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Name of Organization: Madison House Autism Foundation 1	
Category/Program Area: Newer; Older Adults/Disabilities	Amount Requested: \$61,350
Project Description: Provide Support for an Employment Specialist who will oversee and coach adults with autism working in a community-based employment setting.	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment Specialist will oversee and coach adults with autism working at Madison Fields, a farming facility to introduce agricultural-related employment to those with autism. • According to the proposal, unemployment/underemployment for people with autism is very high. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal states that it will create jobs of 10-20 Montgomery County residents with autism and other developmental disabilities. • The jobs will be related to farming, such as, growing perennials for food and landscaping, care and feeding of horses, and working alongside the community in other related agricultural capacities. • This proposal is to do a pilot project for one year. • The organization will collaborate with other nonprofits serving this community of adults on the autism spectrum. • The proposal would have been stronger with expanded outcomes and measurements. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total budget for the program is \$94,669; they are seeking \$61,350 from the County Council. • The majority of the requested funding will support an Employment Specialist, who will provide liaison between job support workers and farm employees. 	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Madison House reports having an active volunteer program which draws from local businesses who are engaged in service projects, among others. • They currently provide services to adults on the autism spectrum. 	

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Name of Organization: Madison House Autism Foundation 2	
Category/Program Area: Newer; Older Adults/Disabilities	Amount Requested: \$61,000
Project Description: Funding for a volunteer coordinator to optimize and expand volunteer programs at Madison Fields.	
Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At Madison Fields, the organization provides agricultural and equestrian programs for adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities can connect with nature through a therapeutic riding program and agricultural training for employment. 	
Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has capacity to serve 250 autistic clients per month • Has been successful in recruiting volunteers from a wide range businesses and schools • Planning to make several plots available for vegetables • Planned expansion of the agricultural and equestrian programs will necessitate a volunteer coordinator for vetting larger numbers of volunteers • The coordinator will train volunteers about autism spectrum • Currently have 12-20 horse riders/week and project 75 new riders 	
Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This request represents 75 % of program cost • Request covers total cost of hiring fulltime volunteer coordinator 	
Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has 2 paid staff and 130-150 volunteers • Has received \$55,000 from other foundations 	

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Name of Organization: Making a New United People	
Category/Program Area: Newer; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$53,253
Project Description: Support for in and out of school mentoring programs.	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Making a New United People (MANUP) targets at risk youth in Takoma Park area with a program of in school time and out of school time mentoring and tutoring. • Program participants are an even mix of male and female students. • MCPS counselors coordinate with organization to permit in school mentoring/tutoring time. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program description is clear – providing in school and out of school mentoring and tutoring with the out of school time occurring on one weeknight (2 hours) each week during the school year. • Many of the eleven mentor/tutors are current and former teachers. • The program combines both one-on-one and group mentoring, adding in cultural field trips when possible. • Because of the strong relationships with the schools, the schools help identify participant students. MANUP is able to obtain weekly updates on their participating students so that the mentor/tutor interventions with the students are timely and targeted. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will serve 100 students, most selected by school counselors and principals, to ensure that those students most needing the interventions are receiving them. • Program runs for length of school year. • This proposal seeks about 25% of the cost of operating this program. 	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MANUP is a growing organization that is becoming very well known for doing effective youth development work in the few years it has been operating in Montgomery County. • The organization has recognized and acted upon the need to have a stronger infrastructure by obtaining support for a second full-time staff person as it continues to add new projects to its existing ones, expanding to meet community need. • The organization is able to discuss very successful anecdotal stories based on its work with youth. With its rapid growth, MANUP should ensure that it is being strategic and specific about defining goals, measurements, and outcomes. This will be beneficial in turning those successful anecdotes into data and good outcomes measures which will in turn, support their grant writing and fundraising efforts and help them target their services even more effectively. 	

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Name of Organization: Making a New United People – County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Newer; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$10,000
Project Description: To provide funds for Lunch & Learn - a summer enrichment program and meals for 110 county youth.	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lunch and Learn is a four-year old summer enrichment program for down-county low income youth that are eligible for free and reduced price meals. The program in 2015 had 110 participants and 30% of students improved proficiency in math and reading. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Making a United People (MANUP) indicates that it will be the fiscal agent for the program this year, but the proposal would have been stronger if the organization clearly delineated the responsibilities of each participant in the program. Not clear how they plan to attract participants. Based on FY16 Grants reporting, it appears that Adventist Community Services managed this program last year. Information on why they are no longer involved and how MANUPs role will be similar or different would have also strengthened the proposal. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 110 students will be served according to the application. The proposal has clear and strong outcomes for the project. There are strong partners in the project including Montgomery County Public Schools and Montgomery College as well as Adventist Community Services. 	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The application did not include the requested current year budget, nor the profit and loss (income) statement for the prior year. It did include a balance sheet for the prior year and a budget for the upcoming FY17 year. The projected FY17 budget has a very large revenue goal (\$237,000). The fundraising strategies that will be used to achieve this revenue goal are not specified. The application did not have an income statement or a FY16 budget so it was difficult to assess the strength of the organization's finances, particularly because the most recent balance sheet shows assets of only \$28,400. 	

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Name of Organization: Manna Food Center 1	
Category/Program Area: Established; Basic Need	Amount Requested: \$50,000
Project Description: To provide healthy foods for weekend meals to at least 2,595 elementary school students experiencing hunger and food insecurity.	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manna distributed more than 89,000 bags of food to 2,336 elementary school students during the 2015 school year (current year – 2,475). Another three organizations distribute food to approximately 2,525 students. These 5,000 students represent only 16% of over 30,000 eligible children in MCPS. • The program serves the important purpose of providing proper nourishment to vulnerable children over the weekend to reduce or eliminate the impediment to learning created by insufficient food and nutrition. Over the course of the last years, in response to parent feedback, the program has revised its menu to provide more nutritious and fresh foods. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal does an excellent job of describing the program and its evolution, growth and goals. It provides a good understanding of Manna’s mission, programs and extent of interaction with other government and not-for-profit organizations that provide social services. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program provides 6 pounds of weekend food to MCPS students and their families valued at \$5.00/ bag. Manna has refocused the program to emphasize nutrition in the selection of foods and educational materials included in the packages. Manna is requesting only 13% of the total cost of the program from MC, leveraging individual contributions and other grants and utilizing resources at the individual schools for distribution of the packages. 	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manna Food Center has been the primary food resource for Montgomery County since 1983. It serves 40,000 individuals each year and provides food to homeless shelters, pantries and soup kitchens. It rescued and distributed about \$2.8 million pounds of food last year. The organization has robust and successful volunteer and fundraising programs. In 2015, Manna benefited from 71,518 hours from 13,589 volunteers. It has substantial funding from a diverse group of government, corporate, faith-based, and individual supporters. Manna is well-capitalized and has sufficient cash-on-hand to support its activities and growth. Its reach in the community is very broad - nearly all of the social services non-profit organizations in the county share clients with Manna. 	

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Name of Organization: Manna Food Center 2	
Category/Program Area: Established; Basic Need	Amount Requested: \$40,000
Project Description: Bringing fresh produce to people experiencing hunger, and rescuing produce from farmers markets that may otherwise be composted or discarded.	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides low-income families with increased access to the fresh fruits and vegetables necessary for a healthy diet. • Provides some consistent funding to farmers during the growing season. • Rescues and distributes produce that would otherwise be composted or sent to landfills. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal describes the impact that the Farm to Foodbank program makes on families who would otherwise have limited or no access to fresh fruits and vegetables, and the partnerships that Manna makes with farmers and farmer’s markets to sustain the program. • The application would be strengthened by a more clear explanation of the financial arrangements between Manna and the farmers and of the CSA pilot program. It was unclear from the proposal that the increase in prior years funding would be primarily to support the pilot program. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 85% of the produce collected in the project is rescued or donated, resulting in an overall cost of about \$.32 per pound for high quality fruits and vegetables. • 20,000 unduplicated households will receive fresh locally-grown produce during the growing season. 	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Manna Food Center has been the primary food resource for Montgomery County since 1983. It serves 40,000 individuals each year and provides food to homeless shelters, pantries and soup kitchens. It rescued and distributed about \$2.8 million pounds of food last year. The organization has robust and successful volunteer and fundraising programs. In 2015, Manna benefited from 71,518 hours from 13,589 volunteers. It has substantial funding from a diverse group of government, corporate, faith-based, and individual supporters. Manna is well-capitalized and has sufficient cash-on-hand to support its activities and growth. Its reach in the community is very broad - nearly all of the social services non-profit organizations in the county share clients with Manna. 	

