation Districts (SCD) in Western Maryland, and each SCD was responsible for renting the machine to their respective farmers. Benefiting from this grant were farmers and landowners in Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick and Carroll Counties. Specifically, funds were used to purchase a post pounder with hydraulic post hugger and 4" pilot auger machine equipment.

## Women Supporting Women, Inc.

Amount Awarded - \$9,200.00

**Program:** Women Supporting Women's mission is to provide awareness, education and support to all those affected by breast cancer.

**Summary:** Women Supporting Women (WSW) provides awareness, education and support to all those who are affected by breast cancer. The "Your Healthiest You" conference is a unique, positive step and aids in providing awareness, education and support to all those who are or will be affected by breast cancer in the future on the Eastern Shore. Funding from MAERDAF allows Women Supporting Women to secure a celebrity speaker and travel expenses for the "Your Healthiest You" healthcare conference scheduled for spring 2018.

MAERDAF funding provided for speaker and travel fees for keynote speaker, Darryle Pollack, a breast cancer survivor, for the "Your Healthiest You" healthcare conference in spring 2018, and marketing materials to promote conference attendance.



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## REMAINDER OF MAERDAF AWARDS

The following list contain the scope of work of the remainder of the MAERDAF grant awards which were funded from FY18 MAERDAF funds appropriated through a separate line-item in the State's Operating Budget. In addition to the \$4,167,000.00 received for RMPIF, the RMC also received an additional \$167,000.00 in a separate line-item for MAERDAF funds.

### FY2018 MAERDAF GRANTEES FUNDED

AWARDEE	CATEGORY	REGION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT AWARDED	MATCH AMOUNT
Chesapeake College Foundation	Community College	Eastern	\$9,469.84	\$9,469.84	\$8,502.01
Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation, Inc.	Ag/Forestry	Western	\$10,800.00	\$9,625.00	\$9,625.00
Hagerstown Community College	Community College	Western	\$29,813.00	\$29,813.00	\$28,826.00
Historic Sotterley, Inc.	Ag/Forestry	Southern	\$27,580.96	\$27,580.96	\$0.00
LEAD Maryland Foundation, Inc.	Ag/Forestry	Statewide	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$220,150.00
Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts Inc.	Ag/Forestry	Statewide	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$28,856.00
Maryland Forestry Foundation (Mel Fellowship Program)	Ag/Forestry	Statewide	\$25,140.00	\$25,140.00	\$10,450.00
Maryland Forestry Foundation	Ag/Forestry	Statewide	\$29,160.00	\$22,600.00	\$6,300.00
Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development Board	Ag/Forestry	Southern	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$413,800.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$175,363.80</b>	<b>\$167,628.80</b>	<b>\$726,509.01</b>

## FY2018 MAERDAF GRANTEES BY CATEGORY

### AG/FORESTRY

# of Grantees: 8

Total Awarded: \$145,725.96

21% of funds awarded

### COMMUNITY COLLEGE

# of Grantees: 2

Total Awarded: \$39,281.84

6% of funds awarded

### ECONOMIC/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

# of Grantees: 15

Total Awarded:

\$314,594.00

46% of funds awarded

### HEALTH CARE

# of Grantees: 8

Total Awarded: \$151,313.50

22% of funds awarded

### REGIONAL PLANNING

# of Grantees: 1

Total Awarded: \$29,600.00

5% of funds awarded

### TOTAL

\$680,515.00



## MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS - SCOPES OF WORK

### Chesapeake College Foundation

Amount Awarded - \$9,469.84

**Program:** Chesapeake College prepares students from diverse backgrounds to excel in further education and employment in a global society. As a community college, Chesapeake College is more than an institution of higher education.

**Summary:** Agriculture Mechanics is a fundamental, required course within Chesapeake College's new agriculture degree program and will be offered for the first time in the spring 2018 semester. The course enables students to attain basic welding, plumbing, electrical, and mechanical skills essential to on-farm repairs of equipment or structures and make students more marketable as agriculture employees. Employees on farms and farm operators must master these skills to be successful in effectively and efficiently managing inevitable breakdowns. The Agriculture Mechanics class will be valuable to students seeking a degree in agriculture, and current farm operators and their employees who may need additional skills.

