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Name of Organization: National Alliance on Mental Illness Montgomery County (NAMI MC) – County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Op/ <2006; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$25,000
Project Description: Expand their free programs for County residents impacted by mental illness 1. Family to Family – that teaches family members how to care for someone with serious mental illness 2. Ongoing monthly family support groups 3. Presentations to parents, teachers and children and teens on mental illness.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Over 4,500 individuals participants, attendees or hot-line callers were recorded for FY 2014 and this is expected to increase in FY 2015. Even based on the same number, the grant funds recommended by the County Executive would amount to \$5.55 per participant. The total program cost is expected to be \$418,000 – County Funding would be about 6% of the total. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This organization works exclusively with Montgomery County residents so 100% of the recipients are County residents. Their free programs are aimed at improving the lives of all who are impacted by mental illness – individuals, friends, family members and society at large. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The organization was started 36 years ago and has steadily expanded its services/ programs over the past years. They have received County funds for the past 3 years. They collaborate with a large number of organizations including non-profits and government agencies. They have a strong volunteer base with over 415 active volunteers reported. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The organization is well established and has a demonstrated track record of providing services to its target population. The proposal has clear and measurable outcomes. It provides a comprehensive list of other non-profit and government agencies that NAMI MC collaborates with in achieving its mission. 	

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Name of Organization: National Capital B'nai B'rith Assisted Housing Corporation	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$28,000
Project Description: Provide overnight certified nursing assistants (CNA) for 15 very low income residents from 12am-8am in case of emergency and for medication administration.	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides 12am to 8am CNA assistance for 15 residents at the cost of \$183.00/month each. • Allows very low-income elderly residents the ability to remain in assisted living with this additional support as opposed to more costly nursing homes, which would be Medicaid funded. • Maintains a higher quality of life for these seniors due to increased independence and dignity. Also, greater probability for faster response time for emergencies increasing chances for maintenance of health, faster recovery and shorter hospital stays, reduce calls to 911 and emergency hospitalizations 	
<p>Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides shelter for very low income wider age range of seniors (70+ with median income of \$16,343 with 21% living at or below the poverty level), keeping them out of group homes and Medicaid supported nursing homes. • Provides safety net services to at risk seniors; 10% of building vacancy was filled from local county shelters and social service agencies for medication administration. 	
<p>Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified by the Maryland Department of Aging as a Congregate Housing State Program (CHSP). • Collaborates with many volunteer organizations and local volunteers. • Receives support from HOC subsidized housing, the Montgomery County DHHS and the Montgomery County Capital Senior Nutrition Program for one meal daily for residents. • Compliance monitored by County DHHS. • All Board members giving 100% of contribution fees. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use delegating nurse and doctor's assessment and Dept. of Aging assessment tool to identify seniors in need. Reassessment is done every 45 days by delegating nurse. Outcomes assessed by DHHS. • The Edwards CHSP shows higher acuity level than the rest of state CHSP sites due to medication administration. The acuity level (need for acute care) at this facility is above normal for CHSP sites. This is attributed to its ability to properly administer medications 	

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Name of Organization: National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) #3	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Basic Needs/Emergency/Housing/Legal	Amount Requested: \$106,250
Project Description: To provide support for transitional housing services for homeless families residing in the Greentree Shelter located in Bethesda, MD.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total project cost is \$1,510,165 of which NCCF is contributing \$1,403,915 in matching funds: 60% anticipated from Montgomery County and remaining from private foundations. • The project budget is very detailed and outlines in great detail all aspects of the project. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Greentree Shelter (GTS) provides intensive case management and support services at Montgomery County’s largest emergency shelter for families. • GTS shelter specifically targets homeless young parents under the age of 25 who are predominantly female and single head of households. • GTS is an important component of Montgomery County’s strategy to provide stability and a future for some of Montgomery County’s most vulnerable population. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCCF relies on more 1,400 volunteers annually to help meet the needs of individual clients. • NCCF is nationally accredited and works through 17 programs in 12 locations throughout the Washington Metropolitan Region. • NCCF’s mission is to create total healthy living environments for vunrable children, youth, and families. • FTHP has built an extensive network of partnerships including Montgomery College, Mobile Med, NIH, bankers and even interior designers that give participants a “fresh start” by furnishing, decoration and cleaning apartments before youth move in. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong proposal with clear description of mission and target population. • There is a strong fundraising plan and a diversity of funding sources. • The budget is very detailed and reflects the narrative. • Outcomes and metrics are detailed and reflect sophisticated tracking methods. 	

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Name of Organization: National Center for Children and Families (NCCF) – County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Basic Needs/Emergency/Housing/Legal	Amount Requested: \$45,000
Project Description: To provide critical program support for young homeless adult participants in the FutureBound Transitional Housing Program (FTHP).	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total project cost is \$302,500 of which NCCF is contributing \$257,500 in matching funds: 66% anticipated from federal sources and 19% from private foundations. • FTHP began serving homeless youth in 2012 and to date has successfully transitioned four clients to stable housing within 12 months. Several clients are now saving 30% of their income from their new jobs and others are attending community/vocational programs. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FTHP provides housing support in safe facilities, case management and workforce development for youth who are homeless or living in unstable situations. • Due to a lack of shelter beds for homeless young adults and a lack of services once youth transition out of foster care. FTHP is an important component of Montgomery County’s strategy to provide stability and a future for some of Montgomery County’s most vulnerable population. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCCF relies on more 1,400 volunteers annually to help meet the needs of individual clients. • NCCF is nationally accredited and works through 17 programs in 12 locations throughout the Washington Metropolitan Region. • NCCF’s mission is to create total healthy living environments for vunrable children, youth, and families. • FTHP has built an extensive network of partnerships including Montgomery College, Mobile Med, NIH, bankers and even interior designers that give participants a “fresh start” by furnishing, decoration and cleaning apartments before youth move in. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong proposal with clear description of mission and target population. • There is a strong fundraising and a diversity of funding sources. • The budget is very detailed and reflects the narrative. • Outcomes and metrics are detailed and reflect sophisticated tracking methods. 	