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Name of Organization: Maryland/Israel Development Center – County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Established; Economic Development	Amount Requested: \$40,000
Project Description: Market Montgomery County to Israeli high-tech and life-science companies as the location for their U.S. office.	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <p>Funds will be used to promote direct investment by Israeli companies into Montgomery County as well as trade and R & D collaborations between Israeli and Montgomery County businesses.</p> <p>The project will create opportunities for Montgomery County businesses to partner with Israeli companies. There will be grant information sessions for Montgomery County businesses to assist them in applying for significant grant dollars to support their work with Israeli companies.</p>	
<p>Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):</p> <p>The proposal successfully describes its target audience and how the program will be evaluated. This is a relatively small request for this organization. It is impressive the types of organizations that are involved with the project.</p>	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <p>The request will be matched by other sources of funding. The request is less than 7% of their annual budget.</p>	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <p>This is a strong organization with a variety of funding sources including the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development. They have also have a significant presence in Montgomery County thru their Business Leaders Committee. Unfortunately they do not have any Montgomery County board members.</p>	

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Name of Organization: Maryland Soccer Foundation, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Established; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$50,000
Project Description: Provide financial assistance to families to permit children to play in SAM soccer.	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This program aims to support the current SAM Soccer Financial Aid Fund, which provides need-based financial aid to families who want to participate in a SAM program. • The scholarships provide an opportunity to participate in safe and quality soccer experiences for underprivileged children residing in Montgomery County. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal makes a strong case for the need to provide financial assistance to underserved and underprivileged youth in Montgomery County. • The proposal would have been strengthened by providing specific examples of what is the process by which scholarships are awarded to children in need. • The proposal highlights the key role that volunteer parents play in advancing the program by serving as coaches in the SAM recreation league. • The proposal highlights the primary areas, Gaithersburg, Wheaton and Rockville, where the program serves underprivileged youth. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total program cost to fund the SAM Soccer Financial Aid program is \$50,000. The full amount is being requested in this grant application. • The Outcome section of the application indicated that 300 youths are to be served from the SAM Soccer Financial Aid program. • The total budget for 300 students to be served by this financial aid fund is \$50,000, averaging about \$167 per participant. 	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This organization has been in existence since 2006, and is active in the community by partnering with local schools, donating to silent auctions and attending community events. • In 10 years of operation, this organization has grown from serving approximately 960 participants to a projected 8800 in FY 2016. 	

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Name of Organization: Maryland Vietnamese Mutual Association, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Newer; Community Development	Amount Requested: \$25,000
Project Description: Enlarge outreach and services for current programs in order to assist hard to reach target groups of Montgomery County Vietnamese.	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <p>Montgomery County has a large population of Vietnamese - 12,000 and MVMA is only able to serve 13% of this population due to limited staffing capabilities. This proposal will allow them to add staff to assist them with serving more of the needs of the Montgomery County Vietnamese population.</p>	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <p>The proposal indicates that 125 will be served with new services. It was difficult to assess previous year's progress supported by county grants because MVMA only signed their contract and purchase order in December 2015.</p> <p>MVMA has strong partnerships including: Mobil Med clinics, the Gilchrist Center, Manna Food, and MCPS.</p>	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <p>The proposal would have been stronger with more description of how they currently evaluate their programs as well as future programs. MVMA should also begin to diversify its funding sources. It currently receives over half of its funding from government sources.</p>	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <p>MVMA is an important organization for the Vietnamese population in Montgomery County. MVMA could benefit for more long term planning that includes fundraising strategies, staffing strategies and board development.</p>	

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Name of Organization: Mary's Center for Maternal and Child Care, Inc. – Montgomery Cares	
Category/Program Area: Established; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$46,224
Project Description: Provide health education and social services for Montgomery County's un/under-insured residents.	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See HHS Committee Public Health Packet of April 28, 2016 	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i>	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i>	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i>	

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Name of Organization: MCCPTA Educational Programs, Inc. DBA Big Learning 1	
Category/Program Area: Established; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$ 29,313
Project Description: Provide Spanish for Spanish Speakers Literacy program to highly impacted elementary students.	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This program targets students enrolled in five Title I elementary schools located in mid and upper-county. • This program focuses on Hispanic elementary students enrolled in ESL programs who have few Spanish language skills prior to entering kindergarten. • The target population does not have economic means to participate in existing afterschool programs. 	
<p>• Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This proposal clearly advances the argument that the target population is at risk for falling behind in English literacy by providing evidence that ties success in English literacy to strong skills in a student's primary language. • The proposal requests funds to provide scholarships for 50 students to attend this program. • The proposal would have been strengthened with a clearer description of how students would be selected and how availability of scholarships would be advertised to families. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total cost of this project is \$30,885 to off-set participation fees for 50 students (10 students in each of five Title 1 schools). • Each participant receives 24 hours of contact time at a cost of \$25/student/hour. 	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This organization has been in existence since 1954, incorporating as MCCPTA Educational Programs, Inc, in 1975. • The organization has a broad funding base with almost 70% of operating budget coming from participation fees and 22.5% coming from grants. • 100% of the Board participates financially 	

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Name of Organization: MCCPTA Educational Programs, Inc. DBA Big Learning 2	
Category/Program Area: Established; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$28,647
Project Description: Provide high quality, inquiry-based STEM enrichment program to elementary students highly impacted by poverty.	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This program targets economically disadvantaged MCPS elementary students. • The request underwrites costs of participation by offering scholarships to up to 50 students per session (150 students in total). 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This proposal describes previous relationship with three Title 1 schools, but indicates that selection of schools for this program have not yet been determined and would be done in association with MCPS. • The program is flexible and allows for each school to adopt it to their own needs and community. • This proposal would have been stronger if there was fuller discussion as to how scholarships would be advertised and made available to families. • Outcomes include measuring science identity of participants, an important measure for STEM success and the success of this program. • The proposal would have been strengthened by describing one or more of the STEM activities as they relate to obtaining 21st century learning skills. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal indicates that 150 students would be impacted for a total of 8 hours contact time per student with a total budget of \$30,269 or \$25 per student per hour. 	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This organization has been in existence since 1954, incorporating as MCCPTA Educational Programs, Inc, in 1975. • The organization has a broad funding base with almost 70% of operating budget coming from participation fees and 22.5% coming from grants. There is a small donor base. • 100% of the Board participates financially. 	

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Name of Organization: MCCPTA Educational Programs, Inc. DBA Big Learning 3	
Category/Program Area: Established; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$15,000
Project Description: Provide operating support for high quality, affordable accessible STEM and Foreign Language enrichment programs for children PreK – 8 th grade.	
Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This proposal requests funds to underwrite a .5FTE program administrator so that existing programs can be expanded to more students in Title 1 schools. 	
Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The afterschool enrichment programs offered by this organization are quality programs and it is clear that the organization wishes to reduce/remove financial barriers to participation. • The proposal demonstrates that this organization has strong community partnerships. • This project will include an in-depth evaluation of the foreign language enrichment program that involves 1500 students. • This project was funded in FY15. • This proposal indicates that support of a .5FTE will allow the organization to expand their outreach efforts and identify scholarship recipients without raising program fees. 	
Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This proposal asks for approximately half of the salary/fringe of a program administrator (fulltime cost is \$32,160) that would then allow the organization to provide 220 scholarships. 	
Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This organization has been in existence since 1954, incorporating as MCCPTA Educational Programs, Inc, in 1975. • The organization has a broad funding base with almost 70% of operating budget coming from participation fees and 22.5% coming from grants. • There is a small donor base. • 100% of the Board participates financially. 	

