

Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF)

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Overview

On March 29, 2016, the Maryland Legislature passed the Fiscal Year 2017 State Operating Budget which included funds to support the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF), a key step forward in addressing disparities in the State's rural areas. The Rural Maryland Council would like to thank Governor Hogan for inclusion of funds to support RMPIF, the Maryland House of Delegates and Maryland Senate for their support and, in particular, the Senate Budget and Taxation and House Appropriations Committees.

For the first time since its authorization in 2006, the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund received \$2 million in funding for targeted investment to promote economic prosperity in Maryland's traditionally disadvantaged and underserved rural communities. By sustaining efforts to promote rural regional cooperation, facilitating entrepreneurial activities and supporting key community colleges and nonprofit providers, the quality of life in rural Maryland can be advanced over the next several years.

The Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund supports the Rural Maryland Council's activities and the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF) which provides capacity-building funds to rural nonprofit service providers. It also supports the states' five regional councils, regional infrastructure projects, rural entrepreneurship development, rural community development, and rural health care organizations.

FY 2017 Program

The Rural Maryland Council (RMC) was pleased to receive \$2,167,000 in a General Fund Appropriation for RMPIF in Fiscal Year 2017.

FY 2017 RMPIF Grant Review Board

- **Mindie Burgoyne**, Regional Development Representative for the Maryland Department of Commerce -Lower Shore
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RMPIF Coordinator

- **Charlotte Davis**, Executive Director, Rural Maryland Council

RMPIF Funding

Funds were used to support the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF) Fiscal Year 2017 Grant Awards, Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF) Fiscal Year 2017 Grant Awards, and to support RMC operating expenses. The majority of the \$2,167,000 in appropriated funds were expended, with the exception of RMC operating expenses of approximately \$265,000.

RMPIF Grant Allocation	
Regional Councils	\$555,667.00
Infrastructure	\$ 277,833.00
Entrepreneurship	\$277,833.00
Health Care	\$277,833.00
MAERDAF	\$388,917.00
RMC Operating Expenses	\$388,917.00
TOTAL	\$2,167,000.00

RMPIF Grant Awards

In FY 2017, the average grant amount was \$46,305.62. **During FY 2017, a total of 43 applications were submitted with a total of \$3,279,377.47 requested.** A total of 23 grants totaling \$1,389,166.00 were distributed to 23 organizations. Grants were focused to four areas: entrepreneurship, health care, infrastructure and regional councils.

FY 2017 RMPIF Entrepreneurship Grantees				
Applicant	Organization	Region	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Cecil County Government, Office of Economic Development	Local Government	Eastern	\$100,000.00	\$68,522 .00
Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center	Nonprofit	Eastern	\$107,750.00	\$66,808.00
Eastern Shore Innovation Center, Dorchester County	Local Government	Eastern	\$119,500.00	\$77,531.00
Frederick Innovation Technology Center	Nonprofit	Western	\$113,917.00	\$77,528.00
Frostburg State University	University/College	Western	\$13,205.20	\$ 6,500.00
Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation/Young Entrepreneurs Academy	Nonprofit	Eastern	\$ 10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Maryland Rural Development Corporation	Nonprofit	Eastern	\$25,000.00	\$18,000.00
TOTAL			\$489,372.20	\$324,889.00

RMPIF Entrepreneurship– Scopes of Work

Cecil County Government, Office of Economic Development

– Award Amount: \$68,522.00

Summary: The mission of the Cecil County's Office of Economic Development (OED) is to stimulate economic growth and job creation through the expansion of the County's existing business and agricultural base, attraction of new business and the development of tourism. The OED is taking the first steps to establish a Cecil County Business Incubation Program, in partnership with Cecil College.

Program Funds: RMPIF funding will be used to hire a personnel and furnishings necessary to start the

operations to develop and create a business incubation program in Cecil County, which will serve Harford, Kent and Cecil entrepreneurs.

Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center

– Award Amount: \$66,808.00

Summary: The principal purpose of the Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center is to stimulate and support entrepreneurship and startups in Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne’s, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties.

Program Funds: RMPHF funding will be used to help make entrepreneurs and manufacturers more competitive and sustainable through the introduction of digital designs, virtual rendering, and rapid prototyping on Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Funds will be expended to support renovation of spaces for prototyping lab facilities, purchase of materials and supplies, and hiring of a Director of Digital Fabrication for Revolution Labs.

Eastern Shore Innovation Center, Dorchester County

– Award Amount: \$77,531

Summary: The Eastern Shore Innovation Center’s mission is to spur sustainable economic vitality in the region through high growth entrepreneurship, innovative practices in the business community, technology commercialization, and business incubation/acceleration.

Program Funds: RMPHF funding will be used to provide financial assistance to construct a wet lab as a resource for businesses in the Eastern Shore. The facility will greatly expand the capability of the Eastern Shore Innovation Center to support the regional development of businesses in the biomedical technology world, as well as growth of a technically educated workforce.

Frederick Innovation Technology Center

– Award Amount: \$77,528

Summary: Frederick Innovation Technology Center’s (FITCI) mission is to encourage technological innovation and accelerate the development of commercially viable technology based businesses by providing a nurturing and supportive environment.

Program Funds: RMPHF funding will be used to address the immediate physical needs of the FITCI facility along with the development of community outreach and marketing. This goal will be accomplished by creating a shared biotech lab to accommodate new, promising, and emerging businesses, and revitalizing the facility.

Funds will be used to Hire a BIOSafety Lab Technician and replace Autoclave, Centrifuge, PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) machine, and Ice machine with upgraded equipment.

Frostburg State University

– Award Amount: \$6,500

Summary: Frostburg University is a student-centered teaching and learning institution featuring experiential opportunities, and prepares future leaders to meet the challenges of a complex and global society.

Program Funds: RMPHF Funds will be used to conduct a feasibility study to determine the effectiveness of the University of Kansas Red Tire (Redefine Your Retirement) program and to determine how successful it is and if it can be replicated in Western Maryland. The study will evaluate how many businesses would qualify for and what is needed for succession and exit planning in Western Maryland over the next five years, as well as to determine how many graduates would be interested in buying and operating an existing family business.

Maryland Rural Development Corporation

– Award Amount: \$18,000

Summary: The Maryland Rural Development Corporation (MRDC) provides resources that promote self-sufficiency in low-income families and build strong, sustainable communities throughout rural Maryland.

Program Funds: RMPHF funding will be used to allow the Maryland Rural Development Corporation to expand the Circuit Rider Program by hiring an experienced circuit rider with the technical knowledge and connections to begin and develop an economic development program. The Circuit Rider Program has addressed the issues of poverty and town management in rural towns on the Mid-Shore and Western Maryland. This program will expand to include business development assistance to five Eastern Shore towns.

Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation/ Young Entrepreneurs Academy

– Award Amount: \$10,000

Summary: The Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce is an organization of community focused leaders dedicated to promoting a positive business environment by supporting economic development through networking, teamwork and innovative thinking. The Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) is an intensive entrepreneurship training program guides middle and high school students through the process of starting and running a legitimate business or social movement over the course of six months.

