

RURAL MARYLAND COUNCIL



MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE FUND

ANNUAL REPORT FY2019



Photo Courtesy of Fort Ritchie Community Center, Youth Skills Development Program

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 2019, MAERDAF received \$167,000.00 in appropriations and \$513,917.00 in Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Funds (RMPIF). The MAERDAF Grant Review Board approved the allocation of \$966,710.00 from

RMPIF to MAERDAF due to the demand for MAERDAF funding. A total of 43 grants were awarded to 39 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. Local governments, especially those in economically distressed rural regions do not have the financial wherewithal to fully address these important developmental needs.

FY2019 GRANT REVIEW BOARD

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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.

FY2019 PROGRAM

The Rural Maryland Council was pleased to receive \$167,000.00 in a General Fund Appropriation for MAERDAF in Fiscal Year 2019. At the end of Fiscal Year 2018, there were \$6,707.41 in unspent remaining funds from FY 2018 projects. The MAERDAF Grant Review Board approved the allocation of \$966,710.00 from the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (RMPIF) to MAERDAF due to the demand for MAERDAF funding.

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 2019, the average grant amount awarded was \$26,370.47.

During FY 2019, a total of 110 applications were submitted with a total of \$3,256,990.93 requested. A total of 43 grants totaling \$1,133,930.00 were distributed to 39 organizations. Of the total awarded grants, 34 were supported by RMPIF funds. The remainder of the grant awards were funded from FY19 MAERDAF funds appropriated through a separate line-item in the State's Operating Budget and reallocated funds from RMPIF.

FY2019 MAERDAF GRANTEES (RMPIF) FUNDED

AWARDEE	CATEGORY	REGION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT AWARDED	MATCH AMOUNT
Allegany College	Community College	Western	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$110,000
Bishop Walsh School	Econ/Comm Dev	Western	\$34,000	\$34,000	\$40,000
Cambridge Main Street	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$26,500	\$26,500	\$8,500
Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$36,000
Community Foundation of Southern Maryland	Econ/Comm Dev	Southern	\$40,000	\$19,000	\$10,000
Compass Regional Hospice	Health Care	Eastern	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$210,271
Dove Pointe	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$5,900	\$2,900	\$3,000
Fair Hill Foundation	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$29,600	\$29,600	\$40,000
Fort Ritchie Community Center	Econ/Comm Dev	Western	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$42,768
Friends of the Grape, Inc.	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$40,000	\$30,000	\$168,240
Garrett College (Mountaintop Driving Institute)	Community College	Western	\$16,440	\$16,440	\$18,400
Garrett College (Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) Program)	Community College	Western	\$38,072	\$38,072	\$0.00
Habitat for Humanity Choptank (AmeriCorp Volunteer)	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$225,947.48

FY2019 MAERDAF GRANTEES (RMPIF) FUNDED

AWARDEE	CATEGORY	REGION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT AWARDED	MATCH AWARDED
Habitat for Humanity Choptank (Direct Repair Costs)	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$23,760	\$23,760	\$208,697.50
Habitat for Humanity Tuckahoe	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$22,880	\$14,780	\$45,000
Hagerstown Community College	Community College	Western	\$38,072	\$38,072	\$97,261
Health Partners, Inc.	Health Care	Southern	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$10,000
Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area	Econ/Comm Dev	Western	\$55,755	\$40,000	\$174,097
Jessie Klump Memorial Fund	Regional Planning	Eastern	\$19,000	\$19,000	\$5,250
Maces Lane Community Center	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$19,440
Maryland Small Business Development Center - Northern Region	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$39,969.50	\$22,574	\$26,469.50
Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped	Econ/Comm Dev	Statewide	\$28,400	\$19,400	\$4,849.50
Maryland Telehealth Alliance	Health Care	Statewide	\$40,000	\$20,000	\$0.00
MidShore Pro Bono	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$86,000
People for Change Coalition	Econ/Comm Dev	Southern	\$22,500	\$22,500	\$5,000
Preservation Maryland	Econ/Comm Dev	Statewide	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$65,000
SHORE UP!	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$60,845
Telamon Corporation	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$10,800	\$10,800	\$460,580
Tri-County Council Foundation	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$15,284	\$15,284	\$68,458
Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$29,500	\$29,500	\$29,550

FY2019 MAERDAF GRANTEES (RMPIF) FUNDED

AWARDEE	CATEGORY	REGION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT AWARDED	MATCH AWARDED
Western Maryland Resource Cons. & Dev.	Ag/Forestry Education	Western	\$36,300	\$36,300	\$4,200
WISP Ski Patrol	Health Care	Western	\$47,337.67	\$40,000	\$97,650
YMCA of the Chesapeake	Health Care	Eastern	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$25,000
TOTAL			\$1,040,070.17	\$926,710.00	\$2,406,473.98

In December 2018, the MAERDAF Grant Review Board agreed to fund an additional \$40,000 to Friends of the Grape, using remaining RMPIF funds. The timeline for the grant is to be completed between January 2019 - December 2019.

AWARDEE	CATEGORY	REGION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT AWARDED	MATCH AWARDED
Friends of the Grape, LLC.	Econ Dev	Eastern	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0.00
ALL TOTAL			\$1,080,070.17	\$966,710.00	\$2,406,473.98

FY2019 MAERDAF GRANTEES BY REGION

EASTERN SHORE

of Grantees: 21

Total Awarded:

\$512,805.00

45% of funds awarded

SOUTHERN MARYLAND

of Grantees: 3

Total Awarded: **\$81,500.00**

7.2% of funds awarded

WESTERN MARYLAND

of Grantees: 9

Total Awarded: **\$311,112.00**

27% of funds awarded

STATEWIDE

of Grantees: 10

Total Awarded:

\$228,513.00

20% of funds awarded

TOTAL

\$1,133,930.00



MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPF FUNDED)- SCOPES OF WORK

Allegany College

Amount Awarded - \$40,000

Program: Allegany College of Maryland is dedicated to excellence and is responsive to meeting the present and future needs of its students, the community, and local business and industry. The “Supporting and Strengthening Business Development through Advanced Manufacturing Training in Rural Western Maryland” project is a workforce development training program using state-of-the-art technological tools that will assist with recruiting, training, retaining, and developing more skilled employees, while also addressing certification requirements of employees in area businesses and industries.