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Name of Organization: MCCPTA Educational Programs, Inc. DBA Big Learning 4	
Category/Program Area: Established; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$31,147
Project Description: Provide Gadget Factory STEAM program to middle school youth utilizing best practices of positive youth development.	
Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This program would expand its maker-space after school program to 40 additional middle school students in schools that have previously participated in the Collaboration Council's Excel Beyond the Bell program. 	
Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal seeks to expand an existing program that engages students in maker spaces that support arts and STEM learning. • This proposal seeks to provide this program for free to participants. • This proposal describes strong collaborations that have been developed with the Collaborative Council, MCPS, and Montgomery Co. Recreation department. • This proposal includes funds to hire an external evaluator to identify program success through measuring specific outcomes. • This proposal would have been strengthened by a clearer description of the types of activities students are engaged in as part of the maker space. 	
Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total budget for 40 students to participate in this program is \$43031 or a little more than \$1000 per student. 	
Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This organization has been in existence since 1954, incorporating as MCCPTA Educational Programs, Inc, in 1975. • The organization has a broad funding base with almost 70% of operating budget coming from participation fees and 22.5% coming from grants. 100% of the Board participates financially. 	

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Name of Organization: MdBio Foundation, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Established; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$10,030
Project Description: Provide summer education and career exploration for rising seventh and eighth grade minority and female students in STEM.	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This program seeks provide 30-hour summer workshops for rising 7th and 8th graders, with a focus on Montgomery County students underrepresented in science, technology, engineering, and math careers. • This program intends to target middle school students as they begin to form opinions about science and their future careers. The goal seems to be to build the local STEM pipeline with qualified and skilled workers. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal makes a strong case for engaging students in middle school with STEM careers. • This proposal targets minority and female students, both often underrepresented in STEM careers and have not always previously considered the possibility of these career choices or simply could not see themselves pursuing. • This proposal intends to decrease the diversity gap in the STEM field, by allowing students to interact with peers who possess similar interest and by meeting professionals who look similar to them. • This proposal details how with the help of Montgomery College, a rich environment of learning and interacting will be provided to participants in this STEM program throughout summer 2016. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The total grant request to fund this program is \$10,030. The total program cost is \$15,000. • The Outcome section of the application indicated that 18 students are to be served by this program. • The proposal makes a case of creating a sustainable program strategically reaching out to key government, private and nonprofit partners that can help grow this program. 	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This organization has a funding base that includes corporate sponsors. • This organization has many community partners, including Montgomery College, who is a strategic partner in allowing the use of its campus and coordinating an application process for students who apply for a scholarship to attend this program. 	

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Name of Organization: Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Established; Basic Need	Amount Requested: \$16,950
Project Description: Salary and fringe for a part-time site coordinator at Montgomery County distribution site at Leisure World.	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland provides physical and emotional support by allowing seniors to remain independent and help fight social isolation. • The organization delivered 20,276 meals to 76 county clients in 2015. • Organization provides linkages/referrals to other support services. • Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland provides one site for meal delivery in Montgomery County. There are 7 other Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland programs in the County not affiliated with this organization. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission of organization and impact of organization are well stated. • The proposed outcomes recognize that providing food can enhance quality of life in multiple categories, such as remaining at home, improved nutrition, improved mood and reduced feelings of isolation. • The proposal could be stronger with more data on the number of clients needing services in the county, based on age, income and ability. Application refers to projected increases in percentages and not in actual numbers. Relating the need to Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland's capacity would be helpful. • There are limits in the area of service based on geography. The organization is limited in the number of volunteers and recognizes that it needs to re-invent itself to increase the volunteer base. • It seemed surprising that there is not a wait list for the sliding scale meals. Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland has 30 Federal slots for free meals for seniors. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost per meal is \$8 (\$16 for two meals/day). • Currently, 42 clients are being served. There is no waiting list for additional sliding scale priced meals even though there are increasing numbers of seniors in Montgomery County. 	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland's mission is to enable people to live independently at home through the provision of nutritious meals, personal contact and related services. • This Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland has a small presence in Montgomery County and serves a small number of individuals. 	

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Name of Organization: Mental Health Association of Montgomery County 1	
Category/Program Area: Established; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$150,000
Project Description: Serving Together helps veterans and their families access needed programs and services that support their mental and physical wellness.	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program is response to 2008 study commissioned by Montgomery County government showing acute need for better coordination among veterans' services. • County has large veteran population and Serving Together reaches approximately one-quarter of military community. • Program is designed to connect veterans to organizations in the county that provide veterans' services and provides several different avenues to reach population (individual assistance; group trainings; and general website). 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaboration with partners is at the core of the program since its goal is to connect veterans with all organizations providing relevant services in the county. • The majority of the program's funders have been involved for many years and remain committed to offering support. • Proposal would be stronger if outcomes measured how many referrals are made to partner organizations and/or how many veterans reported an improvement in their lives/well-being. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program expects to reach 50,000 veterans through its website; 600-700 people through community trainings and 180 with individual assistance. • Taken as a whole, the cost of service for each person served is relatively low. • Cost-benefit analysis would be clearer if applicant could approximate what portion of the budget applies to the website vs. group trainings vs. individual assistance. 	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHA was founded in 1957 and has demonstrated an ability to manage wide range of services and the Serving Together program, which is the subject of this grant request, launched in 2011. • Program began in 2011 as a four-year pilot project and has received strong mixture of public and private funding to date. Applicant has demonstrated the ability to leverage non-county funding by recently securing grant from Boeing. • Program is recognized as a national leader in coordinating services for veterans and has expanded to other parts of the DC region. 	

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Name of Organization: Mental Health Association of Montgomery County 2	
Category/Program Area: Established/Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$100,000
Project Description: Provide Montgomery County residents with crises intervention, emotional support, resources, and referrals for community services through chat and texting services.	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental health issues among youth are prevalent, yet use of telephone hotlines has decreased in recent years. Text Line serves a specific need for new communication methods to reach youth. • MHA has seen a need for additional hours of operation based on current usage. • MHA will use funding period to continue to understand how best to operate the service. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHA will leverage its close relationship with MCPS to raise awareness of the Text Line. • Program budget is clear with the majority of funding requested for staff to increase the number of hours that the Text Line is in operation. • Proposal would be stronger with a more concrete understanding of how many individuals will use the service. • Proposal would benefit from discussion of how MHA will work with other already existing 24/7 text lines to help develop the program and a discussion of how the MHA Text Line will differ from and augment the other 24/7 text lines. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant requests the entire amount of funding for the program (\$100,000) from the county. • Program currently serves very limited number of individuals (10 text conversations in the first three months). Although the program intends to increase participation by increasing staffing hours, the cost per recipient is very high. 	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHA was founded in 1957 and has demonstrated an ability to manage wide range of services and the Text Line, which is the subject of this grant request, launched as a pilot at the end of October 2015. • Program does not currently use volunteers but hopes to use trained volunteers in the future to staff the text lines. • Due to the Text Line's recent launch, MHA has not yet collected or evaluated data on outcomes. • MHA recently hired a grant writing firm to develop fundraising strategy but proposal would be stronger if MHA could show non-county support for this program. 	

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Name of Organization: Mental Health Association of Montgomery County 3	
Category/Program Area: Established; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$40,000
Project Description: Provide Montgomery County residents with Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) trainings on how to respond to mental health crises.	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program trains individuals to recognize and respond to adults with mental health issues. Eleven Trainings will be taught to 275 individuals who work with thousands of low-income county residents through nonprofits, faith-based organizations, schools, after-care programs and summer camps. • One in five adults experiences a mental health related issue each year; however, due to the stigma attached to mental health, few get the help they need. • Two of the 11 trainings will be in Spanish, which serves a growing, underserved population in the county. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal has a clear description; funds will be used to offset the entire cost of 11 trainings. • MHA partners with other nonprofits and community organizations where the trainings will be taught. • Proposal would be stronger if MHA discussed examples or statistics of county residents who have been helped by training participants. • MHA will continue to seek funds from public and private sources to provide free trainings in the future. • Proposal has a clear budget with the majority of the funds dedicated to costs for the certified trainers. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant requests the entire amount of funding for the program (\$40,000) from the county. • Program will conduct 11 trainings for a total of 275 individuals at a cost of \$3,636 per training. • The program benefits more than just the 275 participants; it also benefits the thousands of low-income county residents who are served the 275 participants. 	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MHA was founded in 1957 and has demonstrated an ability to manage wide range of services and has offered mental health first aid training, which is the subject of this grant request, for six years. • MHA has demonstrated the ability to carry out the trainings and will continue to offer as many free training sessions as possible based on the funding they receive. • Program does not use volunteers due to the qualifications required of instructors. 	