Program Funds: RMPHF funds will be expended to hire a Program Manager responsible for the management and coordination of the Young Entrepreneurs Academy (YEA!) Program and to hire instructors skilled in entrepreneurship and business consulting to teach fundamental skills needed to launch an enterprise. The program will serve young entrepreneurs in Wicomico, Worcester, Somerset, and Dorchester Counties.

FY 2017 RMPHF Health Care Grantees				
Applicant	Organization	Region	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Affiliated Sante Group	Nonprofit	Eastern	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 41,784.00
Calvert Memorial Hospital	Nonprofit	Southern	\$ 62,380.00	\$61,661.00
Delmarva Community Services, Inc.	Nonprofit	Eastern	\$117,942.00	\$58,263.00
Eastern Shore & Western Shore Area Health Education Centers	Nonprofit	Statewide	\$88,661.00	\$ 51,282.00
Garrett Regional Medical Center	Local Government	Western	\$32,270.00	\$25,404.00
SHORE UP!	Nonprofit	Eastern	\$21,554.00	\$14,454.00
West Cecil Health Center, Inc.	Nonprofit	Eastern	\$107,174.00	\$43,805.00
Worcester County Health Department/ Lower Eastern Shore Suicide Prevention Coalition	Local Government	Eastern	\$40,000.00	\$ 28,284.00
TOTAL			\$584,981.00	\$324,937.00

RMPIF Health Care– Scopes of Work

Affiliated Sante Group

– Award Amount: \$41,784

Summary: The Affiliated Sante Group facilitates the wellbeing and safety of individuals at-risk for emotional distress, as well as their communities by development and delivery of tailored, recovery-based health services and innovative crisis intervention and response systems.

Program Funds: RMPIF funding will be used to assist with the expansion of the Eastern Shore Operations Call Center, a 24/7 crisis response service, including recruiting, hiring and training of an Operations Center Phone Counselor, increase number of out-going follow-up calls with clients and appropriate persons/organizations, increase number of incoming calls with clients who are in crisis, and increase client satisfaction surveys completed by the Operations Center.

This increased staffing will assist in the program’s ability to provide intensive follow-up calls during evening hours when clients are typically home.

Calvert Memorial Hospital

– Award Amount: \$61,661

Summary: Calvert Memorial Hospital is a member of Calvert Health System - a trusted team that provides Southern Maryland residents with safe, high quality health care and promotes wellness for a healthy community.

Program Funds: RMPIF funding will be used to support expansion of the Calvert CARES (Collaborative Activation of Resources and Empowerment Services) program to other regions of Southern Maryland. Calvert CARES is a discharge care clinic program that helps Calvert Memorial Hospital reduce re-admissions following a visit to the Emergency Department or an inpatient/outpatient/observation stay.

Delmarva Community Services, Inc.

– Award Amount: \$58,263

Summary: Delmarva Community Services, Inc. is a multi-service, nonprofit agency dedicated to helping people who wish to maintain dignity, and an independent lifestyle within their community on the Delmarva Peninsula.

Program Funds: RMPIF funding will be used to provide a handicap accessible vehicle to provide transportation for individuals who live in remote areas of the Eastern Shore (Kent, Talbot and Dorchester Counties) to better access healthcare and achieve a more normal lifestyle.

Eastern Shore & Western Shore Area Health Education Centers

– Award Amount: \$51,282

Summary: Through collaborative partnerships, the Eastern Shore and Western Shore Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) will become a leader in providing educational services and programs to assist rural communities in the retention and recruitment of health care professionals.

Program Funds: RMPIF funds will be used to rent and maintain two additional units in Dorchester and Frederick Counties to be utilized to house medical/pharmacy students, and residents and other health profession students, during their community-based clinical training as part of their formal educational programs.

Garrett Regional Medical Center

– Award Amount: \$25,404

Summary: Garrett Regional Medical Center’s mission is to promote the health of their regional community and provide safe, high-quality care and effective health services for patients.

Program Funds: RMPHF funds will be used to support the operation of a Stop Smoking Program aimed for pregnant women, their families, and parents of children in the Garrett County Head Start program.

SHORE UP!

– Award Amount: \$14,454

Summary: SHORE UP! Inc. is dedicated to building communities, changing lives, and empowering individuals and families to maintain long-term independence and achieve economic self-sufficiency, through a comprehensive system of services and resources on the Eastern Shore.

Program Funds: RMPHF funding will be used to help support the Shady Pines Adult Medical Day Care, serving Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties, and will allow the program to accept clients who have previously been denied service due to limited mobility and increased need of care.

West Cecil Health Center, Inc.

– Award Amount: \$43,805

Summary: The mission of the West Cecil Health Center, Inc. is to increase access to comprehensive primary and preventive health care and improve the health care status of underserved, underinsured and non-insured members of the community.

Program Funds: RMPHF funds will be used to assist with the capital costs to outfit a new health access point in Elkton to address the need for additional primary care in the community. RMPHF funds will be expended to purchase equipment for administrators, providers and exam rooms to furnish the new site in Elkton, MD, including exam tables, provider and patient chairs, office desks, and chairs.

Worcester County Health Department/Lower Eastern Shore Suicide Prevention Coalition

– Award Amount: \$28,284

Summary: Worcester County Health Department and the Lower Eastern Shore Suicide Prevention Coalition (LESSPC) will collaborate to provide quality behavioral health care and to maximize their ability to provide behavioral health services to the tri-county area of the Lower Eastern Shore.

Program Funds: RMPHF funding will be used to increase and expand suicide prevention measures among rural youth, ages 10-25, in Somerset, Wicomico, and Worcester Counties. RMPHF funds will be expended to provide support for the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), a five day training event.

FY 2017 RMPIF Infrastructure Grantees				
Applicant	Organization	Region	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Town of Denton	Local Government	Eastern	\$ 48,000.00	\$ 48,000.00
Town of Myersville	Local Government	Western	\$ 59,000.00	\$59,000.00
Town of Preston	Local Government	Eastern	\$76,675.00	\$76,675.00
TOTAL			\$183,675.00	\$183,675.00

RMPIF Infrastructure– Scopes of Work

Town of Denton

– Award Amount: \$48,000

Summary: The Town of Denton’s mission is to provide services to property owners to the fullest of abilities and provide any other services required.

Program Funds: RMPIF funds will be used to connect the Town Hall currently located at 4 North Second Street, the Denton Police Department at 100 North Third Street, the Crouse Park Visitor and Heritage Center and the Public Works Facility at 504 Choptank to a new fiber network. The grant will also be used to tie the phone system and servers between the Public Works Facility and the Town Hall.

Town of Myersville

– Award Amount: \$59,000

Summary: The Town of Myersville is committed to serving its citizens and maintaining a level of community in a small town environment in the Appalachian Mountains.

Program Funds: RMPIF funding will be used to assist in the construction of the Myersville Library. Specifically, the funds will be used to ensure internet access to library users by supporting the installation of fiber optic cables for library patrons. RMPIF funds will be expended to provide subcontracts for construction to provide for the installation of the fiber optic cables from the Myersville Elementary School to the Myersville Library to successfully provide internet services to the library.