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Name of Organization: National Wildlife Federation	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Other	Amount Requested: \$39,950
Project Description: Support for the RainScapes program to promote and implement conservation landscaping on faith-based congregational grounds. Project is in support of the MCDEP Watershed Division's RainScapes Program. National Wildlife Federation and its nonprofit partner InterfaithPower & Light (IPL) will provide an estimated \$60,000 in staff and materials in support of the project.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of conservation landscaping on often extensive congregational grounds will contribute significantly to achievement of MC's RainScapes goals. Participation and education of congregation members will spread benefits to private properties. National Wildlife Federation expects that some 30-50 congregations will participate in the project, reaching 50 members from each. This is a long term project in support of established public goals and does not lend itself to conventional cost-benefit analysis. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greening of congregation grounds directly supports County priorities. Pilot projects funded by a 2012 grant from the National Park Service produced better than expected results. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Wildlife Federation has engaged in conservation programs and education since 1936. This program to directly engage MC religious communities grows out of three successful pilot projects (two in MC) begun in 2012. • National Wildlife Federation will work closely with the RainScapes staff in carrying out this project. It actively partners with IPL, a faith-based environmental organization, and with other faith based organizations to seek recruits. Its pilot projects made extensive use of congregation volunteers in planning and execution. It expects at least 50 congregants from each congregation to participate in plantings, workshops/training ground cleaning and maintenance. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is a proposed expansion of a very small pilot program and remains in pilot stages. In that light, the program description and budget as amplified on request are adequately described. • National Wildlife Federation suggests that as the program succeeds, it will become largely self-sustaining. 	

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Name of Organization: Nourish Now Foundation, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Op/≥2006; Basic Needs/Emergency/Housing/Legal	Amount Requested: \$28,825
Project Description: Resources to fund a food recovery driver and software program to better track and streamline operational planning.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nourish Now aims to serve 75,000 people by the end of 2014. • Total project cost is \$51,375 and total grant request is \$28,825. • Requested funding includes expenses associated with food recovery/ transport driver (\$26,000), software (\$2,200), and database staff (\$625) 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nourish Now’s request supports the organization’s mission to recover surplus food to feed needy families and ultimately end waste and hunger in Montgomery County. • A full time driver will allow Nourish Now to coordinate ‘just in time’ delivery of fresh food in compliance with health regulations. • The proposed software program will allow Nourish Now to better track food delivery and traffic between the organization and other food non-profits. • This project aligns with the County’s mission to provide healthy and sustainable communities. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nourish Now has serviced Montgomery County since 2011. • The organization has not received County funding within the past 3 years. • Leveraging over 200 committed volunteers and partnering with other charitable and community based organizations, Nourish Now is able to achieve it’s mission. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application defines how these resources will facilitate Nourish Now’s plans to better serve Montgomery County’s neediest residents. • For the past 3 years, food intake volumes and people served has increased. This growth warrants greater efficiencies and is clearly outlined in Nourish Now’s proposed outcomes. • It is unclear how the proposed software purchase will integrate with other Montgomery County food non-profits. 	

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Name of Organization: Nueva Vida, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$40,000
Project Description: Social support programs for Latinos affected by cancer	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant request is 20% of total program cost. • \$159,000 comes from private funds. • Low cost compared to high benefits to low-income residents. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nueva Vida, Inc. networks with case managers, social workers and other agencies that cannot provide the proper service to their clients. • Residents are provided nonmedical services throughout the cancer continuum from outreach & education to diagnosis, treatment and survivorship. • Approximately 650 Latino residents are served each year through this program. • Clients receive stress relief workshops. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nueva Vida, Inc. has not received prior funding from the County. • Language barriers, poverty, transportation, & education are a few challenges that keep clients from navigating through and taking advantage of the healthcare system. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal's description is clear with the mission to serve medically underserved low-income population. • Nueva Vida's, Inc. clients range in age from 19 thru 87. • 82% of target population is uninsured. • Nueva Vida, Inc. navigates 95 clients in the County every year, of which <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 45 were screened for mammograms. • 27 received diagnostic exams. • 16 received treatment support. • 18 received mental health interventions. 	

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Name of Organization: Olney Help, Inc. - County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Basic Needs/Emergency/Housing/Legal	Amount Requested: \$10,000
Project Description: Funding for financial assistance to area households requesting help for utilities, rent or prescription drugs.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing 66 households with up to \$300 per request for short term emergency aid. Serves as a bridge for residents in emergency situations in need of food or other necessities. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safety net for Olney residents who occasionally experience needs, not a long term solution for chronic financial needs. • Helps to avoid catastrophic consequences of hunger, eviction, being without heat, water or medicine. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 1969, the mission of Olney Help has been to provide short term emergency aid to residents of Olney with services such as emergency food assistance and emergency financial help. • Program is staffed totally by volunteers, including those who provide financial counseling services. Board is well utilized in fundraising and strategic planning. • High visibility with business community creates partnerships including increased volunteer participation, in-kind donations, and referrals from community organizations. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear description and accounting of demand for services and those provided. • Demonstrated need for additional revenue with utility interventions resulting in 65% of expenditures • Clearly states that with funding, services will be provided to additional households at \$300 each. 	

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Name of Organization: Our House – County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$25,000
Project Description: Our House’s mission is to provide opportunities and positive empowerment for at-risk adolescent males, to become productive members of their communities. They provide a rigorous residential program, which offer hands-on job-skill training during the day, while providing academic and life-skill classes in the evenings, and offer community service projects on Saturdays.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The FY15 funding request is for Our House’s operating support, which offers training and valuable service(s) to promote the educational and life-support skills of the neglected and/or at-risk adolescent males, to help them become contributory members of their community. • The residential trainees get much-needed educational and vocational opportunities/training to turn their lives around and to improve their job-skills, and ‘give back’ to their community by volunteering their services. • Our House trainees have donated ~ 40,000 hours of service to countless charities throughout the County over their 20-year history. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our House’s comprehensive program provides services to at-risk youths coming from all over the State of Maryland. The trainees participate in a residential program located in upper Montgomery County, where they receive individual and group counseling, life-skill classes, computer training, and community service projects. • The construction-related jobs learnt by the trainees are utilized in turn to serve/help other non-profit organizations within the community. The latter is a commendable feature of Our Houses’ ongoing youth-development program, whereby the trainees use their newly acquired job-skills to help others. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our House’s recent collaboration with Montgomery College has further enhanced the impact of its multi-dimensional program and is in line with the current County initiative(s) to improve the educational and overall job-skill standards for the underprivileged at-risk youth. • Our House has a strong infrastructure and is run primarily by volunteers. • The organization collaborates/partners with a number of non-profit organizations and also provides construction job-related services for some of them through their trainees, which is a unique feature of this residential program. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal is well-written, and the program objectives/goals are clearly stated. The budget details and expenses are well-justified. • Our House has served about 350 at-risk youth and over 70% of its job-training graduates are now gainfully employed. Our House seeks to rescue high-risk young men and keep them out of the criminal justice system. They are well-integrated with other non-profit organizations. 	