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Name of Organization: Mercy Health Clinic 1– Montgomery Cares	
Category/Program Area: Established; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$35,000
Project Description: Provide counseling, primary care and nutrition education to improve health outcomes for uninsured patients who have hypertension and/or are diabetic/pre-diabetic	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See HHS Committee Public Health Packet of April 28, 2016 	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i>	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i>	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i>	

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Name of Organization: Mercy Health Clinic 2 – Montgomery Cares	
Category/Program Area: Established; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$50,000
Project Description: Support for medical staff to provide primary care for low-income, uninsured patients and patients who have Medicaid.	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i> <div style="text-align: center;">- See HHS Committee Public Health Packet of April 28, 2016</div>	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i>	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i>	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i>	

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Name of Organization: Mid-Atlantic Gleaning Network	
Category/Program Area: Established; Basic Need	Amount Requested: \$50,000
Project Description: Provide emergency food relief by harvesting fresh fruits and vegetables and distributing to needy County residents.	
Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated need for fresh produce and healthier food options for target population • Target population = low income residents 	
Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear purpose and plan of action • Measureable outcomes and documentation for number of gleaning events held and residents served • Strong relationships with local partners • Effective volunteer recruitment 	
Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong cost-benefit analysis - significant amount of food distributed in relationship to amount of grant funding sought; clear budget; grant requested is, however, 50% of total organization's budget for this program. Plan included for eventual self-sufficiency 	
Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-established organization that previously has been awarded grant funding • Leverages large number of volunteers (4,200) • Group reports that it exceeded its 2015 goals 	

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Name of Organization: Mid-County United Ministries, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Established; Basic Need	Amount Requested: \$30,000
Project Description: Provide emergency assistance to maintain vital utility service for the neediest neighbors in the highest poverty area of our county	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides rental assistance, utility assistance and prescription assistance • However, identified utility cut-off prevention and restoration as the greatest need; data well presented • Clear need for services; justification for proposal 	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal is clear with measurable outcomes (mostly utilities related) • Organization does not have process for tracking outcomes but with small paid staff this is difficult; might suggest working with community college for student project • Clear budget description and fundraising plans 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of services is well worth the cost of negative outcomes without this assistance • Little funding is used for staffing (.50 FTE Executive Director and .20 Assistants) • Obviously large positive impact on recipients 	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization has been in operation for 20 years with mostly volunteer staffing • Obvious strong partnerships to deliver financial assistance • Capacity to carry out project is clear 	

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Name of Organization: Ministries United Silver Spring Takoma Park, Inc. (MUSST)	
Category/Program Area: Established; Basic Need	Amount Requested: \$65,000
Project Description: Funds to help clients with eviction, utility, prescription, food and other types of assistance.	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The basic needs and project goals are identified • The target population is that within several zip codes within the County plus a special focus on Takoma Park due to funding. • Project is justified although specific data about potential target population is not provided. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a clear description of the project with measurable outcomes. • Results are provided with data and are based on regular follow-up with clients. • Funding is from multiple sources including contributions from supporting churches. • Budget is clear and reasonable. • Obvious collaboration with other nonprofits and government. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost of prevention is well worth the expenditure. Cost of not intervening is greater. • Impact on clients is great and worth public funding. 	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long ha agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization is 19 years old; strong track record of providing services. • Good coordination with other nonprofits and government agencies. • Staffed primarily by 3 volunteers who give a day a week to organization; also in donated space. • Have received both County Executive and Council funding. • Clear capacity to carry out project. 	

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Name of Organization: Mobile Medical Care, Inc. – Montgomery Cares	
Category/Program Area: Established; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$90,000
Project Description: Partial funding for MobilMed’s first full-time, paid Medical Director	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i> <div style="text-align: center;">- See HHS Committee Public Health Packet of April 28, 2016</div>	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i>	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i>	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i>	

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Name of Organization: MOCO Kids Co	
Category/Program Area: Established; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$64,000
Project Description: Provides low-income youth access to high-quality, STEM enrichment that helps narrow the achievement gap and support positive youth development.	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant will support access to high quality STEM-based enrichment programming for 1700 low income children in Montgomery County; plans to expand multi-session programs to 2 additional middle schools to reach total of 300 students, to adapt the program for 400 3rd graders from Title I schools who have been identified as accelerated learners, and increase the number of low income students served through group visits by 1000 • Three quarters (75%) of groups served are non-paid admissions (\$0) from Title I Schools 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good coordination with other nonprofits, schools • Grant will support 7,000 hours of educational programing • Strong outcomes and measurement • The proposal would have been stronger with more detail on other fundraising 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant will cover about 33 % of total program cost • Prior students at one middle school who participated in the program applied for by this grant were accepted into the competitive Gains of Mathematics and Science (GEMS) program run by the Army Research Laboratories. 	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization has received funds through county grants for prior three years • Outreach to Title I schools provides accessibility to low income students who might otherwise not have access to such programs 	

