

## Grant Requests - Spring 2010

Organization	Description	Amount Requested
Affordable Housing Coalition of Talbot County - Joint Opportunity Initiative	Affordable Housing Coalition is primarily an advocacy group, providing information, education and action regarding the need for affordable housing in Talbot County. The goal of the Joint Opportunity Initiative is to leverage the energies of property owners, government, and the private sector to add to Easton's stock of affordable rental and ownership housing. A four-block area of 65 homes and 12 vacant lots in Easton's Historic District is the first targeted neighborhood. Request is for \$10,000 of a total \$75,000 annual salary for a full-time Project Manager to guide property owners through the administrative process, coordinate with Town officials, identify and apply for project funding, oversee progress and help owners seek small grants.	\$10,000
CASA of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties	CASA volunteers are trained to be advocates for children who are under the court's protection, to recommend to the judge what is in the best interest of each child, as well as advocating for services for the child, and seeking permanent placement as safely and quickly as possible. Request isto support the program's expansion into Kent County. Funds will be used for the recruitment, training, and supervision of additional advocates to support the children in Kent County waiting for CASAs, and for community meetings, donor solicitation and targeted fundraising activities to generate cash flow from Kent County. As of January 2010 there are 20 sworn in volunteers and 17 active CASAs serving 12 children with 5 appointments pending. (Women & Girls Fund granted \$2,000 of \$6,500 request.)	\$4,500
CASA of Talbot County	Request is for a pilot project to provide CASA services in Dorchester County. Funds will go to a small percentage of the Executive Director and Assistant Director's salaries, the expenses incurred in evaluating the Needs Assessment, and holding a Strategic Planning session, as well as some travel costs. Projections indicate CASA could serve between 10 and 15 Children in Need of Assistance in Dorchester in FY2011. The pilot program began in January 2010; this grant would allow the program to build a strong foundation for continued CASA services.	\$7,500

Cambridge Ballet Company	CBC strives to introduce young dancers to ballet. Request is for program expansion in 3 areas: financial assistance for students to attend summer sessions at top dance schools (\$2,500), construction of a new backdrop for the annual "The Nutcracker" production (\$3,000), and a portable dance floor for use at performances at Cambridge South Dorchester HS (\$3,500).	\$3,000
Cambridge Christian Academy	CCA's mission is to provide students with an enriching education in a loving environment that keeps God at its center. Request is for funding to implement a more aggressive marketing approach through redesign and upgrade of the school's website and radio ads to attract prospective parents/students. Their website upgrade will include an improved online payment process to streamline tuition payments.	\$2,500
Cambridge Main Street - Guide to Downtown	Cambridge Main Street is a volunteer-driven nonprofit working to revitalize historic downtown Cambridge. Main Street would like to hire a professional writer/designer/photographer to develop a Guide to Downtown Cambridge to bring visitors downtown to support businesses and jobs. The 12-16 page publication will be distributed at the Hyatt, Sailwinds, Blackwater, B&Bs, etc. Project Budget = \$6,000.	\$4,500
Chesapeake Film Festival	The Festival brings world-class films not typically seen in local venues, and associated directors, writers, producers, etc. to Easton. The 2011 festival is their third. Request is for technical support and venue rentals.	\$3,000
Church Hill Theatre, Inc. - Summer Internships	CHT is a performing arts center dedicated to the creation and presentation of quality performance and educational opportunities for the community. Request is for two summer internships to support the professional staff of Green Room Gang, their summer drama camp for ages 6-17. As instructors/assistants with the Green Room Gang program, interns are meant to bring with them collegiate-level experience and knowledge in theatre so that the kids enrolled in Green Room Gang are immersed in a more educational experience based in current teaching methods and technical expertise.	\$4,000

<p>Critchlow Adkins Children's Center</p>	<p>CACC operates 5 daycare facilities at public school sites in Talbot County, serving 400 children ages 2-12 throughout the year with preschool programs, before and after school care, and summer programs. CACC offers tuition assistance to families with an annual income of less than \$52,500. Request is for \$6,000 to the total \$100,000 they offer in tuition assistance to 100 families each year.</p>	<p>\$6,000</p>
<p>Delmarva Nesting Foundation</p>	<p>DNF's mission is to increase the number of wood ducks, ospreys, purple martins and blue birds on the Delmarva Peninsula by installing and maintaining artificial nesting structures on public and private property. Request is to fund a publicity campaign to expand the donor base.</p>	<p>\$5,400</p>
<p>Dixon House</p>	<p>Request for funds to automate the old-fashioned front door, which is difficult for residents with walkers and canes to use. Dixon House was founded by women for woman, they admitted men in 1984, and provides affordable residential care for independent senior women and men, with the majority of residents being female. The House has 18 private rooms, each with private bath, and shared living, dining, and recreational areas. (Women &amp; Girls Fund granted \$1,000 of \$3,500 request.)</p>	<p>\$2,500</p>
<p>Evergreen Cove Holistic Learning Center - Stress Reduction for Children</p>	<p>ECHLC is an educational, not-for-profit, that strives to be a catalyst for growth and wellness, through innovative programs, services and resources. Their Stress Reduction Education for Children Program is delivered as part of the Character Counts! Midshore program in Talbot County. In 2009, the SREC program was delivered in 2 Talbot County schools; request is for funding to implement the program in 2 additional Talbot County elementary schools. The total project budget is \$10,912.</p>	<p>\$3,000</p>