Town of Preston

– Award Amount: \$76,675

Summary: The Town of Preston’s mission is to preserve and enhance the heritage and environment which are sources of pride to the Town, provide a balanced community in which industry, commerce, recreation and residence blend into a harmonious whole, and preserve and enhance the special aura which is unique to the Town on the Eastern Shore.

Program Funds: RMPIF funding will be used to address the need to have the Town of Preston's Waste Water Treatment Plant upgraded to be brought into compliance with basic Maryland Department of the Environment requirements, as well as to provide the highest quality effluent possible based on the limits of technology. RMPIF funds will be expended to provide for consultation services for final engineering and design of the waste water treatment plant to meet Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) standards.

FY 2017 RMPIF Regional Council Grantees				
Applicant	Organization	Region	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Mid-Shore Regional Council	Regional Council	Eastern	\$111,133.00	\$111,133.00
Tri-County County of the Lower Eastern Shore	Regional Council	Eastern	\$111,133.00	\$111,133.00
Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland	Regional Council	Southern	\$111,133.00	\$111,133.00
Tri-County Council of Western Maryland	Regional Council	Western	\$111,133.00	\$111,133.00
Upper Shore Regional Council	Regional Council	Eastern	\$111,133.00	\$111,133.00
TOTAL			\$555,655.00	\$555,655.00

RMPIF Regional Councils– Scopes of Work

Mid-Shore Regional Council

– Award Amount: \$111,133

Summary: The Mid-Shore Regional Council operates as a cooperative regional planning and development agency for Caroline, Dorchester, and Talbot Counties to foster physical, economic, and social development.

Program Funds: RMPIF funds will be used to initiate five projects including: 1). Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center (ESEC): ESEC will work with the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland (TCCLES) to financially assist the operations of ESEC in its delivery of technical and financial assistance to the startup and entrepreneur ecosystem; 2). Shore Gourmet/Chesapeake Culinary: to support the hiring of a Development and Education Director; 3). Agricultural GIS Extension: Work with TCCLES and Eastern Shore Regional GIS Cooperative (ESRGC) to create a Geographic Information System for family farms to develop mapping and spatial analysis projects; 4). Health Data Dashboard: Work with TCCLES and the ESRGC to create a tool that various parties working to support the health industry can have easily accessible data; and, 5). Education Data Dashboard: Work with ESRGC to create a tool to aid various parties to more easily examine, track, compare educational investment within their own and across jurisdictions.

Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore

– Award Amount: \$111,133

Summary: The Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore provides an array of services to meet significant regional needs as directed by local officials for Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset Counties.

Program Funds: RMPIF funding will be used to support six projects, including: 1). Agriculture Dashboard: Support local farmers with mapping and data analysis, and build support capacity for local farmers by partnering with regional extension services; 2). Health Data Dashboard: Build a functioning, robust health data dashboard; 3). Eastern Shore Entrepreneurial Center: Plan, organize and execute a number of events and activities that elevate skills and understanding for startup entrepreneurs; 4). Project Opportunity: Develop marketing materials and upgrade website; 5). Free Rides for Veterans: Increase Veteran ridership of Shore Transit; and, 6). Summer Youth Employment: Supplement existing regional summer youth employment programs.

Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland

– Award Amount: \$111,133

Summary: The mission of the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland is to serve as a forum for the discussion and

resolution of issues affecting the Southern Maryland region.

Program Funds: RMPIF funding will be used to support four projects including, 1). Project Open Doors: Provides self-employment training, one-on-one counseling and business planning support to eligible participants; 2). 6th Annual Nine Innings of Networking Regional Hiring Event: A job fair for relieving conditions of unemployment and underemployment; 3). Southern Maryland JobSource Website: Provides a workforce service platform for jobseekers in Southern Maryland; and, 4). Healthcare Transportation Design Thinking Project: Guides community stakeholders through the Design Thinking process to develop and test innovative solutions aimed at improving access to healthcare while overcoming provider coordination barriers and leveraging existing transportation resources.

Tri-County Council for Western Maryland

– Award Amount: \$111,133

Summary: The mission of the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland is to provide a forum for local governments and citizens throughout Western Maryland to identify the issues and opportunities that are facing the region.

Program Funds: RMPIF funding will be used in conjunction with funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development/Appalachian Regional Commission’s Appalachian Economic Development Initiative to enhance the operation of the Tri-County Council of Western Maryland loan fund program, Summit Financing Solutions, to better serve the needs of the business and entrepreneurial community, and provide technical assistance for companies to acquire professional services that will enhance their business and their opportunity for securing required financing.

Upper Shore Regional Council

– Award Amount: \$111,133

Summary: The mission of the Upper Shore Regional Council (USRC) is to foster regional planning and development for Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne’s counties; to afford federal, state, county and local governments a regional forum to identify issues and opportunities; and, to provide leadership in planning and implementing programs to improve the quality of life in the Upper Shore Region of Maryland.

Program Funds: Funding will be used to increase current and create new opportunities to enhance business development and retention in the Upper Shore Region.

RMPIF funding will be used to support 1). The Eastern Shore Harvest Directory: a six-county business marketing and support project; 2). Expand the METS Guild youth project: a youth workforce development training project specializing in three training areas, GIS, Web Design and Development, and Virtualization/Gaming, in partnership with Washington College; and, 3). Further developing and expanding the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) to include planning and strategizing for a business incubator with regional access.

FY 2017 RMPIF Grantees By Region			
	# Grantees	Total Awarded	% of grant funds awarded
Eastern Shore (9 Counties)	14	\$867,525.00	62%
Southern Maryland (3Counties)	2	\$172,794.00	12%
Western Maryland (5 Counties)	5	\$279,565.00	21%
Statewide	2	\$ 69,282.00	5%
Total	23	\$1,389,166.00	100%

FY 2017 RMPIF Total Applicants By Region			
	# Applicants	Total Requested	% of requested funds
Eastern Shore (9 Counties)	29	\$2,360,643.71	72%
Southern Maryland (3 Counties)	3	\$218,565.00	6.7%
Western Maryland (5 Counties)	7	\$426,478.20	13%
Central Maryland (2 Counties)	1	\$45,029.56	1.4%
Statewide	3	\$ 228,661.00	7%
Total	43	\$3,279,377.47	100%

FY 2017 RMPIF Grantees by Category			
	# Grantees	Total Awarded	% of grant funds awarded
Entrepreneurship	7	\$324,889.00	23%
Infrastructure	3	\$183,675.00	13%
Health Care	8	\$324,937.00	23%
Regional Council	5	\$555,665.00	40%
Total	23	\$1,389,166.00	100%

FY 2017 RMPIF Grantees by Organization Type			
	# Grantees	Total Awarded	% of grant funds awarded
Local Government	7	\$383,416.00	28%
Institution of Higher Education	1	\$6,500.00	.46%
Nonprofit	10	\$443,585.00	32%
Regional Council	5	\$555,665.00	40%
Total	23	\$1,389,166.00	100%

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 2017, the average grant amount awarded was \$13,236.12. **During FY 2017, a total of 95 applications were submitted with a total of \$2,026,212.28 requested.** A total of 42 grants totaling \$555,917.00 were distributed to 42 organizations. Of the total awarded grants, 27 were supported by RMPIF funds. The remainder of the grant awards were funded from FY16 MAERDAF funds appropriated through a separate line-item in the State's Operating Budget.