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Name of Organization: MoCo Kids Co – County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Newer; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$40,000
Project Description: Operating support for prototype children’s museum that can be leveraged to establish a permanent home in Montgomery County	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery Avenue Women’s Center	
Category/Program Area: Established; Economic/Workforce Development	Amount Requested: \$88,915
Project Description: Life skills and career Coaching to achieve sustained self-sufficiency for formerly homeless women.	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Center provides a safe, dignified and productive daytime alternative to the streets. • The program targets areas of need that impede long-term employment and self-sufficiency. • For FY 2016, the Center had projected to help a large number of formerly homeless women through a range of services, including Drop-Ins (312), Physical Health (100), Mental Health (80), Life Skills (280), Computer/Job search (55), Recreation (106), Beautification (40), and Crafts (60). 	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addresses the need to provide assisted access of safety net services for partially rebuilt lives. • Seeks to provide life skills and career coaching, educational services typically available only to those who can afford them, to formerly homeless women. • The Center operates a daytime shelter that provides life skills training, employment assistance, mental and physical health assistance, personal care sessions, and other support aimed at promoting dignity and self-sufficiency for homeless women. • Lacks a plan for achieving financial viability and stability as well as for laying out new revenue sources to reduce reliance on county funds and a timeframe for acquiring additional funding. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount requested, \$88,915, represents 48 percent of the total costs of the program. • The Executive Director donates his time. • Program projects helping 75 percent of 20 formerly homeless women acquire employment training, maintain their jobs for at least 6 months, and secure housing for at least six months. 	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Center is staffed with a certified professional with “Global Career Development Facilitator” credentials, which improves client opportunities to secure a job through career guidance. • The Center depends substantially on a variety of local funding sources, including the city of Rockville and religious entities, having lost its primary source of funds, HUD, in FY 2014. • Although the Center has existed for 33 years and seeks to help 20 formerly homeless women receive employment training, maintain employment, and achieve long-term housing, it lacks data supporting accomplishments in any of these areas. Other than helping meet their basic needs, Center does not state specifically how it helps these women achieve self-sufficiency. 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery College Foundation Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Established; Economic/Workforce Development	Amount Requested: \$32,500
Project Description: Provide Hillman Entrepreneurs Program students at Montgomery College with paid internships at start-ups and other small businesses in Montgomery County.	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funds to supplement Hillman scholarships to participate in internships. Will increase this program to up to 10 additional students. The scholarship/internship program is focused on entrepreneurial students. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong partnerships with companies. Good documentation of success rate with the majority of the participants accepted to UMD –bachelor program. • Proposal could be strengthened with the inclusion of internship outcomes tied to metrics. • The proposal would also benefit from information on how students are referred and admitted. It is unclear if program focuses on economically disadvantaged students. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All county funds will go to supplement internship salary (10/hr) for the participants. Other funds will pay for students’ tuition and fees. 	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montgomery College is a strong organization with a history of advancement of students. 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery Countryside Alliance	
Category/Program Area: Established; Community Development	Amount Requested: \$20,000
Project Description: Operating support to help the County's Agricultural Reserve achieve full potential as a local food source and economic engine.	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses on the need for increasing local farms' production by matching local farmers with land owners; protects watershed and aquifers in the area; educates general public and local high school students about the need for local production; and more. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every aspect of the proposal was strong both in its results produced to date and its partnership with both public and private sector entities. The organization is requesting one time funds to expand its current outreach endeavors and update its website in order to educate a larger breadth of residents. The updated website will make it more user friendly and more residents of Montgomery County will have access to fresh, locally grown produce. • During the Question and Answer session with the Review Team, the organization was able to articulate the goals and objectives, outreach, established partnerships and results produced to date, in a straight forward manner that was easily understood. • The Review Team was quite impressed with one of the very strong aspects of the proposal which was the fundraising plan. The organization specifically stated which amounts they listed were pending, who their corporate members were, and how they identified and collected individual contributions. They also discussed their own evaluation of their current individual donor pool and their plans for expanding that program. They were able to articulate the impact of last year's grant – specifically (but not limited to) their ability to identify 180 new individual donors. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As described in the application, the request for funding for better outreach tools are one-time expenses. Given the previous history of turning their outreach programs into donations, this grant will be used in a very effective manner and impact a very wide audience. 	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The strength of the organization lies in their no-nonsense approach to their work – it is quite straight forward and easy to understand. In addition, they have the unique ability to both see the day-to-day operations and the longer term strategic goals, and thus have been able to identify ways to work with a variety of stakeholders and local partners. 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless Inc. 1	
Category/Program Area: Established; Basic Need	Amount Requested: \$60,600
Project Description: Provide case management support for the Creative Housing Initiative Pilot Project (CHIPP) for formerly homeless and medically vulnerable adults.	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helps former chronically homeless and medically vulnerable adults stay in permanent housing. • Case manager helps clients to obtain eligible benefits, connect to community-based services, and improve household management and life-skills. • As of January 2015 there were 162 chronically homeless adults in Montgomery County. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States the importance of case management in permanent supportive housing. • Discusses how case manager helps connect clients with medical services, substance abuse programs, and other safety net services. • Discusses how this programs works with other programs to help meet the County’s goals of making homelessness infrequent and brief. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Solutions study estimates that it cost \$13,000 less to house chronically homeless people that to continue to have them rely on emergency services. • Permanent supportive housing reduces the use of emergency rooms. • Reduces recidivism for those clients that had been involved in the criminal justice system. • Program receives foundation support and client fees. 	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless was incorporated in 1990 with a mission to provide solutions to end homelessness in Montgomery County by building a community where everyone has a safe, stable and affordable place to call home. • In FY15, in-kind donations to the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless increased by 17%. • In FY15, 4,466 volunteers donated over 14,000 hours to support clients. 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless Inc. 2	
Category/Program Area: Established; Basic Need	Amount Requested: \$60,600
Project Description: Provide case management support for Safe Havens clients who are homeless and experiencing mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders.	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides housing and support services to people with mental illness and/or co-occurring disorders who are homeless. • From the 2014 to the 2015 Point-in-Time survey there was a 24% increase in those reporting a severe mental illness and a 17% increase in those reporting a co-occurring disorder. • Keeps people with these conditions out of emergency shelters and off the streets. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States the importance of case management serving the vulnerable population in the Safe Havens homes. • Safe Havens is a critical part of the Continuum of Care. • Helps to connect clients with medical and mental health services and to develop social interaction skills. Critical in allowing clients to reach their highest level of self-sufficiency. • In FY15, 80% of clients with diagnosis and without insurance attended psychiatrist sessions. 80% regularly attended group sessions. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides safe housing, mental health, and substance abuse supports to vulnerable homeless adults. • Reduces the need to use emergency services when people with these conditions are living on the street or in shelters. • Assists with moving people to permanent housing. • Leverages mental health services from Cornerstone Montgomery and food assistance from Manna Food Center. • Primarily funded with Federal and State funds, foundations, participant fees, and other MCCH funding. Partners with Veterans Affairs. 	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless was incorporated in 1990 with a mission to provide solutions to end homelessness in Montgomery County by building a community where everyone has a safe, stable and affordable place to call home. • In FY15, in-kind donations to the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless increased by 17%. In FY15, 4,466 volunteers donated over 14,000 hours to support clients. 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless Inc. 3	
Category/Program Area: Established; Basic Need	Amount Requested: \$242,400
Project Description: Provide comprehensive case management and housing support for formerly homeless families in the Partnership for Permanent Housing (PPH) program.	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provides Permanent Supportive Housing (a combination of rental assistance and case management) for families. ● Many families have significant challenges such as domestic violence, mental illness and chronic health conditions. ● Permanent Supportive Housing is more cost effective than emergency shelter. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MCCH states that it is supporting Montgomery County mission to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring. ● States that funds are needed to retain case managers that are a requirement of Permanent Supportive Housing and a requirement for Housing Opportunities Commission vouchers. ● In FY15, 100% of 124 PPH families maintained stable housing. ● Since 2003, MCCH has ended homelessness for 228 families including 536 children. ● Program is a part of the County Continuum of Care. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Program leverages partnerships with Housing Opportunities Commission and DHHS. ● This is an increased cost to the County because of the loss of other funding source. ● Notes HUD study saying it cost \$123 per day per family for emergency shelter compared to \$42 per day for Permanent Supportive Housing. 	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless was incorporated in 1990 with a mission to provide solutions to end homelessness in Montgomery County by building a community where everyone has a safe, stable and affordable place to call home. ● In FY15, in-kind donations to the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless increased by 17%. ● In FY15, 4,466 volunteers donated over 14,000 hours to support clients. 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless Inc. 4	
Category/Program Area: Established; Basic Needs	Amount Requested: \$151,883
Project Description: Provide 24/7 emergency shelter and support services for men experiencing homelessness at the Home Builders Care Assessment Center (HBCAC) with the goal of obtaining more permanent housing.	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HBCAC is the only year-round emergency shelter for men. • HBCAC served 685 clients in FY15. • Of 270 clients that chose to enroll in case management: 43% completed a housing assessment; 47% moved into more permanent housing; 83% maintained their income and 14% increased their income; 36% enrolled in Back-to-Work program and 37% of those obtained employment. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <p>Proposal discusses how:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case managers work help develop individual client plans and secure income support benefits for clients. • Providing appropriate psychiatric care helps stabilize clients and address the reasons for their homelessness. A psychiatric diagnosis is required for placement into certain housing programs and for an application for SSDI benefits. • Housing locators help clients identify appropriate permanent housing based on the individual's needs. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HBCAC provides a safe alternative to street homelessness. • Housing locators assist people with moving into more permanent housing which reduces the need for emergency services. • When client increase income and/or obtain income supports for which they are eligible it reduces the use of more expensive emergency health services and allows them to meet day-to-day need for housing and food. • Assistance with the diagnosis of mental health conditions is a component of eligibility for other non-county funded programs and services. • Volunteer donations and donations of meals reduce the cost of the program. 	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless and HBCAC leverage relationships with other county nonprofits to provide a full range of services to clients. • MCCH participates in the County's Housing Prioritization Committee. • MCCH is working to expand its fundraising and grant writing capacity. • In FY15, 4,466 volunteers donated over 14,000 hours to support clients and donated \$189,600 in supplies and food. 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County Collaboration Council for Children, Youth and Families	
Category/Program Area: Established; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$31,365
Project Description: The disproportionate Minority Contact Reduction Initiative works to ensure that youth of color are treated equitably in the juvenile justice system.	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Montgomery County Collaboration Council’s Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Reduction Initiative works with public partner organizations to reduce the number of men of color who interface with the Department of Justice Services (DJS) through collection and analysis of local data and use of objective decision-making tools. • The proposal utilizes data to illustrate the disproportionate percentage of youth of color who come into contact with DJS relative to their representation within the County as a whole, as well as the short-term and long-term impact of youth contact with DJS. • The DMC Reduction Initiative was established in 2006, and one of its projects, the County’s first Evening Reporting Center (ERC) was opened in 2013; since that time ERC has provided 129 non-violent youth with social-skills training, homework help, and mental health treatment rather than adjudication. In 2015, the DMC Reduction Initiative launched the Children in Need of Supervision (CINS) Program, which has referred 60 at-risk youth with mental health and/or substance abuse issues to the appropriate community resources to limit the likelihood of school suspension or arrest. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This proposal seeks funding for the DMC Reduction Coordinator position. The proposal would benefit from clarification on the coordination role of the DMC Reduction Coordinator and redesign of the outcomes to correspond with the DMC Reduction Coordinator responsibilities and functions. • The application did focus on projects developed by the Collaboration Council (coordinated by the DMC Reduction Coordinator) and states that since the ERC opened, there have been significantly decreased rates of youth detention at Noyes Detention Center. Noting the actual percentage decrease would have been useful. • The proposal would be stronger if the sustainability plan documented continued funding for the DMC Reduction Coordinator position; the Project receives the majority of support through Collaboration Council program fees, with a small amount of funding from the State. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A total of \$31,365 (roughly 1/3 of the total program budget of \$93,000) is requested to support 1/3 of the salary and fringe benefits for the DMC Reduction Coordinator. • The DMC Reduction Initiative hopes to serve 90 youth through the CINS Program, as well as 15 alternative education students. 	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established in 1992, the Montgomery County Collaboration Council has created public-private partnerships to provide youth with opportunities for building on their strengths; for example, the Council coordinates a community referral system that links families to resources by phone, an online database, and a multi-agency Local Care Team. • All members of the DMC Reduction Initiative are volunteers. 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County Family Justice Center Foundation, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Newer; Children and Families	Amount Requested: \$30,000
Project Description: Funds will support emergency services and security for families affected by domestic violence.	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <p>The Foundation raises funds to provide educational training seminars to over 1000 social workers, school counselors, nurses, and youth care providers. They work to bring public awareness to the issue of domestic violence.</p>	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <p>The Foundation works with many other nonprofit organizations to assist it in its work; organizations include Montgomery County Public Schools, States' Attorney Office, Montgomery County Police and Fire, Montgomery College, and Jewish and Catholic charities. They hold an annual fundraising event that also increases awareness about domestic violence in Montgomery County.</p> <p>It is unclear from what is in the proposal how they propose to track their fundraising success. They project an increase but it is difficult to understand from what sources and how. From the proposal, it is difficult to determine if this is a fundraising or a service organization, or both.</p>	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <p>It is difficult to assess their cost of services and impact based on the financials submitted with the grant application. Some stronger assistance is needed in developing clearer financial reports.</p>	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <p>The Family Justice Center is a small organization with a volunteer board. They have recently changed their fiscal year, making it challenging to review financial information. There was limited information in the grant about their long term goals and objectives.</p>	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County Food Council I	
Category/Program Area: Established; Community Development	Amount Requested: \$50,000
Project Description: Funding for a consultant and administrative costs to create a Montgomery County Food Charter.	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The goal of the public-private partnership of the Montgomery County Food Council (MCFC) is to lead the way to a more healthful and sustainable community by connecting stakeholders in collaborative effort to address the broad range of issues connected to the food system in the county. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal states that the Food Council wants to “improve the environmental, economic, social and nutritional health of the County through the creation of a robust, local, sustainable food system”, and that they want “transformational change that will promote health, increase food equity, foster local production and purchasing, protect and improve our environment and eradicate hunger.” This overall mission is laudable but includes broad statements that need further explanation. The proposal would have been stronger with a clear presentation linking the mission and the creation of a food charter, including why it is needed, why the creation of a food charter is important to county residents, what is the impact on county residents’ lives, how creation of a charter is linked to the organizational goals of eradicating hunger, protecting the environment, or improving social and nutritional health. The additional clarification would have given a better understanding of the proposed activities. The collaborative relationships that the Council utilizes are clearly outlined and broad-based. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposal seeks \$50,000 for consultant support. The target population to be served is “all residents.” 	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The organization and program have been in existence since 2011. The collaborative nature of the Council is a strength. The organization is encouraged to consider a public education campaign of some type that begins to share the importance of a food charter, the goals, and why it is important to County residents. 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County Food Council 2	