Summary: MAERDAF funding provided for the purchase of equipment to include: Two (2) Lathes 8027J, Clausing/Colchester 13” X 40” Geared Head Lathe, and 3-Phase-8027J; Two (2) Knee Mills 3VS08 and VS Mill, 10” x 54” Variable Speed Mill; One (1) Handwheel Grinder Manual CSG618H; One (1) Cylindrical Grinder GM8-20; One (1) Universal Workhead (GUM-8-20); One (1) CMM 4.5.4 Shop Floor CMM w/PC-DMIS (New); and, miscellaneous supplies and materials.

MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

Bishop Walsh School

Amount Awarded - \$34,000

Program: The Bishop Walsh School computer/STEM curriculum offers a hands-on learning experience where students can exhibit their mastery of new skills. Students are able to experiment with STEM/computer concepts via analysis in a classroom conducive to learning. The upgrade of the STEM/computer lab will allow opportunities for students in Allegany and Garrett Counties, who would like to pursue higher education and career paths associated with these fields, to learn in an environment with technology that is conducive to advancing their STEM skills. The program will serve over 320 students of all ages, from Allegany and Garret Counties, and enable access to curriculum created to help them to succeed in the 21st century job market.

Summary: MAERDAF funding provided for the purchase of equipment to include: One (1) Laser Cutter, Fifteen (15) Raspberry Pi, One (1) Wood Lathe, and One (1) Greenhouse, and provided for the costs for the upgrade and installation of the current wi-fi equipment and service contracted by Advanced Computers in Cumberland, Maryland.

Cambridge Main Street

Amount Awarded - \$26,500

Program: Cambridge Main Street is leading a collaborative initiative program by the Tourism Arts and Downtown Development (TADD) group, which launched in the early 2000s as a way to help collaboratively promote and market the collective Eastern Shore communities, including arts and downtown destinations. Eastern Shore Communities that will benefit from a regional marketing campaign to promote the "Eat Drink Buy Art" campaign include Elkton, Chestertown, Centreville, Stevensville, Easton, Denton, Cambridge, Salisbury, Princess Anne, Crisfield, Berlin, Snow Hill, and Ocean City. The regional marketing campaign will help solidify the partnership across each of these communities, and potentially develop increased tourism and economic development.

Summary: MAERDAF funds provided for printing costs for rack cards; communications consultant services to: implement campaign and creative marketing development strategy, and hold at least one (1) facilitated collaborative co-op strategy discussion and development meeting; paid advertising and placement, including professional graphic design and updated campaign materials; and costs for graphic design associated with digital marketing and printed material design, and re-work of the "Eat Drink Buy Art" brandmark.

Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center

Amount Awarded - \$10,000

Program: As the immigrant population on the Eastern Shore of Maryland continues, it is essential for service providers, businesses, and community groups to have access to language services and opportunities for professional development in cultural competency. Chesapeake Multicultural Resource Center will expand and implement the same program model as the Talbot County Lanaguage and Cultural Competency project to serve Caroline and Queen Anne's Counties.

Summary: MAERDAF funding created Language and Cultural Competency steering committees for Caroline and Queen Anne's counties, host quarterly meetings with each steering committee, provided cultural competency training to 300 individuals in Caroline and Queen Anne's counties associated with at least 15 agencies or businesses, and to create a pool of at least 40 trained interpreters for the Mid-shore region. Additional goals include creating a sustainable interpreter training program in collaboration with Chesapeake College and Cross-Cultural Communications, and create a sustainable business model for local interpreters and translators.

MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

Community Foundation of Southern Maryland

Amount Awarded - \$19,000

Program: The Community Foundation of Southern Maryland's vision is to make Southern Maryland the best place to live and give. The Foundation provides a vehicle to capture and return local investments for local purposes with the goal of increasing the quality of life in the region for all.

Summary: MAERDAF funds were used to increase the operational capacity of the Community Foundation to respond to needs and align philanthropic efforts for a positive change in the community to expand awareness and increase investments to the foundation through partnerships with estate planners, investors, asset lawyers, tax attorneys and CPA's; and creation of a marketing video that will educate the citizens and organizations on the benefits of the Community Foundation.

Compass Regional Hospice

Amount Awarded - \$20,000

Program: Compass Regional Hospice is the sole provider of in-home (including service at nursing homes and assisted living facilities), residential and in-patient hospice care for more than 100,000 residents living in Queen Anne's, Kent, and Caroline Counties. Compass Regional Hospice will add four additional residential hospice patient suites and create a state-of-the-art grief center at the Comet Drive location. The Hope and Healing Center will include: private counseling rooms, conference rooms for group programs, expanded practitioner spaces to provide therapies such as Yoga, Reiki, and Acupuncture, a children's play therapy space, and a family counseling and interaction suite.

Summary: MAERDAF funds provided for Phase 1 of the project to include overall project oversight by Hammond-Wilson architectural firm, engineering by Gipe Associates, and interior work on the Hope and Healing wing by Harper & Sons from Easton, MD.

Dove Pointe

Amount Awarded - \$2,900

Program: Dove Pointe and Worcester County Developmental Center are the two largest providers of day services to individuals with Developmental Disabilities in Wicomico and Worcester Counties, Maryland. Both agencies are licensed and regulated through the Maryland Department of Health to support adults with disabilities in a variety of settings including community involvement and competitive, integrated employment.

Summary: Dove Pointe and Worcester County Developmental Center assigned staff to two training sessions to increase collaboration between local agencies and increase the quality of community supports to all individuals with disabilities throughout the Lower Eastern Shore region. The trainings were provided by Dove Pointe in Salisbury, MD to local Direct Support Professional (DSP) staff.

MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

Fair Hill Foundation

Amount Awarded - \$29,600

Program: Fair Hill Foundation is supporting the master planning and preliminary engineering phase of the Fair Hill Equestrian Center.

Summary: MAERDAF funds provided critical programmatic needs for the second phase of project development including creating a high-quality website, instituting marketing programs to spread awareness of equestrian events occurring at Fair Hill, producing and implementing media engagement strategy, as well as community and government relations engagement strategies, and building capacity for member organizations and Fair Hill Foundation for improved performance. Individuals and businesses located in Cecil and Harford counties will benefit from new and enhanced equestrian events at Fair Hill through tourism and by attracting equestrian based businesses to Maryland.

Fort Ritchie Community Center

Amount Awarded - \$30,000

Program: The Fort Ritchie Community Center will pilot a new job skills training program for teens living in Frederick and Washington Counties. The Community Center will provide instruction on how to complete applications, prepare for interviews, and be professional in the workplace.

Summary: MAERDAF funding supported a Junior Staff training program targeting 13 to 16-year old's primarily from areas near Emmitsburg, Thurmont, Sabillasville, Cascade, and Smithsburg. A program director position was created to lead the program and serve as an ambassador to link local schools, businesses, and other organizations together to support community-wide initiatives to teach job training skills to teens. The program had three main components: Education, Practice, and Evaluation.

Friends of the Grape

Amount Awarded - \$30,000

Program: The Chesapeake Culinary Center has partnered with the Mid-Shore Regional Council to promote the Shore Gourmet Project. The objective of the program is to assist farmers in producing value-added products in addition to what they are growing, and to also assist food-based entrepreneurs to either begin a business or grow an existing business.

Summary: MAERDAF funds were used for a full-time professional staff person to act as the project coordinator for Shore Gourmet, and to provide for the expenses necessary to develop niche and new products from regional producers. The Project Coordinator reached out to entrepreneurs and local farmers to assist in creating value added products that can be developed in the health approved kitchen at the Culinary Arts Center. Other rural development includes help diversifying products through researching and developing niche crops from germination to distribution, and being a conduit for economic development by assisting in products getting to entrepreneurs, consumers and institutions in the MidShore region.

Friends of the Grape

Amount Awarded - \$40,000

Program: The Chesapeake Culinary Center has partnered with Farming 4 Hunger, based in Calvert County, to promote the Caroline Food Connection project. The objective of the project is to provide job training to youth and adults seeking to enter the hospitality industry, and to create economically independently families. The Food Connection project will build upon the success of Farming4Hunger, which has built a proven model that has achieved phenomenal results. The Food Connection Project will include fruit and vegetable crop production, processing, regional farm-to-institution distribution (schools, prisons, hospitals, etc.), a farm-to-table restaurant, event venue, job training, and educational programs.

Summary: MAERDAF funds will be used for the first phase planning of the Food Connection Project, and the creation of a business plan that will be used to leverage funds and advocate for continued support.

MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

Garrett College - Mountain Top Driving Institute **Amount Awarded - \$36,300**

Program: Garrett College operates the Mountaintop Truck Driving Institute (MTDI), a division of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, which provides students with preparatory training to pursue a Class A or Class B Commercial Driver's License (CDL). MTDI is housed at the College's Northern Outreach Center, which is conveniently located at the intersection of two major highways: US Route 219 and Interstate 68. This prime location serves as an excellent marketing opportunity to potential students and to employers in Garrett and Allegany Counties who are in need of new drivers.

Summary: MAERDAF funds allowed Garrett College to purchase a new dump truck for the Class B program. The college anticipates increasing the number of students participating in Class B training to up to 40 students annually, over a three-year period.

Garrett College - Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) Program **Amount Awarded - \$16,440**

Program: The Stand Up Paddleboarding (SUP) training program, associated with the Garrett College's existing 2-year Adventure Sports Management Associate's Degree and 1-year Certificate programs, will allow students to pursue an advancement of skills that strengthen technical proficiency and improve employability.

Summary: MAERDAF funds aided both Garrett College's 2-year Associates in Applied Science Degree in Adventure Sports Management and Frostburg State University's Bachelor's Degree in Adventure Sports Management. Students enrolled in either of these degree programs had the opportunity to advance their practical field skills by becoming an American Canoe Association (ACA) certified SUP instructor. Local Maryland business whom benefited included High Mountain Sports in Garrett County, where patrons can rent and purchase SUPs, and Wisp Resort, and Allegany County, Rocky Gap Resort, where patrons can rent SUPs.

Habitat for Humanity Choptank - AmeriCorp Volunteer **Amount Awarded - \$23,760**

Program: Habitat for Humanity Choptank works in Dorchester and Talbot Counties to create new homeownership opportunities in partnership with qualifying low-income individuals and families who cannot secure conventional financing.

Summary: MAERDAF funds provided operational support for the expansion of Habitat's Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) program which serves Low to Moderate Income (LMI) homeowners by responding to community aspirations with an expanded array of products, services and partnerships including whole house weatherization and critical home repairs. The NR Program assists qualifying Dorchester and Talbot home owners to safely and affordably stay in their homes. MAERDAF funds provided two AmeriCopr members to leverage the expertise of a contract administrator to establish policies and procedures that will become part of staff operations in the Neighborhood Revitalization program, and to increase the capacity of the program.

MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

Habitat for Humanity Choptank - Direct Repair Costs

Amount Awarded - \$40,000

Program: Habitat for Humanity Choptank works in Dorchester and Talbot Counties to create new homeownership opportunities in partnership with qualifying low-income individuals and families who cannot secure conventional financing.

Summary: MAERDAF funds were used to fill the gaps between available resources, leverage existing programs to provide a repair solution that will reduce asthma triggers, eliminate lead and asbestos hazards, and protect the home from the damage and mold caused by water leaks. The holistic approach to repair services reduced overall costs to abate safety issues by coordinating work, reduce duplication of efforts, and improve the efficiency of construction. MAERDAF funds directly served 18 low to moderate income families in 4 communities across Talbot and Dorchester Counties.