FY 2017 MAERDAF Grantees (RMPIF Funded)				
Applicant	Category	Region	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Allegheny College of Maryland	Community College	Western	\$9,000.00	\$7,185.00
Allegheny Health Right	Health	Western	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,580.00
Asian American Center of Frederick	Health	Western	\$13,880.00	\$13,297.00
Bay Area Center for Independent Living	Economic/Community Development	Eastern	\$15,100.00	\$6,227.00
Chesterwye Center, Inc./Benedictine School	Health	Eastern	\$26,500.00	\$15,807.00
Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust	Ag/Forestry	Southern	\$29,020.00	\$22,513.00
Crossroads Community, Inc.	Health	Eastern	\$5,330.00	\$3,682.70
Delmarva Community Services, Inc.	Health	Eastern	\$30,000.00	\$14,370.00
Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center	Health	Eastern	\$30,000.00	\$21,555.00
Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation	Ag/Forestry	Western	\$30,000.00	\$11,304.40
Farming 4 Hunger	Economic/Community Development	Southern	\$30,000.00	\$14,370.00
For All Seasons, Inc.	Health	Eastern	\$30,000.00	\$21,788.75
Frederick CTC/FFA Alumni	Ag/Forestry	Western	\$30,000.00	\$14,370.00
Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology	Ag/Forestry	Eastern	\$15,000.00	\$8,143.00
Heart of the Civil War Heritage Center	Econ/Community Dev	Western	\$13,355.00	\$12,794.09
LEAD Maryland Foundation	Ag/Forestry	Statewide	\$30,000.00	\$19,160.00
MAC, Inc.	Health	Eastern	\$15,040.00	\$5,786.32
Maryland Business Incubation Association	Economic/Community Development	Statewide	\$17,800.00	\$11,496.00
Maryland Farmers Market Association	Economic/Community Development	Statewide	\$17,675.00	\$16,932.65
Maryland Forest Association	Ag/Forestry	Statewide	\$5,700.00	\$5,460.60

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital	Health	Southern	\$30,000.00	\$23,950.00
Preservation Maryland	Economic/Community Development	Statewide	\$30,000.00	\$19,160.00
SHORE UP!	Economic/Community Development	Eastern	\$16,313.80	\$15,628.62
Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Board, Inc.	Ag/Forestry	Southern	\$30,000.00	\$22,034.00
Spring Dell Center, Inc.	Economic/Community Development	Southern	\$30,000.00	\$14,370.00
Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art	Economic/Community Development	Eastern	\$30,000.00	\$14,370.00
Western Maryland Resource Conservation and Development, Inc.	Ag/Forestry	Western	\$20,000.00	\$19,160.00
TOTAL			\$589,713.80	\$384,495.17

MAERDAF Grant Awards– Scopes of Work

Allegany College of Maryland

– Award Amount: \$7,185

Summary: Allegany College of Maryland is a lifelong learning community dedicated to excellence in education and responsive to the changing needs of the communities served.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will provide matching funds for an AmeriCorps member position to assist with the founding efforts of a two-county Volunteer Center that will serve citizens in Allegany & Garrett Counties. The Volunteer Center will launch a collaborative effort between Allegany College, Frostburg State University, and Garrett College to support the volunteer needs of citizens living in Allegany and Garrett Counties.

Allegany Health Right

– Award Amount: \$9,580

Summary: Allegany Health Right's mission is to increase access to health care services for low-income adults in Allegany and Garrett Counties.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to support the Dental Access Program serving Allegany and Garrett Counties. The Dental Access Program will provide urgent dental treatment for adults in the target population, deliver oral health education through presentations and appointments, and provide follow up with project participants via meetings, phone and email.

Asian American Center of Frederick

– Award Amount: \$13,297.04

Summary: The mission of the Asian American Center of Frederick (AACF) is to support ethnic minorities and immigrants in their pursuit of the American dream. AACF works to eliminate barriers to health care, employment, and human services.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will partially support the coordination of the Community Health Worker (CHW) program and Retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP) program, as part of Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance program to address health disparities. Funding will support the development of an integrated service and outreach model to improve access to preventive care for Frederick and neighboring county residents by newly

developed CHW program, a coordinated plan for using Community Health Workers in partnership with Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick County Health Department and other providers, and delivery of three Health Disparity slideshow programs to ethnic minority business/community non-health leadership groups.

Bay Area Center for Independent Living

– Award Amount: \$6,227

Summary: Through innovative services, Bay Area Center for Independent Living empowers and inspires people with disabilities to build a better tomorrow.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to support the Vocational Training Program to allow students with disabilities to gain employment skills in Dorchester, Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties.

Chesterwye Center, Inc. and Benedictine School

– Award Amount: \$15,807

Summary: The mission of the Chesterwye Center, Inc. is to enhance the lives of adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to explore their possibilities toward informed choice and personal independence. The Benedictine School helps children and adults with developmental disabilities to achieve their greatest potential.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to provide training to direct support professionals to meet the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) Community Rule that requires that people with intellectual/developmental disabilities must live in community settings and work or volunteer in community businesses.

Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust

– Award Amount: \$22,513

Summary: Cove Point Natural Heritage Trust (CPNHT) is a non-profit Trust located in Calvert County. Their mission is to preserve and protect ecologically sensitive sites in Southern Maryland through land conservation, acquisition, scientific research, and environmental education.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to provide a portion of a living and travel stipend for a Volunteer Maryland Coordinator for training. Funding will also be used to hire a part-time teacher to develop long-term regional support partnerships to ensure program longevity, present education trainings for Southern Maryland teachers and conduct student service learning.

Crossroads Community, Inc.

– Award Amount: \$3,682.70

Summary: The mission of Crossroads Community, Inc. is to teach skills and to access resources that empower people with behavioral health needs to live satisfying and productive lives. Crossroads promotes community acceptance through advocacy and community education.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to help establish "natural supports" in the community for individuals managing mental illness. Funds will support a Volunteer Maryland Coordinator placement and associated expenses to recruit community volunteers and cultivate partnerships.

Delmarva Community Services, Inc.

– Award Amount: \$14,370

Summary: Delmarva Community Services, Inc. (DCS), is a multi-service, nonprofit agency dedicated to helping people who wish to maintain dignity, and an independent lifestyle within their community on the Delmarva Peninsula.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to increase access to the local community for DCS individuals and

develop new partnerships and opportunities for job skills training. In addition, funding will be used to increase the number of Horticultural Training Center clients with community-centered goals. Funds will support the purchase a vehicle for the Horticulture Training Center capable of carrying 12 passengers and handling a large volume of sales products.

Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center

– Award Amount: \$21,555

Summary: Through collaborative partnerships, the Eastern Shore Area Health Education Center (AHEC) will become a leader in providing educational services and programs to assist rural communities in the retention and recruitment of health care professionals.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to train a cohort of 15 Community Health Workers (CHWs) to meet demands of current health care deficit on the Eastern Shore. Assistance in job placement for all trained CHWs will take place upon training completion.

Evergreen Heritage Center Foundation

– Award Amount: \$11,304.40

Summary: 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. To achieve that goal, the Foundation has partnered with the region's academic and business communities to collaborate in leveraging the resources of the EHC, as well as its partners' expertise, to develop an outdoor learning center that provides hands-on education for children, youth, and adults.

Program Funds: The purpose of the Evergreen Barn Project is to repair and renovate the Evergreen Barn, originally built in the late 1700s and now part of Federal Hill/Evergreen which is listed on both the Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties and the National Register. Repairs and renovations will result in the preservation and repurposing of an historic Maryland structure that will serve as both a farm museum and venue for education and events while exemplifying the story of sustainable agriculture and forestry.

Farming 4 Hunger

– Award Amount: \$14,370

Summary: Farming 4 Hunger's mission is to feed the hungry and help feed the soul. Farming 4 Hunger serves the Southern Maryland community, as well as the State through partnerships with the Maryland Food Bank.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to prepare incarcerated men in Pre-Release for living in the outside world by developing skills, including agricultural education. Funding will assist inmates and support the development of business relationships for employment opportunities in Southern Maryland.

For All Seasons, Inc.

– Award Amount: \$21,788.75

Summary: For All Season's mission is to provide trauma-certified mental health services, including 24-hour crisis hotlines, in Spanish and English, psychiatric and medication management, psychotherapy, school-based mental health services, group/therapy/support groups, and crisis response and support services for rape and sexual assault victims.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to help support the costs to become accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF). Accreditation will allow For All Seasons, Inc. to build institutional capacity to serve citizens of the five Mid-Shore counties with the highest quality of services.

Frederick CTC/FFA Alumni

– Award Amount: \$14,370

Summary: The mission of the Frederick Career and Technology Center (CTC) and Future Farmers of America

(FFA) Alumni Association is to support and advocate for agricultural education and the Future Farmers of America (FFA) through gifts of time, talent and financial resources at the local, state and national levels.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to support the entrepreneurial agriculture program for Career and Technology Education students and promote community-based agricultural enterprises in Frederick, Carroll and Washington Counties.

Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology at the University of Maryland

– Award Amount: \$8,143

Summary: The mission of the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology is to promote the economic viability and environmental sustainability of Maryland's farms and forests. The Center accomplishes this mission by funding applied research that is used to create policies and new management practices, as well as promote policy change and educate the public.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to increase understanding of the poultry industry in Maryland by providing a platform for learning new technologies and solutions, creating a dialogue among diverse stakeholders and determining areas that need additional education and research among planners of the Eastern Shore's nine counties. Funding will support a Poultry 101 Symposium and Planners' Meeting.

Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

– Award Amount: \$12,794.09

Summary: The mission of the Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area is to promote stewardship of the historic, cultural and natural Civil War resources of Carroll, Frederick and Washington Counties.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to create a historical geocache trail to inspire geocache enthusiasts to learn about Civil War history, as well as encourage economic development by encouraging eating, drinking, shopping and lodging along the trail in Carroll, Washington, and Frederick Counties.

LEAD Maryland Foundation

– Award Amount: \$19,160

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

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will increase the overall capacity of the LEAD Maryland training program, to build the capacity of rural Maryland. Funds will be used to implement four in-state multi-day seminars and to purchase the necessary equipment for Class IX Seminar 9 and Class X Fellows Seminars 1-3.

Maintaining Active Citizens, Inc. (MAC, Inc.)

– Award Amount: \$5,786.32

Summary: MAC, Inc. is the area agency on aging and disability resource center for Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester Counties. Its mission is to preserve a dignified quality of life for older adults through serves that maintain healthy independent living, and help them manage challenges as they become frail.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to support The Life After Breast Cancer program that serves women in rural communities on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, primarily Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester Counties. The project addresses the significant health issue of breast and gynecological cancer survivorship and particularly the correlation between weight gain and cancer recurrence of women in these communities who are underserved, underinsured and often financially vulnerable.

Maryland Business Incubation Association

– Award Amount: \$11,496

Summary: The Maryland Business Incubation Association (MBIA) was founded in 2002 to advance business

incubation in Maryland. Representing 25 incubators, MBIA supports nearly 550 companies across the state in both urban and rural areas. Since its inception, our incubators have generated 11,800 jobs, making it equivalent to one of the state's largest employers.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to facilitate greater attendance by rural entrepreneurs, especially those who are underserved, at Maryland TEDCO's Entrepreneur Expo, an annual statewide conference highlighting entrepreneurs and new startup businesses.

Maryland Farmers Market Association

– Award Amount: \$16,932.65

Summary: The mission of the Maryland Farmers Market Association (MDFMA) is to cultivate a vibrant and sustainable farmers' market community in Maryland as a means of supporting local agricultural producers, providing access to fresh, nutritious foods for all, and cultivating positive community spaces.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to support Maryland's farmers markets by increasing the capacity of rural market farmers to effectively market directly to consumers through farmers markets thereby increasing their profits and the markets' capacity to provide sustainable community benefit. Funding will help to provide technical assistance to market managers, host in-person trainings and webinars, and develop a *Guide to Selling at Maryland Farmers' Markets* publication.

Maryland Forest Association

– Award Amount: \$5,460.60

Summary: The mission of the Maryland Forests Association is to conserve and enhance forests in Maryland by increasing awareness of the diverse, public benefits of forests, supporting the sustainable use of forest resources, promoting economic opportunity for forest landowners, and maintaining a viable local forest products industry.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to increase awareness of value-added products and services opportunities associated with forest products. The Maryland Forests Association will also increase knowledge of forestry organizations that exist in the State and that serve as resources to private landowners and forestry professionals; enhance Maryland's forestry community; improve communication and awareness of forestry-related resource organizations; and, strengthen and build relationships between Maryland Forest Association and other rural and natural resources-based organizations. Funding will support three educational workshops during the fall 2016 in Allegany, Baltimore, and Wicomico Counties to offer maximized opportunity for individuals from across the State to attend, as well as to address region-specific issues.

MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

– Award Amount: \$23,950

Summary: MedStar St. Mary's Hospital in Leonardtown, Maryland is a community hospital that upholds its tradition of caring by continuously promoting, maintaining and improving health through education and services while assuring quality care, patient safety, and fiscal integrity.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to expand education, outreach, and basic health screenings across Southern Maryland. Funding will support the purchase and customization of a mobile resource vehicle and equipment for outreach events.

Preservation Maryland

– Award Amount: \$19,160

Summary: Preservation Maryland works to protect the historic places, stories, and communities in Maryland that matter, and dedicated to preserving Maryland's historic buildings, neighborhoods, landscapes, and archeological sites through advocacy, funding, and outreach.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to help rural homeowners of historic properties in the nine counties

of the Eastern Shore become aware of the tax credit program for historic preservation and help them access resources to preserve their houses.