Specifically, MAERDAF funding provided for salaries and fringe benefits for Adjunct Instructors for the Agriculture Mechanics Course; consummable materials and supplies for students in the Agriculture Mechanics course; OSHA 10 Safety Course for students enrolled; and, marketing and advertising campaigns to promote the Agriculture Mechanics Course.

# MAERDAF GRANT AWARD SCOPES OF WORK

## **Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation, Inc.**

Amount Awarded - \$9,625.00

**Program:** The Evergreen Heritage Center (EHC) Foundation is dedicated to utilizing experiential learning to provide rural Maryland's citizens with the knowledge and practical experience to compete in today's economy.

**Summary:** The Elementary Edibles pilot allows for each participating grade of students from South Penn Elementary, a Title I Allegany County school, to grow and harvest a different vegetable, culminating in student/parent salad bar events (one per grade level) in May 2018. Pre-K students planted radishes, and Kindergartners carrots, as part of their established Evergreen Heritage Center modules. In addition, 1st grade planted green onions, 2nd grade lettuce, 3rd grade spinach, 4th grade peas, and 5th grade cucumbers.

The University of Maryland (UMD) Extension also participated in the event, showing students pictures of large and small farms, discussing different farming methods, displaying mature versions of the students' vegetables, and telling students about careers in agriculture. The program began with lesson development in fall 2017, followed by in-class lessons/planting in winter/spring 2017-18 and culminated with salad bar lunches in May 2018.

MAERDAF funding provided contractual support for project management, program preparation, lesson development, in-class lessons and planning and the salad bar event, and costs for purchase of supplies for the lessons/planting kits and the salad bar event.

## **Hagerstown Community College**

Amount Awarded - \$29,813.00

**Program:** Hagerstown Community College is a state and county supported comprehensive community college. Its central purpose is to offer a diverse array of courses and programs designed to address the curricular functions of university transfer, career entry or advancement, adult basic skills enhancement, general and continuing education, as well as student and community service.

**Summary:** The MAERDAF grant funded a part-time recruiter/curriculum development assistant to work with lead faculty to help establish the new environmental studies program, as well as to fund a summer institute to develop collaborative relationships with local secondary school teachers, so that they can, in turn, educate their students and encourage them to enroll in the new program. Over the course of the grant, the assistant was responsible for engaging students through classroom visits to conduct standards-based environmental activities with students. Funding was also used to create and distribute outreach materials and teacher institute materials and to pay for one grant team member to attend the national Association of Environmental Studies and Sciences conference in order to learn about successful programs and make contacts. Information about the environmental science program was distributed to Allegany, Carroll, Garrett, Washington and Frederick Counties.

Specifically, MAERDAF funding provided support for salary and fringe benefits for a part-time Recruiter/Curriculum Development Assistant; travel and attendance costs for Project Director to attend Association for Environmental Studies and Science Conference; and, materials and supplies to include notebooks, instructional materials, outreach materials (flyers and fact sheets), and fecal coliform, dissolved oxygen chemetrics and nitrates chemetrics test kits, pH test strips and armored non-mercury thermometers. MAERDAF funding also provided for expenses such as building upkeep and maintenance, grants accounting, class scheduling, grants office assistance, utilities, development of a public media presence, and other costs related to establishing a new program, such as oversight and guidance from administrators, and teacher professional development stipends and workshop participant lunch. **To date, there are 12 declared majors in the Environmental Science program, 9 of the declared majors are actively taking courses in the program.**



# MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS SCOPES OF WORK

## **Historic Sotterley, Inc.**

Amount Awarded - \$27,580.96

**Program:** Historic Sotterley's mission is to preserve our historic structures and natural environment and use the powerful stories of our land, lives, and labor to bring American history to life while serving as a cultural resource.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funding purchased and constructed a 24' x 40' x 10' Post Frame open pavilion with a 4/12 pitch truss roof, and installed a base of permeable CR6 blue stone, electricity and a water line. The pavilion will host educational programs and events for the Southern Maryland community. Specifically, MAERDAF funding provided for salaries and wages for labor costs to grade and prepare site for pavilion installation and to spread blue stone, purchase of blue stone, 200 amp panel, ground fault wiring, lights, power line, 4" well, and two (2) spigots, and to provide for additional pavilion equipment and labor.