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Name of Organization: Passion for Learning	
Category/Program Area: Op/≥2006; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$20,000
Project Description: Expenses for dig.Lit Scholars and Go2College after school and summer programming	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total cost of the program is estimated at \$43,000 • Impact on recipient relative to cost is unclear but services will be offered for at least 27 weekly 1.25 hour after school sessions over the 2014/2015 year at 3 middle schools; proposal also states it currently serves 150 students 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target population is both under-achieving and high-achieving students from low income families • Developing higher levels of literacy and academic achievement amongst the target population will clearly benefit the larger community • Program seeks to add a significant summer enrichment camp component in 2014/15 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program operational since 2004 and has received public funds in the past • Program currently serves more than 150 students in 7 MCPS schools • Non-governmental sources of funding already achieved (\$18,000 from private grant) • Partners and coordinates services through MCPS; receives substantial in-kind resources; program is selective in their use of volunteers but receives considerable volunteer time from MCPS staff • Organization appears to have sufficient capacity to carry out program 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program is clearly described and has been in operation for several years • Specific outcomes to be achieved by the expenditure of funds include improvement in writing skills, ICT skills gains and future ICT coursework interests gains, and improving chances of attending college • Results are measured through student assessments, surveys and portfolios; they appear to want to be able to track the graduation rates of students served • Budget descriptions appear clear • Plan for sustaining future funding include raising money through a diverse mix of sources (i.e. private and corporate foundations, local government grants and individual donations). 	

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Name of Organization: Passion For Learning, Inc.- County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Op./≥2006; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$22,090
Project Description: Operating support	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	

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Name of Organization: Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington	
Category/Program Area: Op<2006; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$50,000
Project Description: Provide free testing for Sexually Transmitted Infections at 2 Montgomery County health centers	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide free rapid testing – specifically Chlamydia, gonorrhea and syphilis to 500 at-risk, vulnerable county residents at the cost of \$75.00 per consumer. • Pre- and post-counseling to testing, and appropriate treatment and referrals if needed through already existing network of Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Control infectious diseases in Montgomery County residents; facilitate seeking earlier treatment and earlier notification to sexual partners. • Possible reduction in rates of new HIV infections, STIs significantly increase an individual’s chance of contracting HIV. • Address economic barriers to care and disproportionate STI rates in minority populations with free testing, addressing health care disparities. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington has been providing affordable quality family planning services since 1937. • Provides a wide variety of services, including clinical, education and outreach • Implements NextGen electronic health records, which reduces errors in service, facilitates access of consumers to records and involvement in their care. • Providing free or sliding scale fee services to consumers living at or below the poverty line (48% of those served); serving also non English speaking and undocumented peoples. • Extensive collaborative relationships and coordination of services with County, DC/MD/VA organizations with strong support services for STI/HIV/AIDS screening, treatment and prevention. • Use of SecuReach, a test result message system, which facilitates confidential speedier results 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided demographic statistics on pop. served by Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington as well as for project target population. • Numbers presented for current on-site and community services provided. • Clear explanation of need for services and how Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington can competently meet this need through its health centers and collaboration with other providers. • Variety of funding sources shown and demonstrated ability to stay under budget and maintain surplus revenue. 	

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Name of Organization: Poolesville Green, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Op≥2006; Community Development	Amount Requested: \$5,000
Project Description: Project supports outreach and education efforts to promote the appreciation, conservation and sustainable use of natural resources in the Poolesville area.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modest proposal (\$5k) to begin operations, (admin and marketing costs, web design supplies, printing etc.). • Funds cover 80% of total project cost of \$6235. Private donations are being sought for remaining funding. • Funds directed towards activities in agricultural reserve area. • Number of persons to be served is somewhat elusive depending on event marketing and ultimate attendance at various events. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal impacts areas currently not served for this purpose in the County (Poolesville plus surrounding areas). • Proposal would help spread green conservation efforts throughout the county. • Promotes conservation in agricultural reserve area of the county. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization is new, (incorporated 2010) modeling itself after Bethesda Green. • Strong Board of Directors 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First time request for operational funding. • Proposing various activities ie: community gardening, outreach and education to high schools, speaker presentations, participation in Business Fair, Poolesville Day, Spring Fest, other “Green” events. 	

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Name of Organization: Potomac Community Resources, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Older Adults/People with Disabilities	Amount Requested: \$40,000
Project Description: Tricia Sullivan Respite Care (TSRC) Programs - Two respite care programs for teens and adults with profound and moderate intellectual and developmental disabilities.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports 2,065 hours of individualized, therapeutic, respite services for profoundly and moderately disabled. • Request is for \$40,000 of a total project cost of \$111,842, or 36% 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many participants are unable to feed, toilet, move, medicate or otherwise care for themselves. Respite care for this group must be highly skilled, including a nurse and certified nursing assistants. No other program in the County provides families with a break from intensive, round the clock caregiving. Includes music and art therapy, support and transition groups, health and fitness. • TSRC 1 provides 5 hours of care and therapies for 14 youth and adults with profound disabilities twice a month. • TSRC 2 provides care and therapies for 25 youth and adults with moderate disabilities once a month. • Families are full time caregivers with the burden of medical care, disability services, medications and specialized equipment. • Respite for caregivers is a key determinant in preventing institutionalization of these individuals. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% of Potomac Community Resources, Inc. funds raised from people, businesses and foundations • Potomac Community Resources, Inc. does not own or rent space which keeps overhead low, uses Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute's and CHI Centers space on weekends. • Recognized by Catalogue for Philanthropy and Maryland Respite Care Coalition • HHS Community Review in 2009 yielded highest possible rating • Participant and parent satisfaction surveys overwhelmingly favorable • Council grants: FY12 - \$25,000; FY13 - \$30,000; FY14 - \$45,000 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear description and project budget • Award winning program • Coordinate with Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute, CHI Centers, Department of Recreation, Montgomery County Public Schools (for SSL volunteers), other providers of respite programs, agencies serving those with developmental disabilities, religious and governmental organizations. 	