SHORE UP!

– ***Award Amount: \$15,628.62***

Summary: SHORE UP! Inc. is dedicated to building communities, changing lives, and empowering individuals and families to maintain long-term independence and achieve economic self-sufficiency, through a comprehensive system of services and resources on the Eastern Shore.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to help support the Out-of-School Youth (OSY) Services Program, which is intended to ensure youth ages 16-24 have the education they need to succeed on the job, while providing them with specific occupational skills training, work experiences, and supportive services so that they may become and remain gainfully employed, especially in professions in high demand. Funds will be used to create a computer work lab for students.

Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Board, Inc.

– ***Award Amount: \$22,034***

Summary: The mission of the Southern Maryland Resource Conservation and Development Board, Inc., is to accelerate the conservation, education, development and utilization of natural resources, improve the general level of economic activity, and enhance the environment and standard of living.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to support the 2017 National Conservation Foundation Envirothon Competition taking place at Mount St. Mary's University in Frederick County.

Spring Dell Center, Inc.

– ***Award Amount: \$14,370***

Summary: Spring Dell Center, Inc. is dedicated to assisting individuals with disabilities in achieving their highest level of independence by providing support, opportunities, and employment for the quality of life they desire within their community.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to provide support for wheelchair-bound individuals in St. Mary's, Charles, and Calvert Counties to increase the number of non-ambulatory individuals receiving education, employment and skills training in the community. Funding will provide support for a used wheel-chair lift vehicle.

Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art

– ***Award Amount: \$14,370***

Summary: The Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art is dedicated to exhibiting, collecting, and promoting wildfowl art and wildfowling heritage.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to support outfitting of the new John A Luetkemeyer Sr. and Thomas F. Mullan Jr. Legacy Center as a state-of-the-art learning space to meet the growing demand for educational programs. Funding will support the purchase of a visual display and audio equipment.

Western Maryland Resource Conservation and Development, Inc.

– ***Award Amount: \$19,160***

Summary: The mission of the Western Maryland Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. is to build and sustain resource conservation programs, raising the quality of social, economic and environmental development in our region.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to provide building and equipment needs to further expand educational and operational activities at Frostburg Grows. Funding will support the purchase of a compact tractor with

front-end loader, and construction of a 24' x 40' multi-purpose building site on Frostburg Grows.

FY 2017 MAERDAF Grantees By Region (Total)			
	# Grantees	Total Awarded	% of grant funds awarded
Eastern Shore (9 Counties)	18	\$215,147.78	39%
Southern Maryland (3Counties)	8	\$134,483.08	24%
Western Maryland (5Counties)	8	\$106,850.53	19%
Statewide	8	\$ 99,435.61	18%
Total	42	\$555,917.00	100%

FY 2017 MAERDAF Grantees by Category (Total)			
	# Grantees	Total Awarded	% of grant funds awarded
Health Care	10	\$138,766.64	23%
Regional Council	2	\$20,692.80	3.70%
ATC/Community College	3	\$21,108.57	3.80%
Economic/Community Development	14	\$185,797.20	33%
Ag/Forestry Education	13	\$189,551.79	34%
Total	42	\$555,917.00	100%

RMC Operating Expenses

The remainder of RMPiF Funding was allocated to RMC operating expenses for FY 2017. These expenses include:

Expenses	FY 2017 Budget	Actual FY 2017
<i>Fund PCA</i>		<i>12/15/2016</i>
Salaries	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 53,814.52
	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 4,021.48
Health Insurance	\$ -	
Retiree Health Insurance		
Employee Retirement	\$ -	
Employee Pension		
Unemployment	\$ 600.00	\$ 147.18
Professional Development/LEAD Maryland	\$ 5,500.00	

Total Personnel Expenses	\$ 200,100.00	\$ 57,983.18
Other Operations		
Postage	\$ 750.00	\$ 402.34
Telephone (Conf. Calls)	\$ 750.00	\$ 112.91
Cellular		
Instate Routine Ops	\$ 5,717.00	\$ 3,614.64
In State/Conf./Training (Board Meetings)	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,574.54
Motor Pool mileage	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 437.50
Out of State	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 950.16
Printing and Reproduction	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 5,199.65
Constant Contact	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,173.00
Xerox	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 916.11
Office Supplies	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,727.84
Association Dues	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 250.00
Insurance		
Constituent outreach		
Legislative Committee - Issue Forums outreach	\$ 8,000.00	
Health Care Committee	\$ 8,000.00	
Board Development	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 530.70
Marketing and Promotion	\$ 19,000.00	
Grants, Contributions and Constituent Outreach	\$ 53,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Conf. Sponsorships (RRTs, MRHA)	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 9,173.00
Statewide event	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
Mis. Contract Services (Rural Stat)		
Board Retreat - Strategic Planning		
Research - TOW	\$ 45,000.00	
Total Other Operations	\$ 388,917.00	\$ 123,545.57

Anticipated Expenditures

Salaries: The Rural Maryland Council has budgeted for the addition of a third full-time, contractual staff member to serve as an Administrative and Communications Assistant. The budgeted salary for this position is \$30,000.00. The new staff position is expected to be filled beginning January 2017.

Research – TOW: The Rural Maryland Council has budgeted \$45,000.00 to provide funding for a Transfer of Wealth (TOW) Study. The information gathered from the study will assist with creating solutions that will help to mitigate the financial burden transferred wealth has on rural communities, and will seek ways to encourage and strengthen rural philanthropy and investment.

Additional Expenditures

Grants, Contributions, and Constituent Outreach: The Rural Maryland Council granted the Maryland Rural Health Association (MRHA) a \$30,000.00 grant to provide partial funding for a Maryland Rural Health Plan. MRHA has proposed to create an updated state-wide Rural Health Plan for Maryland. The new Maryland Rural Health Plan will assess the needs and serve all of the 18 rural counties in Maryland and its growing population - of over 1.6 million. Information from rural stakeholders will be obtained via multiple means and the final product, the new Maryland Rural Health Plan, will include a synthesis of all available data as well as identify gaps and opportunities, making it a valuable, reliable resource.

Other: The Rural Maryland Council in partnership with Grow & Fortify hosted the first Grow Maryland Summit in December 2016 to promote Maryland's value-added agriculture industry. Nearly 180 attendees were on hand for the full day program titled "Grow Maryland Summit: The Future of Value-Added Agriculture," which included a welcome address by Dr. Craig Beyrouy, Dean of the University of Maryland

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, as well as eight breakout sessions and “curbside consulting”, an opportunity for one-to-one consulting on a variety of business topics.

Performance Measures

All RMPIF and MAERDAF grant recipients are required to submit interim and final reports as a condition of the grant funding. Interim reports are due within six months of the grant period with a final report due fifteen days from completion of the grant period. Sample report questionnaires are made available to grant recipients.

Performance measures required through RMPIF and MAERDAF reporting may address the type or level of program activities conducted (process), the direct products and services delivered by a program (outputs), and/or the results of those products and services (outcomes). Organizations must establish a set of performance measures when submitting an application.