## **LEAD Maryland Foundation, Inc.**

Amount Awarded - \$30,000.00

**Program:** LEAD Maryland Foundation, Inc. is dedicated to identifying and developing leadership to serve agriculture, natural resources, and rural communities.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funding supported five multi-day educational seminars for Class X Fellows (2017-18) as part of the LEAD Maryland Fellowship training program. The project includes five seminars, or sixteen days of training, for twenty-three fellows in LEAD Class X. The grant allows the program to be present in rural counties that have never before hosted a LEAD program. Specifically, MAERDAF funding provided for meeting/conference space, hotel rooms (share basis) for the Fellows, meals and breaks necessary to the seminar, professional trainers and instructors (fees, honorariums, travel expenses), teaching materials (books, assessments, handouts), and bus transportation for tours and field visits during seminars. Support provided for the following seminars: Seminar 4: September 12-14, 2017, Dorchester County; Seminar 5: November 7-9, 2017, Lower Eastern Shore; Seminar 6: January 30-February 2, 2018, Annapolis; Seminar 7 April 10-12, 2018, Baltimore City; and, Seminar 8 June 12-14, 2018, Talbot and Caroline Counties

## **Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts, Inc.**

Amount Awarded - \$3,400.00

**Program:** Maryland Association of Soil Conservation District's (MASCD) mission is to promote practical and effective soil, water and related natural resource programs to all citizens.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funding supported the 2018 Maryland State Envirothon event, tentatively scheduled for June 20 - 21, 2018 at the Western Maryland 4H Camp in Garrett County. The goal of the Maryland Envirothon is to educate students on the importance of conservation, and help them become more involved in protecting natural resources by honing their problem-solving skills and instilling a sense of stewardship. Students from rural Maryland counties have an opportunity to participate in this unique, hands-on environmental program, where they will interact with resource professionals such as foresters and soil scientists to learn about current environmental issues. MAERDAF funding supported the purchase of meals for an estimated 170 participants of the 2018 Maryland State Envirothon event.



# MAERDAF GRANT AWARD SCOPES OF WORK

## **Maryland Forestry Foundation (Mel Fellowship Program)**

Amount Awarded - \$25,140.00

**Program:** The mission of the Maryland Forestry Foundation is to promote the stewardship, conservation and sustainable use of Maryland's forest resources - urban, suburban and rural.

**Summary:** The Maryland Forestry Foundation continued the FY17 MAERDAF grant which funded a Mel Fellowship position to promote natural resources careers. The fellowship position was made available to a college student currently enrolled in a natural resource career field. This grant covers the cost of a 10-month fellowship (20 hours per week), including providing support for the matriculation of a well-qualified student in the field of Natural Resources, development of a new relationship between the Maryland Green Schools Program and the Natural Resources Careers Camp (NRCC), continued focus on recruitment efforts for NRCC, working with corporate and environmental partners, schools, county Forestry Boards and DNR. In addition, the grant enabled the Fellow to recruit high school students to explore career options in the field of natural resources, and create enhanced NRCC promotional tools at the school and local Forestry Board level.

Specifically, MAERDAF funding provided for Fellowship stipend for 20 hours a week, 10 months; purchase of an iPad and software for Fellowship student; provided for contract expenses associated with Natural Resources Careers Camp partnership kick-off, workshop assistance, and travel; and, purchase of materials and supplies, conference attendance costs, and telecomm - prorated cell phone costs for the Fellowship student.