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Name of Organization: Potomac Community Resources, Inc.- County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Older Adults/People with Disabilities	Amount Requested: \$30,000
Project Description: Operating funds	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	

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Name of Organization: Primary Care Coalition of Montgomery County, Inc. - County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Op<2006; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$38,500
Project Description: To develop a Health Fair Information Management System that can be used to integrate health outreach programs to underserved communities with health access programs.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tablets will be available to health fair organizers, including the minority health initiatives, in use during health fairs and providing standard reports that organizers can use for tracking and planning. • The total program cost is \$57,950 and the county is being asked for \$38,500, approximately 66% of the total. • It is estimated there are more than 100 health fairs each year and this Health Fair Management System could be used to improve the dissemination of information at the fairs, facilitate referrals and follow up, implement surveys to identify needs and improve overall health fair operation efficiency. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This will allow a better integration of health outreach programs to underserved communities with health access programs. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization has been active for a number of years and has received funding from the County in the past three years. • They collaborate with other non-profits and government agencies. This particular project is a collaborative effort between the Primary Care Coalition and the University of Maryland (Center for Health Information and Decision Systems and the School of Public Health.) 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It addresses a need for a health fair information system that can be used at the annual 100+ health fairs held in the County. 	

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Name of Organization: Project Change	
Category/Program Area: Op/≥2006; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$50,000
Project Description: Support for Team of Stars summer and after-school program focusing on the arts	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total program cost is \$140,000 • Impact on recipient relative to cost is unclear but proposal states that program serves approximately 45 middle school summer campers and 30 additional youth in the after school program; also about 40 parents/guardians attend conflict management training or mediation sessions 	
<p>Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target population are youth from low-income families and their parents; specifically youth who live below the poverty line • Program justification is that there is a significant at-risk impoverished youth population who are need in developing important life skills • Public benefit is helping those families most in need achieve self-efficacy skills 	
<p>Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program operational for approximately 3-4 years and has received public funding for the past 3 years • Non-governmental sources of funding include private foundation grants, fundraising events, and corporate and community grants • Volunteers are recruited from corporate donors and community partners (CRCMC) 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program is clearly described as a collaboration of two nonprofits (Project Change and CRCMC); they use the specific medium of musical theater to achieve their goals • Specific outcomes from expenditure of funds include increased confidence, competence and caring amongst its participants; program receives technical assistance to help measure results through surveys and assessment of certain youth development indicators • Budget is clearly described • Plan for future funding includes a challenge grant from The Trawick Foundation, various event fundraisers and in-kind gifts from businesses 	

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Name of Organization: Rebuilding Together Montgomery County, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Large Cap; Basic Needs/Emergency/Housing/Legal	Amount Requested: \$75,000
Project Description: Critical Needs Program for large scale emergency repairs.	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall budget for Critical Needs Program is \$254,425; applicant requests \$75K (29%) from County and will leverage additional funding services for balance. • Anticipates 25-50 families served and 15-25 local businesses supported. • Would be helpful to provide number of jobs created by hiring skilled professionals. 	
<p>Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Critical Needs Program recruits skilled trade professionals to make emergency service repairs that volunteers cannot perform for low-income County residents. • Public need is strong for immediate emergency repairs that could create life-threatening hazards if left unresolved (current waitlist of over 100 households) and program allows Rebuilding Together (RTMC) to respond quickly without waiting months to secure funding or labor. • Recipients in FY2013 were 55% seniors, 44% disabled, and 21% families with children. On average, recipients lived in homes for 22 years. Average recipient was a family of two living on \$22,982/year – just over 30% of median income for County. • In addition to serving low-income families, RTMC provides job opportunities for skilled trade professionals. 	
<p>Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization has provided home repairs since 1990 and started the Critical Need Program six years ago to meet emergency and large-scale needs of vulnerable homeowners. • Demonstrated ability to leverage non-county funding through private funds and partnerships with skilled workers and companies to provide discounted labor/materials. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clearly describes overall mission of organization and importance of Critical Needs Program. • Applicant provides detailed tracking and measurement of repairs made and costs allocated to each home, including tracking discounted and donated materials and labor by skilled professionals to assist in determining ability to leverage donated funds. • RTMC associates each expense with the grant funding it, which allows RTMC and funders to clearly measure the impact of funding. • Further detail on which target population received each repair/project would be helpful. 	

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Name of Organization: Rebuilding Together of Montgomery County, Inc. - County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Basic Needs/Emergency/Housing/Legal	Amount Requested: \$30,920
Project Description: Operating support	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	

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Name of Organization: Red Wiggler Foundation, Inc. #1	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Basic Needs/Emergency/Housing/Legal	Amount Requested: \$50,000
Project Description: Providing healthy produce to low income adults with developmental disabilities residing in group homes (Farm Food to Group Home)	
Cost-benefit analysis: (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget \$106,000 grant; request for 47% funding • Farm Food to Group Home program serves 325 Group Home residents • Distributes 33,000 pounds of food to 100 community-supported agricultural households 	
Public Benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$17,500 worth of food delivered to local group homes for developmentally disabled • Program provides employment opportunities for 16 adults with developmental disabilities • Partners with other local nonprofits to provide food preparation training and on-site farm opportunities for education and volunteering 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program, leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2013, Red Wiggler worked with 700 community volunteers • In 18 years of program existence, Red Wiggler has diversified funding to include 23% revenue from produce sales 49% foundation support 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other non-profits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assists a vulnerable population by increasing self-sufficiency • Provides employment opportunities for an at-risk, disabled community • Increases health food alternatives through produce growth, training and preparation 	