Habitat for Humanity Tuckahoe

Amount Awarded - \$14,780

Program: Habitat For Humanity Tuckahoe's mission is to develop housing solutions for deserving low-income families in Caroline and Queen Anne's Counties.

Summary: MAERDAF funds supported the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative in the Town of Denton by expanding the capacity of the program with a Volunteer Maryland Coordinator, and purchase of scaffolding equipment to mitigate injury risks for construction volunteers. Habitat for Humanity Tuckahoe's goal is to engage 300 volunteers, serve 18 families with affordable housing, and increase the quality of life for 4,500 residents in the Town of Denton.

Hagerstown Community College

Amount Awarded - \$38,072

Program: Hagerstown Community College's (HCC) mission of fostering regional development prompted the adoption of two new programs in substance abuse counseling to begin in 2018-2019. Following requirements established by the Maryland Board of Professional Counselors, an Associate of Applied Science degree will prepare students for a Maryland license as a Certified Supervised Counselor - Alcohol and Drug (CSC-AD). A second, certificate-level program will assist students in becoming alcohol and drug trainees.

Summary: MAERDAF funds provided significant assistance to HCC's new substance abuse counseling programs by providing a part-time Outreach/Academic Assistant with experience in the substance abuse field, as well as outreach materials, curriculum resources, and guest speakers.

Health Partners

Amount Awarded - \$40,000

Program: The mission of Health Partners is dedicated to delivering quality healthcare in a respectful and compassionate environment to the citizens of Charles County and the surrounding area who are economically disadvantaged by utilizing the skills and resources of the community.

Summary: MAERDAF funds provided need for access to dental care for the underserved populations in the three Southern Maryland Counties including Charles, Calvert, and St Mary's. MAERDAF funds increased Dentist coverage at both the Waldorf and Nanjemoy Dental Clinics. The increase in dental coverage resulted in a 30% increase in clients served within a year, or a total of 1,475 patient visits per year.

MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

Heart of the Civil War Heritage Area

Amount Awarded - \$40,000

Program: The Heart of the Civil War Visitor Center at the historic Newcomer House, near Keedysville, provided an exhibit update to best serve the heritage tourism economy in Carroll, Frederick and Washington counties, and to respond at the highest level to a visitor service gap at the Battlefield that will exist starting in late 2019 or early 2020 when the main Antietam National Battlefield Visitor center will be closed for a major renovation. Along with the exhibit update, volunteer staff were trained to use new exhibit content in their visitor interactions, and programs will be expanded and enhanced to animate themes and visitor experiences illustrated in the displays.

Summary: MAERDAF funding supported the creation of a Visitor Experience Plan for the Newcomer House and Phase I exhibit development/research, planning/writing, design, fabrication and installation.

Jessie Klump Memorial Fund

Amount Awarded - \$19,000

Program: The Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, through the Jesse Klump Suicide Awareness and Prevention Program, led an education campaign to reach farmers and farm families with the goal of preventing farm suicides on the lower Eastern Shore.

Summary: MAERDAF funds enabled the Jesse Klump Memorial Fund (JKMF), in concert with many partners, to reach the agricultural community to teach those working with farmers to recognize the risk factors and warning signs that might lead to suicide, conduct a media campaign designed to reach farmers and farm families directly, break down the stigma that prevents those in rural communities from facing suicidality and seeking help, provide access to assistance resources, and teach the next generation of farmers ways to recognize suicidality in themselves and others, how to intercede in a suicidal situation, and how to safely advance the farming vital occupation.

Maces Lane Community Center

Amount Awarded - \$40,000

Program: The Maces Lane Community Center will provide vital resources and activities for youth and adults, in Dorchester County and the MidShore region, while preserving a cultural landmark. The Center will provide space for a museum, public and private events, liberal arts programs, after school programs, educational activities and experiences for adults, senior programs and space for startup enterprises and non-profit offices. The Center will include opportunities for visitors participating in organized tours at Stanley Institute and The Harriett Tubman Museum, both historical sites in the county. Maces Lane Community Center will also be added as an additional stop on the Tubman Trail, giving a mid-twentieth Century perspective on the struggle for civil rights on Maryland's Lower Eastern Shore.

Summary: MAERDAF funds were used to assist in securing consultant services, materials, display cabinets, signs, frames, social media, website, brochures, and itemized items to distribute. Equipment and supplies were purchased to organize and preserve items collected for display in the historical areas and the museum in the center.

MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

Maryland Small Business Development Center - Northern Region

Amount Awarded - \$22,574

Program: Maryland's Small Business Development Center (SBDC) at Harford Community College is a state- and nationwide leader in promoting economic prosperity and entrepreneurship. Services provided by Maryland's SBDC include one-on-one counseling, business planning, market research, management consulting, finance packaging, and more, typically at no- or low-cost to the recipient.

Summary: MAERDAF funding will assist Maryland's SBDC at Harford Community College to develop and implement the Rural Innovation Incubator & Entrepreneurship Roadshow, a two-part regional initiative that will create opportunities for networking, mentorship, and collaboration between entrepreneurs of all ages, with a particular emphasis on industries related to agriculture and individuals in rural communities. The counties served by this project include Carroll, Northern Baltimore, Harford and Cecil Counties.

Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

Amount Awarded - \$19,400

Program: The Maryland State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped (LBPH) mission is to provide comprehensive library services to the eligible blind and physically handicapped residents of the State of Maryland. Children and families in rural Maryland increasingly look to libraries as a resource for quality STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) learning, but rural library branches often have limited access to the same quality technologies, staff specialists, visiting experts and enrichment programs as libraries in suburban areas. Library staff provide STEAM resources, programs and activities for all youth patrons and their families, but may not have the understanding of how to make those resources, programs and activities accessible to those with blindness, low vision and physical impairments. FutureMakers, a LBPH service partner, is a team of visiting experts that facilitate design thinking and STEAM learning with creative technologies in libraries and schools.