For All Seasons, Inc.	<p>Nearly 200 students receive mental health services through the Kent County Public School Mental Health program, a partnership between Kent County Behavioral Health, Chester River Behavioral Health, and For All Seasons. Data reflects that these students have better attendance rates and lower suspension/referral rates than the general student population. Many would not receive such support otherwise due to lack of transportation, parents' conflicting work schedules, and lack of understanding by parents/guardians. The program is partially self-sustaining through insurance billings and has been supported in recent years by a \$50,000 grant from the Kent County Local Management Board. Kent County LMB is not expected to have funds available to support the program in the 2010/2011 school year.</p>	up to \$50,000
Frederick Douglass Honor Society	<p>FDHS is dedicated to the creation of a memorial to Frederick Douglass, a statue to be erected on the Talbot County Court House lawn, and to developing programs that continue his legacy of human rights, education, etc. Request is for the statute; total project budget = \$135,000.</p>	\$10,000
Freedom Rowers, Inc.	<p>Freedom Rowers is a community sports program providing consistent physical activity, nutrition education, and after-school programming for (primarily) Talbot County youth in grades 6-12. Youth are allowed to participate regardless of aptitude, but must demonstrate swimming proficiency, dedication to a rigorous practice schedule, and willingness to learn. Freedom Rowers' special initiative in 2009/10 in partnership with Talbot County YMCA and the Building African American Minds program was to establish a "learn to swim program" for BAAM participants (early elementary school A-A males), to provide minority youth equal opportunities to become rowers. The program currently serves 30 rowers per season. Request is for \$3,600 to purchase oars to equip a new 8 and \$1,000 to create a marketing brochure for their first annual fundraising appeal.</p>	\$4,600
Greater New Hope Church and Ministries	<p>GNHCM, in Ridgely, created the Helping Hands program to offer services to help low income adults become productive individuals. Volunteers will offer education information, and training in resume writing, interviewing, and budgeting. An emergency fund will provide vouchers for transportation, food or clothing. Request is for 1-year program budget.</p>	\$3,000

<p>Hugh Gregory Gallagher Motivational Theatre</p>	<p>HGGMT's mission is to raise awareness of disability issues and discrimination in our society and to demonstrate the power of the human spirit to overcome adversity. They do this by presenting original plays that dramatize the lives of remarkable individuals, most of them from this community, who have experienced discrimination and stigma in their lives. HGGMT plans to implement two semester-long courses on writing skills and theatrical production and technical theatre skills for adults with disabilities. The courses will use theatre as a tool to strengthen self-confidence and self-esteem, and improve public speaking and writing skills. HGGMT will match \$2,500 grant to fund total project budget.</p>	<p>\$2,500</p>
<p>Horizons at Radcliffe Creek School</p>	<p>Horizons operates a six week summer learning and enrichment program for low income public school children of promise from grades K-4. Horizons provides two meals, transportation to and from Radcliffe Creek School, two hours of reading and math instruction in the morning, three afternoons of swimming, and two afternoons of field trips, science, social studies, art, music, drama, and group activities. Classes are small and students receive individual attention academically, emotionally, and socially. Request is for funding to improve the level of swim instruction offered by hiring a water safety instructor who can teach using Red Cross swimming instruction procedures. A certified swimming teacher will give students the sequential instruction to boost self confidence in the water and allow them to receive more than 18 hours of purposeful swimming instruction. (Women &amp; Girls Fund granted \$1,000 of \$5,000 requested.)</p>	<p>\$4,000</p>
<p>Harry R. Hughes Center For Agro- Ecology, Inc.</p>	<p>HHCFAE promotes economically and environmentally sustainable farms and forests in Maryland. They wish to bring their Local Government Exchange program (highly successful in Western Maryland) to the Eastern Shore to provide educational programs and networking opportunities to local government agencies in the 5 mid-shore counties. They are requesting \$2,500 and hope to begin in the fall of 2010.</p>	<p>\$2,500</p>