## **Maryland Forestry Foundation**

Amount Awarded - \$22,600.00

**Program:** The mission of the Maryland Forestry Foundation is to promote the stewardship, conservation and sustainable use of Maryland's forest resources - urban, suburban and rural.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funds delivered a training program for all Forestry Board leaders and up to eighty (80) selected board members drawn from every Maryland county. The funds enabled the development of a shared perspective with locally tailored outreach action plans, and to provide a wide range of tools and materials that encourage Forest Stewardship Plans, rural economic growth and local fundraising for specific local projects. The training was carried out in three regions of the State to include Eastern Shore, Western and Central Maryland. MAERDAF funds supported travel and meal costs for attendees and trainers at three workshops, provided for contractual services for landowner design and workshop delivery, development of landowner outreach materials, local fundraising workshop design and delivery, and development of fundraising workshop materials, and provided for contractual services for website design and updates, and video production and distribution for the three workshops.

## **Southern Maryland Resource Conservation & Development Board, Inc.**

Amount Awarded - \$10,000.00

**Program:** The purpose of the Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Council is to accelerate the conservation, education, development and utilization of natural resources, improve the general level of economic activity, and to enhance the environment and standard of living in designated resource conservation and development areas.

**Summary:** MAERDAF funding provided support for the National Conservation Foundation (NCF) Envirothon Maryland 2017 National High School Environmental Education Competition at Mount St. Mary's University in Frederick County, Maryland. The Envirothon is a program that combines classroom learning with outdoor hands-on activities to prepare students for competition. During the week-long event, students trained and tested their knowledge in five topic areas: soils and land use, aquatic ecology, forestry, wildlife, and a current environmental issue which changes each year. MAERDAF funding provided for costs of lodging facilities to host 2017 Envirothon Maryland participants and attendees. A total of 385 students and teachers participated in the 2017 Envirothon program.

**All MAERDAF Grantees -- FY 2001 to FY 2018**

Grantee Organization	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Total
Adkins Arboretum, Ltd.													\$6,850				\$6,850
Allegheny College					\$15,000						\$16,812			\$25,000	\$7,185		\$56,812
Arc Northern Chesapeake Region								\$5,700									\$5,700
Allegheny County Human Development Resources Commission														\$8,638			\$8,638
Allegheny Health Right															\$9,580	\$19,900	\$29,480
Arundel Lodge, Inc.																\$29,951	\$29,951
Asian American Center of Frederick														\$6,500	\$13,297		\$19,797
Atlantic General Hospital Corporation																\$26,591	\$26,591
Bay Center for Independent Living															\$6,227	\$20,000	\$26,227
Bay Community Support Services, Inc.																\$13,000	\$13,000
Calvert County Farm Bureau														\$7,075			\$7,075
Caroline County Council for the Arts																\$13,000	\$13,000
Caroline Economic Development Corporation													\$11,504				\$11,504
Carroll Community College (AATC)	\$15,875	\$7,220															\$23,095
Cecil Community College					\$14,950												\$14,950
Center for Children						\$13,100			\$14,700								\$27,800
Chesapeake Bay Region Technical Center of Excellence			\$15,000														\$15,000
Chesapeake College								\$5,000							\$8,526	\$9,470	\$22,996
Chesapeake Fields Insitute	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$10,000		\$11,300											\$111,300
Chesapeake Leadership Foundation, Inc.														\$8,000			\$8,000
Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center, Inc.													\$10,000	\$10,000			\$20,000
Chester Bridge Foundation, Inc.					\$7,000	\$8,750											\$15,750
Chesterwe Center, Inc.															\$15,807	\$30,000	\$45,807
College of Southern Maryland Foundation (Small Business &													\$11,500				\$11,500
College of Southern MD			\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000				\$2,913								\$47,913
Community Development Network of Maryland, Inc.																\$30,000	\$30,000
Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore								\$14,500									\$14,500
Compass Regional Hospice															\$16,286		\$16,286
Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust															\$22,513		\$22,513
Crossroads Community, Inc.													\$4,875	\$4,875	\$3,683		\$13,433
Delmarva Advisory Council	\$20,000																\$20,000
Delmarva Education Foundation						\$15,000	\$12,869	\$22,252									\$50,121
Delmarva Community Services, Inc.															\$14,370		\$14,370
Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center															\$21,555	\$15,120	\$36,675
Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center						\$9,800			\$17,962	\$10,000	\$14,098		\$14,923	\$17,841			\$84,624
Enchanted Haven Horse Rescue													\$8,000				\$8,000
End Hunger in Calvert County																\$15,000	\$15,000
Energetics Technology Center												\$25,000					\$25,000
Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation, Inc.									\$16,200	\$18,749	\$21,705	\$23,500			\$11,304	\$9,625	\$101,083
Farming 4 Hunger															\$14,370	\$27,000	\$41,370
For All Seasons, Inc.															\$21,789		\$21,789
Frederick County Career & Tech FFA Alumni/Frederick														\$24,889	\$14,370		\$39,259
Friend of the Grape							\$20,000									\$30,000	\$50,000
Future Harvest, Inc.	\$20,000	\$18,500	\$20,000	\$5,000			\$2,330										\$65,830
Garrett Community College (AAATC)	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$9,500												\$81,500
Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.															\$19,160		\$19,160
Garrett Regional Medical Center																\$25,000	\$25,000
Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay						\$10,000	\$5,000										\$15,000
Habitat for Humanity Choptank									\$13,000			\$6,150				\$26,625	\$19,150
Habitat for Humanity of Talbot County					\$32,000	\$21,500	\$30,000	\$12,000									\$95,500
Hagerstown Community College																\$29,813	\$29,813
Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology									\$3,000						\$8,143		\$11,143
Heart of the Civil War Heritage Center															\$12,794	\$11,800	\$24,594