Summary: With support from MAERDAF, LBPH collaborated with FutureMakers to plan, develop and present a series of five (5) innovative accessible public STEAM workshops, create accompanying curricula and offer accessible STEAM trainings for library staff in five rural regional library consortia - Frederick County libraries, Western Maryland Library (Allegany, Garrett, Washington), Southern Maryland Libraries (Calvert, Charles & St. Mary's County), and the Eastern Shore Library (Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot, Dorchester, Wicomico, Somerset, Worcester).

Maryland Telehealth Alliance

Amount Awarded - \$20,000

Program: The Maryland Telehealth Alliance's (MTel) fundamental purpose and goal is to increase understanding of what telehealth is, its proven usages, innovations in usage and how it benefits patients, providers and payors alike. There is a critical need for education and technical support about telehealth that is easy to find and to understand. MTel was created to leverage the breadth of telehealth knowledge and expertise existing within Maryland into a collective resource.

Summary: MAERDAF funds were used to hire the services of a professional web developer with the goal of having a fully functioning Maryland Telehealth Alliance website.

MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

MidShore Pro Bono

Amount Awarded - \$40,000

Program: Mid-Shore Pro Bono (MSPB) became the first regional pro bono referral agency in the state of Maryland and remains the Eastern Shore's only such agency.

Summary: MAERDAF funds supported the development of MidShore Pro Bono's new Salisbury office to provide Restorative Justice services to Lower Eastern Shore youth. These include methods to divert youth from the juvenile justice system and resolve crime and conflict for at-risk youth. The two main components of the program include Community Conferencing and Restorative Dialogue Circles. Community Conferencing is a holistic, powerful social justice approach that has been found to be especially successful in preventing youth from further engaging in illegal activities. Restorative Dialogue Circles are proven effective when executed by trained professionals. They can be a lifeline for youth living in rural areas, who are vulnerable to the effects of crime, poverty, abuse and trauma. Through open dialogue circles, cooperative games and introspective art projects, youth build self-esteem, identify issues of concern and learn how to communicate with peers and adults.

People for Change Coalition

Amount Awarded - \$22,500

Program: People for Change (PFC) Coalition will partner with the Southern Maryland Chapter, Top Ladies of Distinction, whose mission is to enhance and enrich the lives of youth and adults through national and community based programs and projects.

Summary: MAERDAF funds will be used to implement a "Successful Teens and Nonprofit Database Design" (STANDD) program that teaches teens skills in database design, programming, and reporting using Microsoft Access in Southern Maryland communities. The program will address a need in Charles, Calvert and Prince George's Counties for nonprofit organizations with budgets under \$250,000 who are not able to afford a database.

Preservation Maryland

Amount Awarded - \$40,000

Program: 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: MAERDAF funding continued the historic preservation tax credit education and outreach program to rural communities; conducted workshops and presentations using the MAERDAF funded resource guide created in 2017; work with rural downtown organizations; work with local coalitions to stimulate investment; provide technical assistance on preservation issues; expand Preservation Maryland's reach with conference calls and webinars; use podcasts to reach new audiences; hold pop-up offices in rural communities to provide in-person assistance; create professional development sessions that address rural issues at the Old Line State Summit; and, give rural Marylanders member-discount pricing for registration at the Old Line State Summit.

MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

SHORE UP!

Amount Awarded - \$40,000

Program: SHORE -UP Inc. (SUI) will develop a two generation, whole family (children, parents, and families) approach to assist families in combating intergenerational poverty by promoting and supporting two-generation approaches to help families charter a path to economic security and mobility. SUI will operate a Family Engagement and Workforce Development Program for twenty (20) young adults, ages 16-29, who reside in the rural counties of Somerset, Wicomico and Worcester.

Summary: MAERDAF funding was used to assist in implementing occupational skills training in one of several high demand employment areas, including Certified Nursing Assistants/Geriatric Nursing Assistants (CNA/GNA) training, Introduction to Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Commercial Bus Drivers License (CDL), class B, including commercial Bus Driver (School and Passenger Bus Endorsement); weekly stipends during the occupational skills training phase of the program; funds for supportive services to include transportation, uniforms, on-the-job training, books, medical examinations and fee associated with occupational skill certification.

Telamon Corporation

Amount Awarded - \$10,800

Program: Telamon Corporation's mission is to provide educational services that lead to better jobs, better lives, and better communities. The Food and Service Training (FAST) program provides focused on-the-job training, job and life skills, financial coaching and computer literacy that empowers people to obtain stable employment, become effective advocates for themselves and their families, and ultimately achieve financial stability.

Summary: MAERDAF funds provided eight (8) additional training slots to the FAST program, housed within the One Stop Café, to participants from the Lower Eastern Shore. Rural participants received a full "training slot" for program fees, and wraparound services including transportation assistance. Participants received customized and individually tailored educational support: tutoring, GED prep, and English as a Second Language; work readiness training: resume prep, interviewing skills, and soft skills; computer literacy skills: using email, online job applications, and online job search; and, financial education, budgeting and financial coaching. MAERDAF funds also provided a full-time, 16-week job training program with educational and supportive services to a new cohort of 8 individuals from the rural Lower Eastern Shore.

Tri-County Council Foundation

Amount Awarded - \$15,284

Program: To serve individuals seeking employment in the lower eastern shore, Tri-County Foundation supports the Lower Shore Workforce Alliance which uses the American Job Center/One Stop Job Market mobile unit to provide the same economic development services found at the American Job Center / One Stop Job Market facility located in Salisbury, Maryland. The American Job Center/One Stop Job Market mobile unit targets those rural job seekers who lack the necessary transportation and time to travel to Salisbury.

Summary: MAERDAF funding purchased a replacement electrical generator to supply off-grid power to the mobile unit, and to upgrade the outdated computer hardware and software used to deliver employment services to job seekers. The American Job Center/One Stop Job Market mobile unit is expected to serve 1,200 clients a year.

MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS (RMPIF FUNDED) SCOPES OF WORK

Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art

Amount Awarded - \$29,500

Program: The Ward Museum of Wildfowl Art is a crucial interdisciplinary learning resource for the Delmarva Peninsula, one of the last remaining rural and maritime strongholds in the Mid-Atlantic megalopolis and a laboratory to study the overlap of environment, culture, and art as concepts lived and experienced in a unique setting.

Summary: MAERDAF funding provided for a new technological need for a robust learning environment, including purchase of mobile documentation and recording devices. This technology and equipment will support a wide range of services at the museum.

Western Maryland Resource Conservation and Development

Amount Awarded - \$36,300

Program: The Western Maryland Food Council (WMFC) was created to help make connections with new regional partners to help expand the local food system in a sustainable and profitable way.

Summary: MAERDAF funds were used to hire a part time coordinator who will work with the council on developing a specific plan for providing financial stability for the WMFC; establish a "Food Systems Conference", a one-to two-day event rotated annually between the three Western Maryland counties with the idea of bringing together all the players in the food system for education and collaboration; and, provide seed funding for WMFC County Workgroup Project Work. This project will increase the WMFC's capacity to support all aspects of the regional food system in Garrett, Allegany and Washington Counties.

WISP Ski Patrol

Amount Awarded - \$40,000

Program: Wisp Ski Patrol's (WSP) mission is to provide the highest level of emergency medical care to the outdoor recreation and surrounding community and transport patients to the next level of emergency medical care, either through the local Ambulance service or Helicopter transport. WSP is a critical component of the Garrett County Emergency Management System.

Summary: MAERDAF funding achieved the following goals: purchase much needed first aid equipment, supplies and supplement uniforms not otherwise provided by the Wisp Resort; expand community-based programs to include CPR, AED and basic first aid training; expand continuing education programs for WSP members and incentives for instructors; and, recruit and retain ten (10) new members to sustain membership to replace members due to natural attrition loss.

YMCA of the Chesapeake

Amount Awarded - \$40,000

Program: The YMCA of the Chesapeake works side-by-side with our neighbors to address critical community needs that help kids develop into smart, resilient adults; for people to improve their health and build a sense of community; and for our most vulnerable young people to get the care and support they need. The YMC of the Chesapeake serves all nine counties of the Eastern Shore.

Summary: MAERDAF funding supported the construction costs to repair the Lower Shore Family YMCA's indoor pool including repairs to the surrounding building structure (i.e. new drywall, roof, etc.) so the pool can be operational. Once repaired, the Lower Shore Family YMCA will ramp up its aquatics programming to teach approximately 400 swim lessons over the course of the next year.

REMAINDER OF MAERDAF AWARDS

The following list contain the scope of work of the remainder of the MAERDAF grant awards which were funded from FY19 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.

FY2019 MAERDAF GRANTEES FUNDED

AWARDEE	CATEGORY	REGION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT AWARDED	MATCH AMOUNT
Adkins Arboretum	Ag/Forestry Education	Eastern	\$8,100	\$8,100	\$8,450
LEAD Maryland Foundation	Ag/Forestry Education	Statewide	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$24,300
Maryland Agricultural Education Foundation	Ag/Forestry Education	Statewide	\$12,355	\$12,355	\$33,474
Maryland Association for Environmental & Outdoor Education	Ag/Forestry Education	Statewide	\$9,400	\$9,400	\$6,945
Maryland Association of Soil Conservation - Farmer Suicide Prevention Program	Ag/Forestry Education	Statewide	\$14,550	\$14,550	\$0.00
Maryland Association of Soil Conservation - Envirothon Program	Ag/Forestry Education	Statewide	\$4,808	\$4,808	\$43,176
Maryland Dairy Industry Association	Ag/Forestry Education	Statewide	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0.00
Maryland Forestry Foundation	Ag/Forestry Education	Statewide	\$37,500	\$30,000	\$6,300
St. Martin's Ministries	Econ/Comm Dev	Eastern	\$10,007	\$10,007	\$10,190
TOTAL			\$174,720.00	\$167,220.00	\$132,835.00

FY2019 MAERDAF GRANTEES BY CATEGORY

AG/FORESTRY

of Grantees: 9

Total Awarded:

\$193,513.00

17% of funds awarded

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

of Grantees: 4

Total Awarded:

\$130,812.00

12% of funds awarded

ECONOMIC/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

of Grantees: 24

Total Awarded:

\$630,605.00

56% of funds awarded

HEALTH CARE

of Grantees: 5

Total Awarded:

\$160,000.00

14% of funds awarded

REGIONAL PLANNING

of Grantees: 1

Total Awarded: **\$19,000.00**

1% of funds awarded

TOTAL

\$1,133,930.00

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MAERDAF GRANT AWARDS - SCOPES OF WORK

Adkins Arboreteum

Amount Awarded - \$8,100

Program: Adkins Arboreteum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve, and is a model for environmental land management that strives to engage all people in conservation, appreciation, and enjoyment of the Chesapeake region's native landscapes through education, recreation, art and community events. Adkins Arboreteum seeks to provide a robust training and recruitment program to engage new volunteers to be part of the Arboreteum's essential work in teaching environmental awareness, land stewardship and engaging volunteers as part of the education team.

Summary: MAERDAF funds provided for the match stipend for the Volunteer Maryland Coordinator. Working with the Arboreteum's full-time Visitor Services & Volunteer Coordinator, the Volunteer Maryland Coordinator (VMC) would be charged with enhancing the existing volunteer program. The VMC will provide additional volunteer support to improve the effectiveness of the existing volunteer program, enhance volunteer satisfaction and continuing education and increase the organizational capacity to manage the volunteer program.

MAERDAF GRANT AWARD SCOPES OF WORK

LEAD Maryland Foundation

Amount Awarded - \$38,000

Program: The LEAD Maryland Foundation (LEAD) works to identify and develop leaders to serve rural Maryland, and provides a leadership development fellowship. Selected program applicants, called LEAD Fellows, complete a two-year educational program to increase their skills and knowledge for mobilizing people to address issues and community needs. Fellows learn to consider issues from local to global perspectives, giving them a greater understanding of public issues. Fellows create a network of resourceful, diverse leaders to call on to solve problems.