Junior Achievement of the Eastern Shore, Inc.	JAES serves students in grades K-12 in 6 Eastern Shore counties. Their financial literacy and work readiness programs were introduced in Dorchester County middle schools in the 2009/2010 academic year. JAES plans expansion to Dorchester County high schools in 2010/11. Request is for \$10,000 of \$90,000 total program budgeted for Dorchester County.	\$10,000
Ladies of Destiny, Kingdom Church & Ministries	Ladies of Destiny is a youth program which began in 2004, many of the participants are not ready to enter the job force in Dorchester which is geared to retail and hospitality services. The program helps with completing applications, resume writing, appropriate work dress, and interview skills. Good school grades are encouraged as a means to obtain higher education or quality level employment. Request is for funding to continue a successful program that meets 2x/month for a community workshop on female health awareness, peer pressure, relationships, dating, teenage parents, careers, safety, preventing drug use, etc. The current project teaches etiquette skills, hygiene principles and job readiness skills. The program serves 20 females in and around Cambridge in the 11 –19 age group. Grant will be used for a stipend for a facilitator to plan and implement activities, field trip transportation, materials and supplies, dinner, lunches, and incentives. (Women & Girls Fund granted \$2,000 of \$5,000 request.)	\$3,000
The Mainstay, Inc.	Mainstay is a performing and visual arts center in Rock Hall, Kent County. Request is to support a series of free concerts by local musicians to be presented on Mainstay's Oyster Court Lawn on four Saturday nights during the summer. In 2009, attendance was approximately 140 persons at each concert. The total cost of this project is \$2,800.	\$1,500
Maryland Public Television Explore MD: Talbot County	MPT is beginning a broadcast series called Explore Maryland which will focus on the historical, cultural and unique features of each of Maryland's 24 counties. The series will launch with a special on Talbot County. Production will begin in summer 2010. Request is for \$10,000 of a total budget of \$40,100 (\$33,000 is staff expense).	\$10,000
Mid-Atlantic Symphony Orchestra	Request is for \$5,000 of \$10,000 needed to offer monthly "master classes" to give students an opportunity to work with experienced music professionals, adding a new dimension to the Concert Band repertoire and concert preparation.	\$5,000

Mid-Shore Council On Family Violence, Inc.	MSCFV provides services to victims of domestic violence from Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot counties. Their Abuser Intervention Program which provides the information and counseling that abusers need to change destructive ways of relating to the important people in their lives. This program is a 26-week group counseling experience with individual sessions provided to each participant. Most of the individuals involved in this program have been referred by the local court system. Others attend the program voluntarily. Individuals pay on a sliding scale. Total program cost= \$35,000; \$20,000 is generated through fees paid. Request is for shortfall.	\$15,000
National Aquarium in Baltimore	In September 2008, St. Michaels High School became a participant in the Aquarium's Wetland Nursery Program. Students learn about conservation issues affecting the Bay and improve their understanding of how everyday actions and behaviors are connected to wildlife and habitat conservation. Two teachers and 80 environmental science students participated in the program last year and helped grow 1200 native grasses which they planted on Barren Island at Blackwater Refuge. Request is for program support to allow 2 teachers and 30-40 environmental science students to participate in the 2010/2011 school year. Total project budget = \$6,075.69.	\$4,561
Partnering for Youth After School Programs	Request to provide scholarships for economically disadvantaged girls to participate in the Partnering for Youth After School Programs at the middle and elementary school levels. \$10,000 will cover 125 scholarships to girls in Queen Anne's County who would otherwise not be able to pay the enrollment fee. PFY offers a menu style program with numerous multi age activities. Students select academic, recreational, fitness/nutrition, and social competency activities according to their interests. Tutoring for math and reading is provided to students targeted by the school staff. All sites allocate time to complete homework. Students participate in two 13 week sessions per school year, offered 4-5 days/week for 2 hours after school, at elementary and middle schools countywide. Transportation is provided. (Women & Girls Fund granted \$3,000 of \$10,000 request.)	\$7,000