The MAERDAF/RMPIF Grant Review Board requires an application to include as a part of its scope of work a table of goals and measurable objectives. Applicants are advised that goals should be specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time-bound. Applicants are also aware that interim and final reports are expected to discuss whether these goals and objectives were met or if not, why not. All reports are made available to grant review board members for review and are often considered for those applicants who were previous recipients of funds. Grantee final reports and outcomes are included in the Rural Maryland Council's Annual Report to the Governor and the Maryland Legislature.

Using an example from the Fiscal Year 2017 grant round by the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland, a portion of RMPIF funding was used to pay for the training and related instructional costs that will allow the Council to engage 10 individuals in the program. A ten-week intensive emersion program, students will participate in workshops and receive one-on-one business consulting and peer group mentoring. The below example table was included in the grant application:

GOALS	MEASURABLE OBJECTIVES
Enrollment in program	10 eligible participants enrolled.
Program completion	8 enrolled participants will complete training
Business model and business plan	8 enrolled participants will establish a business
Business launch	8 enrolled participants will launch a new business

Under the Health Care Projects section of RMPIF, the West Cecil Health Center was awarded \$43,805.00 to assist with the capital costs to outfit a new health access point in Elkton to address the need for additional primary care in the community. The following chart was submitted as part of their proposed scope of work:

West Cecil Health Center FY 2017 GOALS

Description	Baseline FY16	Goal
Job enthusiasm and motivation to take positive action that contributes to the company's success	4.67	4.73
Increase employee compliance with annual tuberculosis screening	13%	72%
Compliance with filling vacant non-provider positions within 45 days	No Prev Data	75%
Likelihood to Recommend (Phreesia-Electronic Check in Process with PADO	76%	82%
Primary Care Visit Times (Minutes)	63	54 minutes
Behavioral Health Visit Time (Minutes)	45	40 minutes
Dental Hygiene Visit Time (Minutes)	50	41 Minutes
% of Pts with HbA1c \geq 9	9%	<u>3%</u>
Documentation of HbA1c in Electronic Medical Records	39%	<u>60%</u>
% Pts with BP \geq 150/90	16%	<u>7%</u>
% of Pts age 11 and older completing depression screening	50%	<u>70%</u>
Childhood immunization compliance	40%	<u>50%</u>
Colorectal CA Screening	29%	<u>40%</u>
Cervical CA Screening	11%	<u>30%</u>
Dental Sealants on Pts Age 6-9	89%	<u>97%</u>
Increase equipment preventative maintenance and calibration compliance	No Prev Data	100%
All Encounters	29222	34732
Claim submission times	104 Hours	60 Hours
Copay collections	34%	55%
NET service revenue (Millions)	\$3.48M	4.29
Manage expenses within budget	5%	3.50%

As a part of the ranking criteria for all grant applications, reviewers are asked to grade applicants on the specific goals and measurable objectives and whether they are clearly stated and appear to be achievable. The Grant Review Board also heavily considers the goals and objectives during its deliberations. Under the grant reporting guidelines, organizations are then asked to include in the interim and final report narrative a tie back to the scope of work outlined in the original application and referenced in the Scope of Work and Deliverables, Exhibit 1 listed in the executed Grant Agreement. It should also address the "Table of Goals and Measurable Objectives" outlined in the original application. An example of a previously submitted Table is provided below.

Overall Program Goal	Final Outcome
1. Outreach, Produce, and offer free educational materials to residents in all Maryland Eastern Shore Counties on environmental illnesses.	600 copies of our produced handouts on "Prevention of Tick Borne Illnesses," "Making Your Yard Safe" and "Removing a Tick Properly" were handouts in packets to persons attending our informal and formal talks.
2. Provide access for 50 individual patients to receive medical and environmental consultations with recommendations for treatment and supplementation.	54 new patients were given consults, and 16 returning participants were given additional treatment and consultations
3. Vouchers will be provided to assist disadvantaged patients with travel expenses to attend their scheduled medical appointments.	20 gas cards were provided to participants. No farmers Market vouchers given.
4. Aqua therapy classes will be offered to all participants to decrease their pain and to	32 people were identified and participated in the Aqua therapy classes.

improve functional mobility, endurance and strength. Classes offered in 12 week sessions, 1 to 2 classes each week, one hour sessions.	
5. A speakers bureau will be developed to present formal/informal power point presentations on Living Well In Your Rural Environment.	6 persons trained as Speakers. 157 people attended two formal presentations in the Dorchester and Caroline Counties and 127 attended two informal presentations in Wicomico/Worcester/Somerset Counties. This was a total of 320 participants attending.
6. Chiropractic Care for Pain Management: 6 (six) participants will receive 8 (eight) sessions	Six participants have been treated with a result of 60% reduction in pain.

Given the broad spectrum of eligible activities allowable under RMPIF from economic and community development to infrastructure and health care, it is difficult to adequately describe the various different measures that could be considered. However, the Rural Maryland Council tracks through its RuralStat widget on rural.maryland.gov a number of different measures to help determine the health of rural communities. These include: population, population under 18, population over 65, unemployment, poverty, per capita income, median household income, home value, accidents, drinking, heart disease, obesity rates, smoking, and education. A future project is to update the RuralStat widget and to include an additional number of other quality of life factors.

Addendum

Remainder of MAERDAF Awards

The following list contain the scope of work of the remainder of the MAERDAF grant awards which were funded from FY16 MAERDAF funds appropriated through a separate line-item in the State's Operating Budget. In addition to the \$2,167,000.00 received for RMPIF, the RMC also received an additional \$167,000.00 in a separate line-item for MAERDAF funds.

FY 2017 MAERDAF Grantees (Non-RMPIF Funded)				
Applicant	Category	Region	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded
Chesapeake College Foundation	Community College	Eastern	\$23,200.00	\$8,526.20
Compass Regional Hospice	Health	Eastern	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 16,286.00
Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.	Economic/Community Development	Western	\$30,000.00	\$19,160.00
Historic St. Mary's City Foundation	Ag/Forestry Education	Southern	\$30,000.00	\$14,370.00
Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation	Economic/Community Development	Southern	\$9,779.00	\$9,368.28
Lower Shore Land Trust	Ag/Forestry Education	Eastern	\$19,320.76	\$9,262.90
Maryland Forestry Foundation	Ag/Forestry Education	Statewide	\$22,000.00	\$18,297.80
Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts	Ag/Forestry Education	Statewide	\$30,000.00	\$4,790.00
Queen Anne's County/ Allegany County Public Library System	Economic/Community Development	Statewide	\$4,320.00	\$4,138.56
Tri-County Council Foundation	Regional Planning	Southern	\$15,000.00	\$7,185.00
Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland	Regional Planning	Southern	\$14,100.00	\$13,507.80
True Oyster Restoration Initiative, Inc.	Ag/Forestry Education	Southern	\$21,593.00	\$20,686.09
Tuckahoe Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	Economic/Community Development	Eastern	\$28,000.00	\$13,412.00
Women Supporting Women	Health Care	Eastern	\$7,342.20	\$7,033.83
Wor-Wic Community College	Community College	Eastern	\$21,834.00	\$5,397.37
TOTAL			\$290,388.96	\$171,421.83

MAERDAF Grant Awards– Scopes of Work

Chesapeake College Foundation

– Award Amount: \$8,526.20

Summary: The Foundation’s mission is to enhance student learning through the support of scholarships, technology and programs for Chesapeake College. Chesapeake College prepares students from diverse backgrounds to excel in further education and employment in a global society.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to establish a high tunnel operation on campus for use as a hands-on teaching tool in the agriculture degree program. Funds will also develop a high tunnel management student internship program for implementation summer 2017, and to develop a strategy with specific activities and a timeline for collaboration with high schools for implementation fall 2017.