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Name of Organization: Red Wiggler Foundation, Inc. #2	
Category/Program Area: Sm. Cap/<2006; Basic Needs/Emergency/Housing/Legal	Amount Requested: \$10,000
Project Description: Support for capital improvements needed to meet Good Agricultural Practices.	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant request is to be used for infrastructure updates to organization’s 100+ year-old barn to meet Maryland’s Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) standards; barn is used to store and distribute farm produce. • Grant represents 67% of project cost that distributes 33,000 pounds of produce to 100 households, 325 area group homes and MANNA Food Center. 	
<p>Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Wiggler serves a diverse target population of low-income County residents in need of food assistance; 16 adults with developmental disabilities who have paid positions as growers; and over 700 youth and adults, with and without disabilities, who participate in the education and service learning program. • Red Wiggler’s mission encompasses multiple public benefits including vocational skills development, nutrition and healthy meal preparation and local and sustainable farm sourcing of produce for County residents. 	
<p>Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization has successfully secured funding for its programs for over 18 years and has diversified funding streams (23% earned revenue from sale of produce and program fees and 49% from foundation support). • Helpful to provide specific numbers for significant volunteer growth in last few years to demonstrate expanding level of community involvement. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal provides clear description of unique organization structure and model of operations and project need – integrate additional information on outlined proposal outcomes to outcomes of the organization as a whole, including increases in produce production and/or increased financial efficiency with updated farm infrastructure. • Since proposal requests funds to meet GAP compliance, helpful to explain when GAP standards are in effect and how GAP compliance affects program’s ability to operate. • Since success of program is based on whether Red Wiggler achieves GAP compliance in FY15, helpful to explain how and when MD Department of Agriculture determines GAP compliance. • Helpful to provide more detail about costs for items that are expected to be included in \$15,000 budget, such as hand washing stations and animal proofing the barn. 	

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Name of Organization: Reginald S. Lourie Center for Infants & Young Children	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Older Adults/People with Disabilities	Amount Requested: \$69,550
Project Description: Parenting Intervention Program	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-term societal costs for medical and mental health for children with severe delays in their social and emotional functioning are high compared to the cost of this program per child. • Program will train 40 Lourie Center professionals and up to five representatives from other Montgomery County agencies and non-profit organizations. • Funds requested are 100% of total budget. 	
<p>Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Target population is clearly described and specific – serves children from birth to eleven years of age. • Program is unique and one of the last in the area which focuses on addressing social and emotional needs at an early age. • Statistics indicate that 1/3 of all children entering school exhibit social-emotional difficulties and 8% fail regular school due to severity of disturbance. 	
<p>Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization has been in operation since 1982 and is based on a six-year clinical research project funded by the National Institute of Health. • Program partners with local government and nonprofits including Department of Social Services, Early Childhood Congress, Early Head Start, MCPS, and Imagination Stage. • Organization utilizes university interns in psychology, social work, education and early childhood development to support the program and increase the staff to child ratio. Programs are small but focused and serve as best practices for other centers. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong justification and description of public benefit and long-term effects of early childhood intervention to a specific population. • Outcomes are tracked on a monthly and quarterly basis to evaluate the parenting intervention program outcomes, including the number of professionals trained in intervention. 	

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Name of Organization: Rockville Economic Development, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Economic Development/Workforce Development	Amount Requested: \$95,000
Project Description: Support for a training and counseling program for primarily low and moderate income women starting or expanding their own businesses.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal requests 22% of the cost of the program. This money will leverage grants from SBA, corporate and foundation grants as well as sponsorships. • Program assists approximately 600 women per year with direct business development assistance. This includes 150 home child care providers. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The diverse population served by this program is representative of the County’s demographics. • The women served are offered training, individual counseling and support as they work to create or improve their small businesses. • Women who operate (or are working to open) family child care businesses are assisted in improving and growing business plans to ensure quality care, ongoing operation and even the creation of jobs in the community. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDC) in operation since 1997 – Rockville Women’s Business Center (RWBC) since 2010 • Volunteers are a critical component of the program: 35 professionals volunteer their time for workshops or client counseling. 800 hours of interns’ time support marketing, events and database work for the program. • The organization has strong ties throughout the community and collaborates with government departments, business groups, women’s organizations, chambers of commerce and childcare organizations. • The Maryland Women’s Business Center Advisory Committee has developed a fund raising plan to be implemented in the upcoming year. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal lays out 9 areas of activity with specific outcomes for the project • They will be working with businesses, government departments, business assistance organizations, child care organizations and women’s organizations in the course of this program. • Working professionals have donated time to bring workshops and education to the women clients. • Full program funding is from a variety of sources and a fundraising plan is going to be implemented. 	

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Name of Organization: Rockville Pregnancy Center, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$10,000
Project Description: Healthy Moms, Healthy Babies (HMHB) program's mission is to decrease infant mortality in the County's high risk population providing 4 weeks of education/instruction for pregnant women/couples about prenatal health, delivery and follow-up services through the Baby Boutique.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50 pregnant Montgomery County women will receive 4 weeks of classes; breastfeeding, nutritional guidance, care for newborns, follow up services and emergency services if needed. • Provides preventative education to facilitate healthy babies, which are less likely to need long term support from county resources. • Follow-up services are given quarterly in the amount of \$200, through the Baby Boutique for diapers, clothing, baby equipment, sexual risk avoidance, counseling and referral. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase chances of healthy non cesarean pregnancies, healthy babies born at a normal healthy weight reducing the possibility of neurological and physiological long term disabilities and reliance on county resources for future medical care and support. • Supports first time mothers in seeking prenatal care, earlier in their pregnancies. • Provides free classes to low-income women, which would otherwise be unaffordable (\$250-\$300) 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funded solely by private donations, this program has been paid for through general funding. • In operation for 7 years or more. • All except one member of the board of directors are major donors. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This program has existed for 7 years, serving ~270 families to date. (It would be helpful to have more information on the HMHB and Rockville Pregnancy Center/Clinic history and measurable successes included in the proposal). • Already able to fund program with private funds, hoping to reach more families with additional monies. • Strong focus on abstinence due to Christian values and does not provide birth control support. 	