Category/Program Area: Established; Community Development	Amount Requested: \$35,000
Project Description: Contract salary for Manager to support and expand Food Council initiative to foster a healthy and sustainable local food system.	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i> The goal of the public-private partnership of the Montgomery County Food Council (MCFC) is to lead the way to a more healthful and sustainable community by connecting stakeholders in collaborative effort to address the broad range of issues connected to the food system in the county.	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i> It is noteworthy that the responsibilities for such an organization would be significant and measurable as outlined in the grant. The goals of the Montgomery Food Council aim to coordinate next steps based on outcomes of the food hub economic feasibility study in Montgomery County to support small and medium-sized farmers aggregate and distribution of table food crops, and ultimately create a Montgomery County Food Charter – a long-term, comprehensive plan for enhancing the County food system. The overall vision – to bring together a diverse representation of stakeholders in a public-private partnership to improve the environmental, economic, social and nutritional health of Montgomery County – is an important perspective. The proposal would be strengthened by more detail on the role of Montgomery County government in this endeavor.	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i> The proposal seeks \$35,000 (83% of the salary for the Manager). Although the objectives of the Montgomery Food Council are clearly stated, it is unclear how a cost benefit analysis is to be made as the target population to be served is “all residents”.	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i> It appears that the Montgomery County Food Council could fill an authentic need in our county through facilitating a strategic vision for all local food systems. Creating a major strategy to bring together a diverse representation of stakeholders representing these systems in a public-private partnership may improve the County’s environmental economic social and nutritional health – a commendable vision for the future.	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County Language Minority Health Project, Inc. – Montgomery Cares	
Category/Program Area: Established; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$43,648
Project Description: Establish an effective and efficient process of referrals to pro-bono and charity specialty services to serve low-income, uninsured, underserved patients	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i> <div style="text-align: center;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See HHS Committee Public Health Packet of April 28, 2016 </div>	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i>	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i>	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i>	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County MD Bar Foundation, Inc. Pro Bono Program	
Category/Program Area: Established; Basic Need	Amount Requested: \$63,300
Project Description: Provide legal services for Pro-Bono case referrals and brief advice at legal clinics to low income residents.	
Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • serves low-income and under-served residents, including the elderly, homeless, immigrant/refugee in need of legal guidance, sometimes in crisis situation • need for service has been steadily increasing • staffed by contract and volunteer attorneys, services include free consultations and referrals, some direct representation • civil matters addressed include family law, employment, housing, immigration, etc. • 10 clinics a month provided at 5 sites across the county, interpreters are available 	
Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • good collaboration with other agencies, service providers and nonprofits • outcomes tracked include number of residents assisted, how case was resolved, timeliness of service and client satisfaction. Satisfaction rate in FY15 was 95% • significant support from county contracts, would benefit from diversifying revenue (for example grant writing), indication is that without county support services would be cut 	
Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clinics serve approximately 1800 residents a year, 6200 including in-take calls • total cost of Pro-Bono Program is \$146,100, request is 43% of total program budget • funds will be used towards the salaries of clinic contract attorneys and interpreters and data entry/office support • value of donated legal advice from volunteer attorneys is about \$800,000 annually • minimal processing fee for clients for cases represented directly, can be waived if necessary • many residents stabilize their legal situation and avoid litigation by utilizing program 	
Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has been providing service in county since 1980's, begun at County Executive's request • clearly meets a real and growing need for free legal assistance to low-income residents • small staff but supported by paralegals and interns as well as volunteer attorneys • strong volunteer support from Bar Association of Montgomery County and many private attorneys, both provide significant volunteer attorney support • as noted, capacity to carry out program would be strengthened by more diversified revenue stream. • total organizational budget is \$605,674 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County MD Bar Foundation, Inc. – County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Established; Basic Need	Amount Requested: \$10,000
Project Description: Provide access to Pro Bono/Low Fee legal advice and services to self-represented litigants within the Family Court.	
Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County Muslim Foundation 1	
Category/Program Area: Established; Older Adults/Disabilities	Amount Requested: \$78,824
Project Description: Provide services to seniors to meet their social, emotional, intellectual, spiritual, mental health and physical wellness needs.	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program provides weekly social activities and periodic lectures, nature walks, seminars and field trips for about 26 unique senior participants. The program provides transportation by van for all of these activities so that seniors who cannot drive are able to participate • The Program provides transportation by van to weekly religious services for about 12 other seniors • All services are provided free of charge to seniors age 62+ 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal clearly describes the activities and services that are provided • The total attendance in 2015 was about 890 senior participants at about 170 activities (an average of about 5 – 6 attendees per activity). The proposal would have been stronger if more seniors were participating in each activity. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The requested amount is 95% of the total program cost (\$83,424) • The cost of the transportation service represents 57% of the total program cost. The proposal would have been stronger with information on the number of trips provided and the average cost per trip. 	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The organization has been active in organizing volunteers to participate in community welfare programs including a food drive, a feed the homeless event, a clothing drive, a Zabiha meat distribution event and Thanksgiving and holiday gift basket distribution • The program received County Executive Grants of \$60,000 in FY14 and \$55,000 in FY15 and FY16 • The proposal would have been stronger if it included a plan for increasing fundraising from other sources 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County Muslim Foundation 2	
Category/Program Area: Established; Basic Need	Amount Requested: \$126,200
Project Description: Support Food Program to assist those in need in Montgomery County irrespective of race, religion, ethnic background or nationality.	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization serves needy in Montgomery County. • Organization has various programs, including Food Drive, Feed the Homeless programs, Zabiha meat distribution, and Thanksgiving and holiday distribution programs. • The organization maintains a food pantry. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal discusses all of the organization's programs and would have been stronger if it had focused on food programs. • It is not clear on the number of volunteers that participate or how they are recruited. More details on fundraising would be helpful. • It would be helpful to have a list of the number of residents served on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis. • It is difficult to analyze the per-unit cost because the information on number of persons served is not clearly stated. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application requests \$126,200 for program costs of \$203,200 or more than 60% of funding. • It appears that much of the food activities are centered on Thanksgiving and holiday gifts. • It appears that, aside from holiday giving and specific celebrations, about 30 families are served each month or a total of 360 families. The application would be stronger if there were additional outreach to those in need and more collaboration with others in the faith-based community. 	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Montgomery County Muslim Foundation has been active in the county since 9/11/2001 and strives to help those in need. There is a desire and commitment to serve. Stronger project goals and more services to a greater number of people on a regular basis would strengthen the proposal and the outcomes. 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County Muslim Foundation 3	
Category/Program Area: Established; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$5,000
Project Description: Improve the access of youth to quality education and economic opportunities to become responsible citizens and contribute to the County's development.	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i> Training and mentoring (a) high school students for college admissions and (b) high school and college students in soft skills such as leadership, interpersonal skills, cyber security, skills in interview and bio-data development; data development; and (c) practical training in volunteering to more effectively serve the community.	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i> The plans to work with Montgomery College, Shady Grove University, and Montgomery County Schools are a strength of the proposal. The explanation of the youth program, which the organization states has created awareness among community members about economic and social requirements, would benefit from additional discussion on how this improved awareness is measured giving more insight into how participants benefit from involvement. Another component of the program is training 50 students on essay writing, with 15 receiving individual counseling. Again, information on the impact of the two school admissions workshops which include the essay writing training, would help paint a more complete picture of the training. The internship training and fair seems to have been successful from an attendance perspective as the organization reports that about 100 students and more than a dozen public and private employers attended. As to outcomes, it is reported that limited resources prevented them from following up on the event.	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i> The Muslim Foundation is requesting the major part of the project through this grant request – almost 71%. The balance is to be raised through non-specific community support, proposing to make the program more effective to convince the parents and students of its usefulness. It is not clear how this will be accomplished.	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i> The Montgomery County Muslim Foundation has a multi-dimensional mission. They help community members in need – providing food, clothing, Gift Baskets, transportation, etc. The youth program is a relatively recent focus of this organization. They trained about 50 students with 15 receiving individual counseling. Their most popular program was internship training with 100 students attending.	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being, Inc. – County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Newer; Other	Amount Requested: \$2,500
Project Description: Provide veterinary care assistance to seniors who adopt a pet from the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center (MCASAC).	
Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being assists MCASAC by enabling the adoption of pets. • Pets have been shown to reduce stress and improve quality of life. 	
Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal is for direct grants to provide veterinary services. Forms have been developed and Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being board will review applications so no additional volunteers will be used. • Outcomes are clear but are based on satisfaction surveys so are not quantified. 	
Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grants may enable some potential pet adopters to afford a pet. 	
Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being is an organization of people very dedicated to improvement of life quality for animals surrendered to MCASAC. • Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being runs several programs and partners with community members and veterinarians. • The organization submitted its IRS 990 in lieu of financial statements. While the 990 includes much of the desired information, it is challenging for volunteer reviewers to sift through it for necessary information. The application would be strengthened by supplying the requested financial documents. 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County Partners for Animal Well-Being, Inc. – County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Newer; Other	Amount Requested: \$40,000
Project Description: Provide veterinary care assistance to adopters who adopt a pet from the MCASAC that has a pre-existing medical condition.	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See evaluation on prior page 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery County Sister Cities, Inc. – County Executive	
Category/Program Area: Newer; Community Development	Amount Requested: \$25,000
Project Description: Support for nonprofit created to serve residents through fostering educational, cultural, economic and philanthropic relationships with communities across the globe.	
Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program supports collaboration between Montgomery County and four sister cities in El Salvador, Ethiopia, China, and India. 	
Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcomes include strengthening capacity of each Sister City committee, strengthening financial standing of Sister Cities, and increasing community awareness and engagement of Sister Cities. • More specific information on numbers of volunteers, meetings, fundraising events, and trips would strengthen the proposal. • More detailed descriptions of if or how county residents who cannot afford international travel are engaged would strengthen the proposal. 	
Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$25,000 funding request represents 50% of the \$50,000 program budget. • Funds will support: social media and trip planning consultants, newsletter printing, annual board and Sister City committee meetings, accounting, travel scholarships, and Sister Cities International annual dues. • Other program funding comes from board member contributions, event fundraising, travel fees, corporate fundraising, membership program and foundations. 	
Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The program was founded seven years ago at the request of County Executive Leggett. • In late 2015 a 36-member delegation went to El Salvador to hold meeting with civic, educational, cultural, and community leaders; gave 150 computers retired by the County to schools and check for hospital construction. • Additional trips to Sister Cities planned for this upcoming year. • Both last year’s proposal and this year’s proposal cite that the organization is moving from Phase 1 (identifying partner programs) to Phase 2 (strengthening relationships with partner programs and reaching full potential). • Each board member contributes a minimum of \$100 annually. 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery Hospice, Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Established; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$38,718
Project Description: Provide professional grief support to individuals and manage volunteer services to support patients and their families	
<p>Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to medical hospice, organization offers free compassionate support to dying residents by offering non-medical services like ongoing bereavement care; companionship; shopping; respite; music, massage and a listening ear as well as 13 months of ongoing post death bereavement services for families. • Grant money is used to help serve all county residents including under-insured and uninsured as well as County businesses who can request services after an employee loss. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization is requesting funds to continue and expand its well established program of bereavement support services and volunteer training. The funds will contribute to training 28 new volunteers; 12 months of staff services to support the volunteers; an increase to 50 sessions of 21 grief support groups up from 48 sessions of 19 groups. • Organization provides services to 30% of those who die in the county each year. • In 2015, they provided medical services to 2257 patients and bereavement support to 9200 residents. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 2015, through November, 300 volunteers made 10,430 visits to patients, a weekly average of 217. • 80% of clients served since July 2015 rated the service highly on surveys • County funds 56% of service. 	
<p>Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 1981, the organization has offered end of life medical and emotional care to 33,000 terminally ill residents and their families. • They collaborate with hospitals; schools; senior centers and facilities; homeless shelters; churches and other county agencies. • Organization has strong history of maintaining programs through private donations and public funds. • There are 300 volunteers and 8 paid professional staff 	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery Housing Partnership 1	
Category/Program Area: Established; Youth Development	Amount Requested: \$100,000
Project Description: Provide Play & Learn programs (for ages 3-5) and Homework Clubs (ages 5-12) at its affordable housing properties.	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i> MHP requests funding for 25% of the overall budget for pre-kindergarten, Play & Learn (P&L), and after school. Homework Club (HWC) programs serving the children of very low income, minority (often immigrant) families residing in affordable housing units in areas of high need in Montgomery County. Many of the immigrant parents speak little or no English. The site based programs respond to a documented need in this community and have a consistent record (HWC since 1998; P&L since 2000) of increasing kindergarten readiness and improving elementary school performance. Research indicates that well designed early support/intervention significantly increases continued school attendance and long term academic success for low income youths.	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i> The first-come first-served programs are regularly oversubscribed and have a sustained waiting list. Attendance is parent monitored and consistent, with minimal dropouts. Families pay an annual “good faith” fee of \$45 per child, with waivers provided when appropriate. P&L participants are assessed at the start, middle and end of the academic year; HWC participants are regularly monitored through report card grade point averages (GPA). At the close of the 2014-15 academic year, 95% of P&L participants were kindergarten ready (compared with a state-wide low-income average of 36%); the GPA average of HWC participants was 3.57 (up from 2.8 in earlier years) and the majority were able to maintain or improve their reading performance. Both programs met or exceeded targeted results. The program and budget are clearly and realistically described as are plans for future funding.	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i> The current request is for 25% of the programs’ cost. The total budget for both programs is \$395,998 for 210 children (112 pre-kindergarteners and 98 HWC participants) for an undifferentiated annual cost of \$1,886 per child. The programs’ past record and sustained demand for participation appear to validate continued expenditure and support at the projected level.	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i> MPH has a long history of maintaining affordable housing sites in Montgomery County and providing wraparound supportive services to resident families, and has received significant County funding over the years. The pre-kindergarten program received County funding in FY14-16; HCW was County funded in FY16. Additional funding is expected from the Maryland CITC Program, the Community Foundations of Montgomery County and the National Capital Region, and from MPH Affiliates Management and Property Fees. Since 2011, MPH has productively engaged in a comprehensive fund raising program and continues to seek innovative ways to expand its donor base.	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery Housing Partnership 2	
Category/Program Area: Established; Community Development	Amount Requested: \$80,000
Project Description: Support for the Neighborhoods Departments assistance to targeted homeownership communities in the County to reverse disinvestment, build capacity, and promote civic/social engagement.	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application withdrawn; funding included in recommended base budget 	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i>	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i>	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i>	