Phillips Wharf Environmental Center	Phillips Wharf Environmental Center is in its fourth year of operation to educate and create understanding and appreciation about the ecosystems of the Chesapeake Bay. The Fishmobile takes the marine species from Phillips Wharf Center along with the educational component of Bay science and stewardship to schools, summer camps, community groups in the region. Funds are sought to allow Phillips Wharf to combine the environmental leadership program for adolescents with the Fishmobile program (a vehicle that houses the marine collection) and cover the cost of a female scientist-intern for the summer to take the Fishmobile on the road. Grant would help fund an expanded leadership program, to have the adolescent girls help develop the Fishmobile's learning programs, designing, testing, and evaluating new programs and to offer discounts to under-served organizations who may be unable to pay the full fees needed to offset the Fishmobile's operating costs. (Women & Girls Fund granted \$3,000 of \$10,000 request)	\$7,000
Pickering Creek Audubon Center	PCAC hosts programs and partners with other organizations to connect residents to the Chesapeake Bay watershed, its habitats and wildlife. Breaking Transportation Barriers is an expansion of an existing partnership with Talbot County Libraries to reach an audience that does not typically have frequent direct experiences with the Bay. The proposed expansion will add correlating field trips (including transportation) to Pickering Creek or other local natural areas to the existing schedule of presentations. The expanded program will include 25 library sessions and 10 field trips. (budget: \$5,500 salaries/benefits; \$450 travel; \$1,000 materials/advertising; \$1,000 overhead)	\$7,995
Preservation Maryland	Partners in the Field is a joint program of Preservation MD and the National Trust for Historic Preservation to establish a field office on the Eastern Shore. The National Trust for Historic Preservation has offered a matching grant of \$120,000; Preservation MD has raised \$80,000 to date. The Eastern Shore was selected as the location of the first field office because of its extraordinary development pressures, environmental fragility, growth projections and lack of effective land use policies and ordinances. The program seeks the adoption of historic preservation ordinances and policies by all Eastern Shore counties, greater awareness of and use of preservation techniques to create sustainable communities, and measurable reduction in inappropriate land use. Request is for \$10,000 of the \$40,000 match balance.	\$10,000

Prince Theatre Foundation	Operating in the Historic Prince Theatre in Chestertown, PTF is a producing organization that creates public access to, and involvement in, the performing and visual arts. PTF provides after-school and weekend theatre arts programs for approximately 50 youth during the school year, and 40 youth in the 5-week summer theater camp. Request is for tuition and salary support for the 7th Annual Playmakers 5 week summer camp and a 7-week series of Saturday workshops for children ages 8-16. Salary support will help fund interns to implement the summer and fall programs; tuition support will allow TPF to reserve spaces in the summer camp and fall workshops for children in partner organizations (Kent Family Center/The Alley teen center.)	\$5,000
Shared Opportunity Service, Inc.	Request for funding to sustain and expand the Girls on the Run program into Kent County elementary schools in Rock Hall, Galena, and Worton. The goal is to recruit more than 50 girls to the Kent County GOTR Council, increase community awareness about GOTR, and help Kent County female youth commit to making healthy choices. Funds would be used for travel, program supplies, snacks and incentives for the girls, along with recruitment of volunteers and coaches, required training of Council Director and Coaches, and GOTR membership and insurance. Partnering with local schools and providing the program within each schools after school programming has resulted in higher enrollment of girls who would otherwise not have the means to pay the enrollment fee or parental support to provide transportation.	\$5,600
Shore Health System	SHS of Easton, MD is requesting \$10K to fund ICU Nurse Continuing Education which is essential to maintaining and enhancing professional standards.	\$10,000
Talbot County Parks and Recreation	TCPR provides recreational opportunities to the general public. Their summer camp program exposes local children to arts programs, nature experiences, sports, and aquatics. Request is for scholarship assistance to allow 125 children, ages 5-14 and unable to afford summer camp, to participate in this summer's programs.	\$20,000

Talbot Hospice Foundation	THF offers support and services to all members of the community facing end-of-life issues. All services are provided without charge and they do not receive payment from insurance companies. In 2009 THF provided care and service to 166 hospice patients (59 in the Guest Wing at Hospice House), served 42 patients and families through their Pathways (pre-hospice) program, hosted bereavement programs for a total of 989 individuals, and facilitated 949 hospice chaplain visits. Request is for \$5,000 of the total \$20,000 project budget for the Patients in Need program, which assists families with uncovered prescriptions, grocery and utility bills, sitters, transportation costs, etc.	\$5,000
Talbot Partnership	In 2009 Talbot Partnership, with help from MSCF, initiated a Youth Coalition for Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention which sponsors events and programs that show kids how to have a good time without drugs or alcohol. Request is for funding to send 5 youth to a Youth-to-Youth Training Conference where they will learn about other prevention programs. Talbot Partnership is requesting funds to send 5 students to a youth-to-youth training conference. Total cost = \$2,500.	\$2,000
Talbot Special Riders, Inc.	TSR provides special needs residents of the mid shore with therapeutic horseback group lessons and hippo therapy lessons. Request is for scholarship assistance for participants. Total budget for the year is \$46,200.	\$10,000
TomCat Solutions	TomCat Solutions was formed in 2010 by former Talbot Humane volunteers to reduce the number of free-roaming and abandoned cats in Talbot County. They trap, spay/neuter, administer shots, then return the cats to their original territory. Request is for \$12,000 of total \$16,640 annual budget to treat 150 cats.	\$12,000