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Name of Organization: Rockville Presbyterian Church (Rainbow Place)	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Basic Needs/Emergency/Housing/Legal	Amount Requested: \$25,420
Project Description: Requesting funding to support personnel costs required to operate its winter emergency shelter for adult homeless women in Montgomery County.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open from November through March, the shelter provides a cot, 3 meals per day, clothing, personal products, shower, and laundry facilities. • Can serve up to 25 women per night. • Expecting to serve upwards of 90 clients for FY 15. • This year, they have served 78 women in the first 2 ½ months, and at least 12 have transitioned to more stable housing. • During their last full season (FY13) 38% of clients transitioned to more stable housing, and 63% engaged in case management to be connected to housing and other programs. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The shelter helps the most challenging clients faced by local providers: homeless women with medical and/or mental health disabilities, domestic violence histories, and/or recent release from a hospital or jail, and who have limited access to resources. • Provides food, shelter, clothing, and case management to the neediest of homeless women during the winter season. • For many clients, Rainbow is the only alternative to being outdoors in the winter months. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has provided services for over 30 years. • Coordinates and collaborates with many area providers to better serve those in need. • Effectively leverages in-kind goods and services. Strong base of volunteers. • Developing strategies and events to increase funding and maintain sustainability, including grassroots-type fundraisers. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With a limited budget and heavily leveraged volunteer and donation programs, Rainbow Place offers a needed winter emergency option. It is designed to provide a safe, low demand option for women entering homelessness as well as for those suffering chronic problems. • The Director and Board members have networked extensively this year to raise awareness of the homeless population's needs and of Rainbow Place. This has resulted in collaborations with other organizations and increased donations. 	

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Name of Organization: Rosaria Communities, Inc. – County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Older Adults/People with Disabilities	Amount Requested: \$15,000
Project Description: Rosaria Communities Inc., an affiliated corporation of the Archdiocese of Washington, builds and renovates houses to provide independent living opportunities for people with physical and intellectual disabilities.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total cost of the project is \$224,000 of which the County Executive recommended funding \$15,000, or about 7% of the total cost to cover some of the operating expenses – partial funding towards the salaries of professional staff. • There are currently 3 homes in the County that house a total of 9 special needs individuals and their resident caregivers. • With more professional staff, the organization hopes to be able to expand it’s fundraising abilities so as to continue to build and renovate more homes for it’s program. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Providing housing and resident care to special needs adults accommodates the need for such housing for individuals who may no longer be able to be cared for by aging parents. • It provides a means for the residents to receive care and support from volunteers who are parishioners at an affiliated church as well as an opportunity to engage in the community where they live. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rosaria is affiliated with the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington • The organization has already built or renovated three homes with three residents each. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization’s goal is to provide independent living opportunities for special needs adults in houses that would be affiliated with every Catholic parish in the Archdiocese of Washington. • This would allow a small number of special needs adults to live in safe, comfortable housing and receive care and support from service providers and parishioners at the affiliated church. 	

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Name of Organization: Silver Spring Green	
Category/Program Area: Op/≥2006; Community Development	Amount Requested: \$35,000
Project Description: Proposal provides staff and operating expenses to support environment and green economy efforts in Silver Spring.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides staff to help meet objectives. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expands areas served in the County to promote sustainable community efforts (Silver Spring plus surrounding areas). • Helps broaden “Green” efforts and consciousness throughout the county. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization is very active with a number of efforts in the community and with liaison to other County Green organizations. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposes expanding sustainability education with solid activities. 	

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Name of Organization: Silver Spring Town Center	
Category/Program Area: Op/≥2006; Community Development	Amount Requested: \$7,500
Project Description: Expenses for Taste of the World Fenton Village.	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board (SSCAB) partnering with the Silver Spring Town Center is requesting a little more than half of the expected expenses for the Taste of Fenton Village event, a total of \$14,600. Attendance for the Taste of Fenton Village event is difficult to track but it is estimated that about 700 – 1,000 people attend the annual event. Restaurant tastings cost the public about \$2-\$5 each. 	
<p>Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The targeted population is well-identified as the restaurants and businesses of Fenton Village that need more attention because they do not benefit directly for Downtown Silver Spring promotions and events.. Most of these restaurants and businesses are minority/family-owned. Approximately 75% of restaurants and businesses participate in the event and prefer the event to be hosted on a Sunday to assist the slower sales of a Sunday. A "restaurant crawl" is more efficient and effective to draw business to the community as it encourages foot traffic. 	
<p>Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Taste of Fenton Village which is now going on to its fourth year. The board is comprised entirely of volunteers who raise funds, sign-up participants and coordinate the entertainment. For the 2014 year, Yelp will assist through marketing and providing a stage which will expand the entertainment line-up. SSCAB has a diversified funding source as the other half of the budget is raised by private donations. The proposal would be stronger if it identified and possibly created a tier system for donations provided by the neighborhood restaurants and businesses to truly diversify funding. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2015 Taste of Fenton Village would be the 5th year that such an event would take place. It will also be the largest event with anticipated attendance to be over the 1200 visitors of 2014. 	

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Name of Organization: Silver Spring Town Center – County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Op/≥2006; Community Development	Amount Requested: \$40,000
Project Description: Operating support	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total program cost is \$140,000 • Grant requests represents approximately 28.5% of the of the total program cost 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Showcases the artistic achievements of talented young people in the County • Presents a diversity of 80+ free programs for the community on Veterans Plaza and in the Civic Building 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with several organizations including Smithsonian Institution • Growth in financial support from business community through sponsorships and vendor opportunities 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While the organization has had great success it would be helpful to understand the organization’s specific sustainability efforts • It would be helpful to see specific outcomes outlined • Funding from various sources 	

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Name of Organization: Silver Spring Village, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: op/≥2006; Older Adults/People with Disabilities	Amount Requested: \$30,000
Project Description: Staff funding for a coordinator for the Silver Spring (Senior) Village	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silver Spring Village, Inc. is requesting 66% of funding needed to support a coordinator position. It also expects to enroll 175 at-risk senior members which in turns amounts to a County investment of about \$170 per senior. 	
<p>Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Silver Spring Village will serve as a community for seniors that wish to continue residing in their home but may feel slightly disconnected from the population. According to Silver Spring Village, Inc. there will be a tier membership which will provide services ranging from social events up to home and transportation assistance for at-risk seniors residing in zip code 20910. 	
<p>Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Village began its operations in October 2013 and has been managed strictly by volunteers. Between October and December 2013, Silver Spring Village sponsored 33 member events, logged 2,000 hours of community services and completed 43 requests from the membership. Membership plan has two different systems which is also geared at one-person families and two-person families. The associate membership provides access to events and the full service membership provides opportunity to use the volunteer member services. Currently, Silver Spring Village has worked with about 7 organizations in Montgomery County. One-third of the organizational budget is to be raised by membership dues and individual as well as corporate donations. Volunteers are interviewed to determine if availability and skills set is appropriate for the organization. If it is determined that the volunteer would be a good fit, then the individual must undergo a background clearance and be trained. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Silver Spring Village, Inc. has provided great information regarding villages nationwide stating that most had only one paid staff for every 78 members and most villages stay below 200 members. The coordinator will be responsible to systematically approach marketing and fundraising to ensure sustainability for the village. 	