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Name of Organization: Montgomery Housing Partnership 3	
Category/Program Area: Established; Community Development	Amount Requested: \$65,000
Project Description: Support for Long Branch revitalization efforts; specific projects include assistance to small businesses and arts-based place-making	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Application withdrawn; funding included in recommended base budget 	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i>	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i>	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i>	

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Name of Organization: MoverMoms Inc.	
Category/Program Area: Established; Community Development	Amount Requested: \$65,000
Project Description: Nurtures, empowers and educates the county's most vulnerable residents and provides meaningful group volunteer projects (many accessible to children).	
Public benefit (<i>identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification</i>): The program has identified its broad target areas of operation and the numerous services it provides. Additional information on how it allocates its resources within its broad target population would have strengthened the proposal.	
Strength of Proposal (<i>clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding</i>): The strength of the proposal is that the organization exists to support and implement community service projects. The collaborative partners were clearly identified and each one's role was specified. The organization continues to grow its volunteer cadre and is engaged in a number of different community projects. In the proposal, mention was made of change of name and rebranding effort that is being undertaken. The proposal mentioned engaging in mental and physical health interventions. Additional information on what this actually involves, their role, and what exactly is being done would have strengthened this aspect of the proposal.	
Cost-benefit analysis (<i>cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost</i>): The total cost of the program is \$75,000 and requesting for \$65,000. The program impacts the population it serves. The budget was clearly outlined. Additional information on fundraising efforts to support the organization's work would have added to the proposal.	
Strength of organization (<i>organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project</i>): The organization has good collaboration with outstanding nonprofits and government agencies. More information on the board and staff diversity would be helpful in understanding the organization's abilities to serve diverse communities and involve diverse participants in its activities.	