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Grantee Organization	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Total
Historic St. Mary's City Foundation																\$14,370	\$14,370
Historic Sotterley, Inc.																\$27,581	\$27,581
LEAD Maryland	\$23,500	\$30,000	\$29,180	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$35,000	\$32,000	\$30,000	\$12,000	\$8,000	\$25,000	\$25,000					\$50,107
LEAD Maryland Foundation, Inc.													\$10,000	\$10,000	\$19,160	\$30,000	\$69,160
Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation															\$9,368		\$9,368
Lower Eastern Shore Heritage Council											\$18,610						\$18,610
Lower Shore Broadband Cooperative						\$12,958	\$20,000										\$32,958
Lower Shore Child Care Resource Ctr						\$9,362											\$9,362
Lower Shore Land Trust													\$7,054		\$9,263		\$16,317
Maintaining Active Citizens, Inc.(MAC, Inc.)							\$13,105	\$25,000	\$26,000	\$3,200	\$25,000	\$24,729		\$8,000	\$5,786		\$130,820
Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts													\$2,500	\$2,500	\$4,790	\$3,400	\$13,190
MD Agricultural Education Fund	\$20,000	\$28,400	\$28,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$32,660											\$119,060
MD Association of Soil Conservation Districts (Environthon)	\$20,000	\$17,200	\$6,500	\$10,000	\$7,900	\$10,495	\$9,800	\$19,000	\$7,000			\$14,268					\$122,163
MD Business Incubation Association															\$11,496		\$11,496
MD Capital Enterprises						\$19,000	\$21,625			\$15,000	\$12,556						\$68,181
MD Center for Community Development (Rural Training)	\$20,000	\$20,000															\$40,000
MD Dairy Shrine									\$1,750								\$1,750
MD Eastern Shore Resource Conservation & Development C	\$6,000																\$6,000
MD Farmers Market Association															\$16,933		\$16,933
MD FFA Foundation, Inc.						\$6,500	\$8,000										\$14,500
MD Forests Association	\$20,000	\$20,000					\$5,000	\$5,000	\$1,500	\$3,500					\$5,460		\$60,460
MD Forestry Foundation															\$18,298	\$47,740	\$66,038
MD Organic Food & Farming Assn	\$16,625																\$16,625
MD Rural Development Corporation	\$50,000	\$47,500	\$47,000	\$10,400	\$13,208	\$25,000	\$22,510	\$22,550		\$8,200							\$246,368
MD Rural Health Association	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$10,000	\$4,000	\$5,000		\$4,173	\$18,000	\$8,000	\$10,000						\$174,173
MD Rural Water Association	\$21,000																\$21,000
Medbank of MD						\$15,000											\$15,000
MedStar St. Mary's Hospital															\$23,950		\$23,950
Mental Health Association of the Eastern Shore																\$12,552	\$12,552
Microenterprise Council of MD			\$30,000	\$10,000	\$29,600	\$5,000	\$12,000	\$12,500									\$99,100
Mid-Shore Regional Council				\$10,000		\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$19,000	\$13,215	\$18,731			\$3,500			\$136,446
Mountain Laurel Medical Center							\$44,000										\$44,000
Off Street Sports Performance													\$15,000				\$15,000
Phillips Wharf Environmental Education Center, Inc.																\$22,100	\$22,100
Preservation Maryland															\$19,160	\$30,000	\$49,160
Queen Anne's County Library/Allegany County Library														\$9,900	\$4,139		\$14,039
Rural Maryland Foundation									\$4,600								\$4,600
Salisbury University - BEACON		\$24,320															\$24,320
Salisbury University - Small Business and Technology Development Center												\$17,327					\$17,327
SHORE UP!															\$15,629		\$15,629
Southern MD Agricultural Development Commission											\$17,400	\$15,650					\$33,050
Southern MD Resource Conservation and Development Cou	\$6,000	\$21,000	\$15,000												\$22,034	\$10,000	\$74,034
Spring Dell Center, Inc.															\$14,370		\$14,370
Susquehanna Workforce Network																\$18,800	\$18,800
Tourism Council of Frederick County dba the Heart of the													\$15,500				\$15,500
Tri-County Council Foundation															\$7,185	\$10,269	\$17,454
Tri-County Council for Southern MD			\$30,000							\$3,685			\$11,900	\$13,508			\$59,093
Tri-County Council of Western MD	\$7,000				\$500	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$25,000		\$7,500							\$60,000
Tri-State Community Health Center			\$30,000	\$17,792													\$47,792
True Oyster Restoration Initiative, Inc.															\$20,686		\$20,686
Tuckahoe Habitat for Humanity, Inc.															\$13,412		\$13,412
UMES - Rural Development Center (Distressed Community Econ Dev)			\$50,000		\$12,000												\$62,000