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Name of Organization: Spanish Speaking Community of Maryland, Inc. (La Comunidad) #1	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Older Adults/People with Disabilities	Amount Requested: \$80,000
Project Description: Salary and operating support for program to help Latino seniors and disabled individuals identify and benefit from community services. Spanish Speaking Community addresses the needs and challenges of the county's low-income seniors and disabled.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total cost of program \$120,000. One third of the cost will be funded through other government and nongovernmental agencies that showed interest in the program. • The program will reduce isolation for the Latino seniors and people with disabilities, illiteracy and low English proficiency. Participants will gain knowledge of how to access community services and remove the barriers that prevent them. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Comunidad will provide at least 600 direct and referral services to seniors and PWDS in areas of nutrition, health care, education, housing, immigration and employment. • Will bring awareness of social, health and economic issues that affect the Latino seniors and PWDS to the community, local and state government. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • La Comunidad is backed by numerous companies who have invested in the program financially • The program solicits volunteers via the media, radio and postings • La Comunidad is flexible and responds to community needs as they arise. It has been in service over 30 years. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal is clearly described. La Comunidad has been in operation for over 30 years. • Staff meet to define a clear mission and strategy to address the needs of the targeted population and report to the board • Needs assessment is conducted and strategies to measure and record the impact the program has made on its targeted population are implemented. 	

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Name of Organization: Spanish Speaking Community of MD, Inc. (La Comunidad) #2	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$80,000
Project Description: Expansion of the Hispanic Hotline, to provide additional services such as tutoring, gang prevention training, mentoring and a nurturing setting where children and youth learn values and a sense of self-worth without barriers.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide case management, referrals and therapeutic intervention services to youth in need. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Serves Hispanics, which are the fastest growing ethnic group in Montgomery County. • Attempts to work with the multiple barriers to this group which exists such as language barriers, educational levels, health issues, unemployment, etc, which causes a cascade of issues, which are then an expense to the county. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a wide variety of case management type services to Spanish speaking residents of the County, including, legal aid, educational, health, employment, housing assistance, etc. • Is the only agency in the County that operates a Hispanic Hotline. • The organization reports that it is recognized by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service as the organization that has helped legalize the largest number of immigrants in MD. • Strong collaborations with other organizations and within the community and use of volunteers. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrates very strong collaborations with various Montgomery County organizations and community resources. • Program has been in existence for 15 years. • Would be helpful to have more information about how the Hotline operates to deliver stated services. • Could use more specific outcomes and goals to show successes of program. 	

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Name of Organization: Sports Plus Group, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Op/≥2006; Older Adults/People with Disabilities	Amount Requested: \$26,800
Project Description: Funds would provide support for facilities rentals, transportation, equipment and uniforms, for fitness, social and sports programs and summer camp for people with autism.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently it serves over 1250 children with autism and other disabilities and are proposed to grow larger • Since County grant funds would provide approx. \$27,000 there is a large group reached with a low investment. • County grant funding is approximately 10% of total project costs of \$201,500 • Majority of funds (\$19,000) are for facilities and rental fees 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses the needs of a growing and underserved population. • Investment is low. Cost/benefit is high. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well established organization (2005) with proven track record. • Works with multiple county-wide groups and individual parents. • Strong volunteerism. • Organization has won numerous awards. • At time of proposal submission, organization Board had only two members, including the Executive Director. They have since added additional independent Board members. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal presents a sophisticated evaluation method to prove participant improvement and results. • Serves a large population at a low cost per person. • Has multiple funding sources ensuring continued services in the future. 	

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Name of Organization: St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families - County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Op/< 2006; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$25,000
Project Description: To provide access to services for Montgomery County pregnant or parenting teens and their children.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds are being requested to pay for Utilities in the amount of \$25,000. • In 2013 the teen program served 3 mothers and 3 babies from Montgomery County out of the total of 28 mothers and 19 babies in the program. • The total cost of the program is over 1.8 million of which almost half is from social service agencies and government funding. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A residential program that provides education, health care, life skills and parenting training for teenage mothers and their children. Teaching mothers effective parenting skills, developing realistic career plans and developing a healthy and responsible lifestyle are the goals of the program. • Objectives also include delivering healthy babies weighing over 5.5 pounds. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization has been in existence for over 150 years. • It works collaboratively with government agencies, hospitals, area colleges and universities and others. • It has an extensive volunteer base that helps in providing enrichment and recreational activities. • It has a strong funding base with 49% of the funding for this program coming from government sources, 19% from corporate and private foundations, 19% from individuals. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization has been providing this program for over 30 years. • They have a solid financial base. • They work with multiple government and other agencies and have an established volunteer pool who help with a variety of its programs. 	

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Name of Organization: St. Camillus Church - County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Basic Needs/Emergency/Housing/Legal	Amount Requested: \$17,000
Project Description: Food for emergency food packages	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide emergency food packages monthly to persons who express their need in an ethnically diverse community 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutritionally adequate and culturally appropriate food distributed to clients who have been identified as mostly Spanish and French speaking immigrants from Central America, Haiti, and French speaking African cultures. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2013, St Camillus' Food Pantry distributed 8,000 emergency food packages; 100% of funds raised go towards food purchases and distribution costs. • Demonstrated ability to recruit volunteers and expand program through donation of space in Langley Park • A cadre of 150 volunteers from many different cultures assist with program 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed outcome measures include an ability to respond to a 25% increase in food requests, an increase in number of bi lingual volunteers and the establishment of a database of families served. • A stated goal includes increasing the program outreach in surrounding communities • Creative approach to obtaining in kind and financial community support from other churches and business such as Panera Bakery, Safeway and others. 	