Compass Hospice Regional

– Award Amount: \$16,286.00

Summary: Compass Hospice Regional team offers individuals, families and the community “care on your terms” through comprehensive, professional and compassionate end-of-life care and grief support.

Program Funds: Funding will provide support to the existing Hope & Healing Centers in Queen Anne's, Kent and Caroline Counties. Specifically, MAERDAF funds will be used to support Camp New Dawn, an annual camp for children and families, and to provide grief support services not covered by insurance.

Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.

– Award Amount: \$19,160.00

Summary: The mission of Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. is to improve the quality of life for people in need by empowering them to become more self-sufficient and by providing essential services in collaboration and cooperation with partners.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to build the capacity to create greater family economic security in Allegany and Garrett Counties by enabling career coaching services and career ladder opportunities. This will include attainment of a families' identified Career Advance Pathway Plan goal(s) reflective in creating greater economic security and wealth building, families pursuing education/career advancement, parents completing certifications, families increasing stability and economic security, and families completing the Crisis to Thrive (C2T) Family Wellness Composite.

Historic St. Mary’s City Foundation

– Award Amount: \$14,370.00

Summary: The mission of the Historic St. Mary’s City is to preserve and protect the archeological and historical record of Maryland’s first colonial capital and to appropriately develop and use this historic and scenic site for the education, employment, and general benefit of the public.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to construct a wooden, timber-frame pavilion with flexible enclosures (sliding wooden slides) to provide covered space for the comfort and convenience of museum visitors.

Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation

– Award Amount: \$9,368.28

Summary: Lifestyles of Maryland Foundation’s mission is to support people in crisis by providing emergency assistance through partnerships and provide referrals for health and human services.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to improve the mobility of the targeted population in accessing employment opportunities and increase the capability to provide more efficient transportation services. Funding will support the purchase of web-based transportation dispatch software, set-up fees, and training to enable more effective transportation services for Southern Maryland citizens.

Lower Shore Land Trust

– Award Amount: \$9,262.90

Summary: Lower Shore Land Trust is dedicated to preserving rural lands, to promoting vibrant towns, and to building a more healthy and connected Eastern Shore.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to support the production of materials necessary to promote the new location of the Lower Shore Land Trust and create an environment to present programs, thus building capacity to conduct outreach. Funding will support the purchase of business cards, organizational brochures, and conference room equipment including a computer work station, table and chairs.

Maryland Forestry Foundation

– Award Amount: \$18,297.80

Summary: The Maryland Forestry Foundation’s mission is to promote the stewardship, conservation, and sustainable use of Maryland’s forest resources—urban, suburban and rural.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to expand the Natural Resources Career Camp by creating a fellowship to be made available to a college student currently enrolled in a natural resource career field. The NRCC Fellow will work with Forestry Boards, high schools, forestry operators, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and other partner organizations to promote the NRCC and encourage enrollment.

Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts

– Award Amount: \$4,790.00

Summary: The mission of the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts is to promote practical and effective soil, water and related natural resources programs to all citizens. The Maryland Envirothon mission is to stimulate the interest of high school students in natural resources and have them grow as well-rounded learners and action-oriented adults.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to provide equipment funding support for the Maryland Envirothon Program, including the purchase of an off road utility vehicle and trailer to be used at the Maryland Envirothon competition.

Queen Anne’s County/Allegany County Public Library System

– Award Amount: \$4,138.56

Summary: Queen Anne’s County Public Library educates and enriches the community through free access to resources. Allegany County Library System enriches people’s lives by providing information, materials, services, and entertaining programs to promote the community, lifelong learning, and opportunity for all.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to support the Allegany and Queen Anne’s County libraries Guys Read program for 4th and 5th grade boys, specifically the purchase of books for 5th grade boys in the coming school year.

Tri-County Council Foundation, Inc.

– Award Amount: \$7,185.00

Summary: The Tri-County Council 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, nonprofits, and businesses.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to support Project Opportunity, a program which provides entrepreneurship classes to veterans seeking employment in the Southern Maryland region. Funding will provide consultant services, materials and supplies for the Project Opportunity entrepreneurship training classes for veterans.

Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland

– Award Amount: \$13,507.80

Summary: The mission of the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland is to serve as a forum for the discussion and resolution of issues affecting the Southern Maryland region.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to support the Mobile Career Center (MCC), a resource for providing employment and training services in the rural and remote areas in Southern Maryland where transportation is difficult or non-existent for individuals to attend “brick and mortar” career centers.

True Oyster Restoration Initiative, Inc.

– Award Amount: \$20,686.09

Summary: The mission of True Oyster Restoration Initiative, Inc. is to become a leading oyster aquaculture organization in the Chesapeake Bay region.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to support the creation of an agri-tourism oyster trail to capture markets from tourism to showcase the industry in Southern Maryland. Funding will support development of marketing materials, and an inaugural oyster trail ceremony.

Tuckahoe Habitat for Humanity, Inc.

– Award Amount: \$13,412.00

Summary: Tuckahoe Habitat for Humanity’s mission is to work in partnership with God and people everywhere, from all walks of life, to develop housing solutions for low-income families to live in affordable, safe, comfortable, and sustainable homes through: building new homes, rehabbing existing homes, doing repairs, weatherizations, and energy upgrades, so that there are decent houses available, in decent communities, in which every person can experience God’s love and can live and grow into all that God intends.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to support the Tuckahoe ReStore, as well as to encourage volunteering, donations and employment to serve the residents of Queen Anne’s and Caroline Counties. Funds will be used to purchase a used box truck, marketing materials, installation of a HVAC system, and lighted signage and security system.

Women Supporting Women

– Award Amount: \$7,033.83

Summary: Women Supporting Women’s (WSW) mission is to provide awareness, education and support to all those affected by breast cancer. WSW provides people with the tools to make educated choices regarding their health.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funding will be used to support the "Cooking for the New Me!" classes in spring 2017 to serve and support survivors of breast cancer and their families on the Lower Eastern Shore.

Wor-Wic Community College

– Award Amount: \$5,397.37

Summary: Wor-Wic is a comprehensive community college that enhances local economic growth by addressing the educational, training and workforce development needs of the residents of Worcester, Wicomico and Somerset

counties.

Program Funds: MAERDAF funds will be used to develop and implement a Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) course for individuals who are non-native English speakers following the Maryland Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training (MI-BEST) model.

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