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Name of Organization: Muslim Community Center, Inc. 1 – Montgomery Cares	
Category/Program Area: Established; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$42,400
Project Description: Provide clinical case management for Medicare, Medicaid and uninsured Montgomery county residents	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i> <div style="text-align: center;">- See HHS Committee Public Health Packet of April 28, 2016</div>	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i>	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i>	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i>	

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Name of Organization: Muslim Community Center, Inc. 2 – Montgomery Cares	
Category/Program Area: Established; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$35,000
Project Description: Purchase and operate a handicap accessible shuttle van to provide service from public transportation hubs for MCC Medical Clinic patients.	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i> <div style="text-align: center;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See HHS Committee Public Health Packet of April 28, 2016 </div>	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i>	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i>	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i>	

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Name of Organization: Muslim Community Center, Inc. 3 – Montgomery Cares	
Category/Program Area: Established; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$47,700
Project Description: Provide handicap access shuttle van transportation services for patients from major public transportation hubs to the clinic.	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i> <div style="text-align: center;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See HHS Committee Public Health Packet of April 28, 2016 </div>	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i>	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i>	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i>	

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Name of Organization: Muslim Community Center, Inc. 4 – Montgomery Cares	
Category/Program Area: Established; Health/Behavioral Health	Amount Requested: \$42,400
Project Description: Implement quality measures consistent with the standard of care for controlling diabetes and other chronic diseases.	
Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i> <div style="text-align: center;">- See HHS Committee Public Health Packet of April 28, 2016</div>	
Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i>	
Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i>	
Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i>	

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Name of Organization: Muslim Community Center Inc. 5	
Category/Program Area: Established; Children and Families	Amount Requested: \$35,000
Project Description: To provide culturally and linguistically competent domestic violence program in Muslim and the greater community	
<p>Public benefit <i>(identified and demonstrated need; target population well served by proposal; project justification):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montgomery County estimates that 4000 women residents are victims of domestic violence each year • Having staff and religious leaders from the same cultural and language background helps individuals discuss issues about domestic abuse in a comfortable setting. 	
<p>Strength of Proposal <i>(clear description; measurable and relevant outcomes, including results achieved to date; achieved outcomes; integration/coordination with other nonprofits and County services; clear budget description; plan for future funding):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program will provide for a bilingual outreach social worker to help raise awareness about domestic violence • Program recognizes that due to cultural barriers, many in the community do not identify violent behavior as being wrong and are working to educate both sexes about this and change behaviors • Program partners with Family Justice Center; DHHS and the Muslimat Al-Nissa Shelter • In FY2015, the MCC Domestic Violence program staff met with 304 individuals and identified 41 who needed further assessment and referrals. The Social Worker met individually twice a month with these 41 individuals; developed safety plans for 20 and referred 4 to other agencies • In FY2015, the program Social Worker and administrative assistant visited 6 area Mosques 18 times; attended 14 community events; held 8 workshops with 200 attendees; and participated in 5 health fairs all to continue to raise awareness. • Proposal would be strengthened if actual hours requested was detailed as well as specific funds that will sustain the program. 	
<p>Cost-benefit analysis <i>(cost of service or activities; impact on recipient relative to cost):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Faith leaders provide individual and family counseling services at no cost. • Other costs are subsidized for those in need. • The program aims to decrease the toll of domestic violence and the social, physical and economic problems it creates for adults and children. 	
<p>Strength of organization <i>(organizational capacity; how long has agency delivered proposed or similar services and/or received public funds; number of staff, volunteers and partner organizations in program; how have they leveraged non-county government funding; capacity to carry out project):</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For more than 40 years, the MCC has been serving thousands of families in the DC Metro area. • Since 2003 their medical clinic has been providing primary, preventive, specialty and mental health services to the County's uninsured and indigent adult population. In 2014 they added dental services as well as a free handicap access shuttle van. • The domestic violence program utilizes part time services of a professional Social Worker, an administrative assistant and a program manager as well as screenings through their Clinic. 	