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Name of Organization: St. Joseph's House – County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Op/ <2006; Older Adults/People with Disabilities	Amount Requested: \$10,000
Project Description: Provide before and after school care, as well as weekend and overnight respite care to young people with disabilities	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total cost of the program is \$154,000; the \$10,000 recommended by the County Executive would amount to under 6.5% of the total. • The before and after school care program currently serves up to 8 young people with multiple and severe disabilities. Weekend and overnight respite care can also be provided. • In many cases providing care to these children, enables their parents to hold full time jobs and thus contribute to the community. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program provides safe before and after school care, in a home environment, for special needs children. • It provides a safety net through its emergency 24 hour respite care. • The majority of children served are from low income, single parent households. Access to this care can enable their parents to hold full time jobs, which may otherwise have been impossible to do. • These special needs, often disadvantaged children are taught life skills and job-training for those who are able. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization has been providing services for over 20 years. • They have been successful in raising funds from private sources for the past years and have managed their funds responsibly. • They have utilized a host of volunteers who assist with many aspects of their work. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The outcome measures are quantifiable and clearly stated. • There focus is on serving a particularly vulnerable section of the population –special needs children from low income families. • They have a proven track record of providing these services to this population. • They serve Montgomery County residents. 	

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Name of Organization: Stepping Stones Shelter, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Economic Development/ Workforce Development	Amount Requested: \$41,670
Project Description: Employment Counseling for residents of shelter and transitional housing	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funding request is primarily for employment counseling for the residents of Stepping Stones Shelter and The Dwelling Place transitional housing. • The program projects service to 40 homeless families at a cost to the county of about \$1,000 per family. 	
<p>Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stepping Stones Shelter and The Dwelling Place provide services to the most vulnerable of our residents, homeless families, by providing emergency shelter and transitional and permanent supportive housing. • Families served usually have an annual income of \$20,000 or less or they are unemployed. • The population receives individual help and counseling. They are coached in setting goals, writing resumes, interviewing techniques, job search strategies and other skills that they must have to find employment and increase their income. • The target population is well served by the program. 	
<p>Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization's capacity to carry out program):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stepping Stones has been active in the community for over 30 years. • The program uses over 350 volunteers annually and partners with many the whole range of organizations that provide services, training and goods to homeless residents as they move toward independence. • Stepping Stones has fundraising plans that include applying for grants and soliciting donations from corporations, individuals, religious and community organizations. • This proposal was presented by a team of applicants. Stepping Stones and the Dwelling Place will leverage the employment development skills of the Career Catchers to accomplish its goals. Stepping Stones has been serving this population for 31 years, The Dwelling Place has been active for 25 years and Career Catchers has provided services to these populations for 5 years. They are able to carry out the program. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program is clear and well described. The client population is at high risk and required high quality personalized service to be successful. • Outcomes are measurable and quantifiable. In 2013 the results of the program were: 41 client families were served, 47 individuals attended group sessions, 41 client families participated in one on one employment counseling, 44 individuals created resumes, and 54% of the 41 counseled families found jobs. • The budget is clear and the funds requested will provide staffing for the program. 	

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Name of Organization: Sulam Inc. – County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Op/<2006; Older Adults/People with Disabilities	Amount Requested: \$35,000
Project Description: Sulam is a K-12 inclusive program that serves students who are learning disabled or challenged, in a traditional Jewish day school environment. Grant would help support the Early Intervention Life Skills Program in Lower School (LS) and the Transitional Skills programs in the Upper School (US).	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total program cost is \$150,000 of which the County Executive recommends funding about 23%. • While no statistics as to the numbers of students served in these programs were provided, 60% of their graduates attend a community college. Some have found employment as pre-school assistants and classroom aides in the County. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program provides students with a variety of learning challenges and disabilities educational, psychological and life skills training which better prepares them to be contributing, productive members of the community. • It helps prepare vulnerable and needy children and gives them the training and skills needed to keep them safe and functioning at their optimum level. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization has been running this program for a number of years and several of their students are now employed in a variety of fields. • They partner with the Jewish Foundation for Group Homes (JFGH) and their students have participated in the JFGH MOST (Meaningful Opportunities for Successful Transition) program. • They have a large roster of student and adult volunteers. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the only Jewish day school of its type in the County and serves some of the most vulnerable and needy residents – children with learning disabilities, and those with more severe disabilities including learning delays, mental retardation, Cerebral Palsy, and Down Syndrome. • They have successfully run their program without County funds in the past – they have a demonstrated strong financial support base. • They partner with other local agencies, schools and synagogues and have a strong volunteer base. 	

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Name of Organization: Sunflower Bakery, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Op/≥2006; Older Adults/People with Disabilities	Amount Requested: \$53,994
Project Description: Program prepares persons with autism, developmental or other cognitive disabilities for employment through on-site skilled on-the-job instruction, training and employee development followed by internships in area businesses.	
Cost-benefit analysis (cost of service or activity; impact on recipient relative to cost):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds would serve 14-17 persons throughout the grant year at a per capita cost of \$3,176. per person. • Grant request is approximately 7% of total project costs. • Majority of grant funds (68%) are for 3 staff. 	
Public benefit (identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; program justification):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trains young adults (18-27) and helps place persons in employment who are difficult to serve due to autism and other disabilities. 	
Strength of organization (how long has agency delivered proposed services, received public funds for program; use of volunteers and/or partner organizations in program; leverage non-county government funding/resources; organization’s capacity to carry out program):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization has a four year record having been funded by either County CDBG, County Council or County Executive funding. • Organization has recently been approved as a MD Dept. of Rehabilitation Services, Community Rehabilitation Program. • Uses professionals to conduct the program and monitor achievements by the students as well as monitoring after graduation to ensure success. • Organization has a broad based sustainability plan working with State of MD, private funders and corporations as well as holding fundraisers. • Board of Directors is directly engaged. 	
Strength of Proposal (clear description, measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Although the program serves a small number of persons, they are a population with high needs meeting County Council priority. The proposal has well defined goals and performance measures. • With approximately 10-12 graduates per year, students help small businesses in the county. • Program creates trained persons with sometimes severe disabilities capable of entering the job market. 	