Summary: MAERDAF funds were used to build the long-term capacity of the organization and to help deliver the Fellowship Program. LEAD Fellows (Classes X and XI) will directly and immediately benefit from the funding. The LEAD Program is a “train the trainer” program where many others benefit—whole communities and industries benefit—after initially training each LEAD Fellow.

Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation

Amount Awarded - \$12,355

Program: The Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation, Inc. (MAEF), which strives to promote the understanding and appreciation of the importance of agriculture in our daily lives, would like to help teachers develop the skills and confidence necessary to teach agriculture to students in a factual and interactive way. Each year, MAEF offers a 5-day elementary teacher Ag in the Classroom workshop (fee \$250 per participant) open to teachers across the state of Maryland. The purpose of the workshop is to provide background information and enable teachers to develop a comfort level with agriculture concepts in order for them to integrate concepts learned into the basic curriculum in language arts, science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Hands-on activities, farm field trips, lesson plan development, and three Maryland State Department of Education credits are woven into the workshop.

Summary: MAERDAF funds were used to provide for equipment, materials, teacher registrations, and book tote bags for the Ag in the Classroom program. MAERDAF funds provided for the costs to purchase equipment including a laptop and LCD projector; costs to purchase single copies of eleven different age appropriate agriculture books for each teacher and provide sets of ten (10) books for use with classroom reading groups for all teachers attending the workshop (total teacher enrollment approximately 55); and, up to twenty-five (25) registration reimbursements for teachers from rural, under-resourced counties across the state to attend the workshop.

Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Science

Amount Awarded - \$9,400

Program: The Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) fosters Maryland’s environmental stewards, and young people who will understand, protect and care for the environment and natural resources where they live.

Summary: MAERDAF funds provided for consultation services to include for the creation and distribution of publications to include on-line volunteer policies, online website page for "Green Leaders", and website support, and provided for costs for rural-based students and teachers to attend the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE) annual conference.

MAERDAF GRANT AWARD

SCOPES OF WORK

Maryland Association of Soil Conservation - Farmer Suicide Prevention Program

Amount Awarded - \$14,550

Program: The Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts (MASCD) aims to educate technical service providers working with farmers in hopes of curbing the devastating trend of farmer suicide and addiction in Maryland's rural communities.

Summary: MAERDAF funds will be used to host four regional trainings around the state to educate those who are out in the field working with the farmers about early detection signs and actions that can be taken to prevent these dire outcomes. MASCD's goal is to educate 200 individuals that work with farmers by strengthening existing partnerships with the University of Maryland Extension, Maryland Farm Bureau, local soil conservation districts, and agricultural lenders and agribusinesses to identify participants for the trainings.

Maryland Association of Soil Conservation - Envirothon Program

Amount Awarded - \$4,808

Program: The Maryland Envirothon is a series of environmental competitions held throughout the State of Maryland, in which teams of students move beyond the classroom in order to solve real-life environmental problems in a natural setting. Envirothon team members interact with resource professionals and learn first-hand about the many ways all living things are connected and the complex environmental issues affecting the world today.

Summary: MAERDAF funding provided meals for approximately 160 students, teachers, and resource professionals who will attend the 2019 Maryland State Envirothon, scheduled to be held June 18-20, 2019 at St. Mary's College in southern Maryland.

Maryland Dairy Industry Association

Amount Awarded - \$40,000

Program: The Maryland Dairy Association, in partnership with the Carroll County Agricultural Center, will use MAERDAF funds to develop a feasibility study of a dairy processing facility that would serve the dairy industry across the state. The facility would allow dairy farmers to transport milk to the Carroll County Agricultural Center for processing, followed by direct sale to customers at the producers' own farms, at farmers markets and from other venues as Maryland-branded fluid milk or processed dairy products. Farmers would pay to have their product processed into pasteurized milk and other products, such as ice cream mix, then bring the product back to sell at a retail price versus the wholesale price they are currently paid by large dairy cooperatives. Having a central facility available would eliminate the high cost to build individual on-farm processing plants, and with the state's dairy farmers already strapped for funds and borrowing at higher levels to keep their farm operations afloat, eliminate adding more costs to an individual farm operation is not feasible.

Summary: MAERDAF funds provided for consultant services costs to conduct a Maryland dairy processing plant feasibility study.

MAERDAF GRANT AWARD SCOPES OF WORK

Maryland Forestry Foundation

Amount Awarded - \$30,000

Program: The Maryland Forestry Foundation will continue to build the momentum successfully created by the MAERDAF grants which funded a Mel Fellowship position to promote Natural Resources Careers. The Natural Resources Careers fellowship position will be made available to a Maryland college student currently enrolled in a natural resource career field.

Summary: MAERDAF funds covered the cost of a 10-month fellowship, and costs associated with directly supporting the matriculation of a well-qualified student in a field of Natural Resources; develop a more detailed articulation of a new relationship between the Maryland Green Schools Program, Natural Resources Careers Camp (NRCC) and the fellowship; continue focused recruitment efforts for NRCC, working with corporate and environmental partners, schools, county Forestry Boards and DNR; enable the Fellow to share with selected high school students, in a variety of forms, the enthusiasm and story of why he/she chose this career path, what high school students can expect from their college experience and how NRCC provides them the unique opportunity to explore career options that exist in the field of natural resources; and, create enhanced NRCC promotional tools at the school and local Forestry Board level.

St. Martin's Ministries

Amount Awarded - \$10,007

Program: Saint Martin's Ministries (SMM) has provided a compassionate safety net to families living in poverty on Maryland's Eastern Shore for the past 34 years. SMM works with families in four Mid-Shore agricultural counties - Caroline, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot.

Summary: MAERDAF funds were used to purchase a new eight-passenger vehicle to allow SMM to transport residents of the shelter program (families with young children) to the towns of Denton and Easton for doctor, and other providers, appointments, and to handle their regular shopping and errand needs.