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Grantee Organization	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	Total
Upper Shore Regional Council				\$10,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$13,600	\$15,000	\$12,900	\$19,000	\$24,900					\$115,400
Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art													\$12,795		\$14,370		\$27,165
Washington County Community Action Council																\$29,600	\$29,600
Washington County Museum of Fine Arts																\$30,000	\$30,000
Western Maryland Area Health Education Center														\$8,350			\$8,350
Western Maryland Resource Conservation and Development													\$4,882			\$17,380	\$22,262
Western MD Regional Library												\$19,500					\$19,500
Western MD Resource Conservation and Development Coun	\$6,000														\$19,160		\$25,160
Women Supporting Women, Inc.													\$4,908		\$7,034	\$9,200	\$21,142
Wor-Wic Community College															\$5,397		\$5,397
<b>Total Grants</b>	<b>\$347,000</b>	<b>\$346,140</b>	<b>\$405,680</b>	<b>\$132,192</b>	<b>\$147,658</b>	<b>\$319,925</b>	<b>\$288,739</b>	<b>\$261,188</b>	<b>\$144,912</b>	<b>\$130,000</b>	<b>\$195,956</b>	<b>\$188,079</b>	<b>\$169,941</b>	<b>\$166,968</b>	<b>\$555,916</b>	<b>\$680,516</b>	<b>\$4,480,810</b>
<b>Average Grant Amount</b>	<b>\$19,278</b>	<b>\$26,626</b>	<b>\$27,045</b>	<b>\$10,169</b>	<b>\$10,547</b>	<b>\$15,235</b>	<b>\$16,041</b>	<b>\$16,324</b>	<b>\$13,174</b>	<b>\$8,667</b>	<b>\$17,814</b>	<b>\$20,898</b>	<b>\$9,997</b>	<b>\$10,436</b>	<b>\$13,236</b>	<b>\$20,016</b>	<b>\$255,502</b>
Number of grantees	18	13	15	13	14	21	18	16	11	15	11	9	17	16	42	34	283



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