All MAERDAF Grantees -- FY 2001 to FY 2019

Grantee Organization	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	Total
Adkins Arboretum, Ltd.													\$6,850				\$8,100	\$14,950
Allegany College					\$15,000						\$16,812			\$25,000	\$7,185		\$40,000	\$103,997
Arc Northern Chesapeake Region								\$5,700										\$5,700
Allegany County Human Development Resources Commission														\$8,638				\$8,638
Allegany 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
Bishop Walsh School																	\$34,000	\$34,000
Calvert County Farm Bureau														\$7,075				\$7,075
Cambridge Main Street																	\$26,500	\$26,500
Caroline County Council for the Arts																\$13,000		\$13,000
Caroline Economic Development Corporation																		
Carroll Community College (AATC)	\$15,875	\$7,220											\$11,504					\$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			\$10,000	\$30,000
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													\$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
Community Foundation of Southern Maryland																	\$19,000	\$19,000
Compass Regional Hospice															\$16,286	\$20,000		\$36,286
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
Dove Pointe																	\$2,900	\$2,900
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
Fair Hill Foundation																	\$29,600	\$29,600
Farming 4 Hunger															\$14,370	\$27,000		\$41,370
Fort Ritchie Community Center																	\$30,000	\$30,000
For All Seasons, Inc.															\$21,789			\$21,789

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Grantee Organization	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	Total
Frederick County Career & Tech FFA														\$24,889	\$14,370			\$39,259
Friends of the Grape							\$20,000									\$30,000	\$70,000	\$120,000
Future Harvest, Inc.	\$20,000	\$18,500	\$20,000	\$5,000			\$2,330											\$65,830
Garrett Community College	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$9,500												\$52,740	\$134,240
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	\$63,760	\$109,535
Habitat for Humanity of Talbot County						\$32,000	\$21,500	\$30,000	\$12,000									\$95,500
Habitat for Humanity Tuckahoe																	\$14,780	\$14,780
Hagerstown Community College																\$29,813	\$38,072	\$67,885
Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology										\$3,000					\$8,143			\$11,143
Health Partners, Inc.																	\$40,000	\$40,000
Heart of the Civil War Heritage Center															\$12,794	\$11,800	\$40,000	\$64,594
Historic St. Mary's City Foundation															\$14,370			\$14,370
Historic Sotterley, Inc.																\$27,581		\$27,581
Jesse Klump Memorial Fund																	\$19,000	\$19,000
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						\$130,107
LEAD Maryland Foundation, Inc.													\$10,000	\$10,000	\$19,160	\$30,000	\$38,000	\$107,160
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
Maces Lane Community Center																	\$40,000	\$40,000
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											\$12,355	\$131,415
MD Assoc for Environmental and Outdoor Education																	\$9,400	\$9,400
MD Association of Soil Conservation Districts	\$20,000	\$17,200	\$6,500	\$10,000	\$7,900	\$10,495	\$9,800	\$19,000	\$7,000			\$14,268					\$19,358	\$141,521
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 Industry Assoc																	\$40,000	\$40,000
MD Dairy Shrine									\$1,750									\$1,750
MD Eastern Shore Resource Conservation & Development Council	\$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	\$30,000	\$96,038
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
MD Small Business Development Center																	\$22,574	\$22,574
MD State Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped																	\$19,400	\$19,400
Maryland Telehealth Alliance																	\$20,000	\$20,000
Medbank of MD						\$15,000												\$15,000

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Grantee Organization	FY01	FY02	FY03	FY04	FY05	FY07	FY08	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18	FY19	Total
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
MidShore Pro Bono																	\$40,000	\$40,000
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
People for Change Coalition																	\$22,500	\$22,500
Phillips Wharf Environmental Education Center, Inc.																\$22,100		\$22,100
Preservation Maryland															\$19,160	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$89,160
Queen Anne's County Library/Allegany County Library													\$9,900	\$4,139				\$14,039
Rural Maryland Foundation										\$4,600								\$4,600
Salisbury Univeristy - BEACON		\$24,320																\$24,320
Salisbury University - Small Business and Technology Development Center												\$17,327						\$17,327
SHORE UP!															\$15,629		\$40,000	\$55,629
Southern MD Agricultural Development Commission											\$17,400	\$15,650						\$33,050
Southern MD Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$6,000	\$21,000	\$15,000												\$22,034	\$10,000		\$74,034
Spring Dell Center, Inc.															\$14,370			\$14,370
St.Martin's Ministries																	\$10,007	\$10,007
Susquehanna Workforce Network																\$18,800		\$18,800
Telamon Corporation																	\$10,800	\$10,800
Tourism Council of Frederick County dba the													\$15,500					\$15,500
Tri-County Council Foundation															\$7,185	\$10,269	\$15,284	\$32,738
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
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		\$29,500	\$56,665
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	\$6,000												\$4,882	\$19,160	\$17,380	\$36,300		\$83,722
Western MD Regional Library											\$19,500							\$19,500
WISP Ski Patrol																	\$40,000	\$40,000
Women Supporting Women, Inc.													\$4,908	\$7,034	\$9,200			\$21,142
Wor-Wic Community College															\$5,397			\$5,397
YMCA of the Chesapeake																	\$40,000	\$40,000
Total Grants	\$347,000	\$346,140	\$405,680	\$132,192	\$147,658	\$319,925	\$288,739	\$261,188	\$144,912	\$130,000	\$195,956	\$188,079	\$169,941	\$166,968	\$555,916	\$680,516	\$1,133,930	\$5,614,740
Average Grant Amount	\$19,278	\$26,626	\$27,045	\$10,169	\$10,547	\$15,235	\$16,041	\$16,324	\$13,174	\$8,667	\$17,814	\$20,898	\$9,997	\$10,436	\$13,236	\$20,016	\$26,370	\$281,872
Number of grantees	18	13	15	13	14	21	18	16	11	15	11	9	17	16	42	34	43	326



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