

Maryland Agricultural Education & Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF)

FY 2007 Annual Report

Overview – 2007

Rural-serving nonprofit organizations and community colleges often lack access to the public and private sector philanthropic opportunities they need to obtain important programmatic and special projects funding. Moreover, local governments, especially those in economically distressed rural regions, do not have the financial wherewithal to fully address these important developmental needs. Consequently, a serious resource deficit exists where the need has often been the greatest.

The Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Fund (MAERDAF) was established in 2000 to offer financial support to rural-serving nonprofit organizations that promote statewide and regional planning, economic and community development, and agricultural and forestry education. In addition, MAERDAF offers financial assistance to community colleges that support small and agricultural businesses with enhanced training and technical assistance.

The Rural Maryland Council (RMC) administers this grant program in partnership with the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED), Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA), Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). A Grants Review Board, made up of one representative from each agency, makes binding grant decisions.

The FY 2007 MAERDAF Grants Review Board consisted of the following members:

- Greg Kosmos*, Director of Programs and Regional Development, Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development
- Rebecca Love, Policy Analyst, Office of Primary Care & Rural Health, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- Stephen McHenry*, Executive Director, Rural Maryland Council
- Andrew Starrs*, Regional Coordinator, Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development
- Jane Storrs, Marketing Services, Maryland Department of Agriculture
- Emily Wilson, Director of Government Relations, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

**These individuals are no longer with their agencies.*

Staff support to the Grants Review Board was provided by Vanessa Orlando and Sandra Fleischer of the RMC, an independent state agency that functions as the state's rural development council under the National Rural Development Partnership Program.

Since 1994, the RMC has brought together citizens, community-based organizations, federal, state, county and municipal government officials as well as representatives of the for-profit and nonprofit sectors to address the needs of rural Maryland communities. As a collaborative partnership, the RMC operates under the guidance of the 40-member executive board, in a nonpartisan and nondiscriminatory manner.

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History of MAERDAF Program Funding

The MAERDAF Program has helped many rural-serving organizations establish or continue programs and projects that have had a significant and positive impact on Rural Maryland. In addition, the modest state investment in the MAERDAF program has helped the nonprofit sector leverage a substantial amount of private and federal financial support. (The MAERDAF Board is required to give preference to organizations that leverage non-state matching funds.) Moreover, MAERDAF has helped many of these nonprofit service providers develop institutional capacity, improve grant-writing skills, and enhance the internal development of volunteer boards and staff.

By the end of CY 2007*, the MAERDAF program will have awarded \$1,698,843 in grants to 40 organizations, as follows:

- **13 organizations** have received a total of **\$712,665** for agribusiness development or agricultural and forestry education.
- **16 organizations** have received a total of **\$680,058** for rural health and community development.
- **11 organizations** have received a total of **\$306,120** for rural economic development.

The average MAERDAF grant over the life of the program has been \$18,242. There was no funding for MAERDAF during FY 2006

For a historical review of all MAERDAF Grants, see the Appendix.

The MAERDAF Program in FY 2007

In FY 2007, all MAERDAF grants were administered as calendar year grants, with recipients announced late in 2006 and two equal payments made during 2007. The first payments were completed during the first quarter of the year. The second and final payments were made after grant managers accepted interim reports, which were due from grantees by June 29, 2007. Final reports are due on January 31, 2008. Steps are now being taken to alter the FY 2008 schedule so that grants will follow the state's fiscal year.

In FY 2007, the MAERDAF Grants Review Board received 31 applications requesting \$815,284. Several applicants submitted two-year funding requests for a total of \$956,284. **The Grants Review Board awarded 25 grants to 22 organizations in the amount of \$348,578.** By mid July 2007, three of those organizations returned either all or a portion of their grants due to programmatic or budgetary changes. (See the Grantee Summary, pages 4-9.) Those funds (\$17,003) are expected to be carried over into the FY 2008 grant cycle for future awards. The total grant funds expected to be disbursed by the end of the 2007 calendar year is **\$331,576, with an average final grant of \$15,789.**

Of the \$331,576 distributed funds:

- \$153,655 (46%) was awarded to organizations serving a statewide constituency;
- \$154,821 (47%) was awarded to organizations serving the Eastern Shore
- \$13,100 (4%) was awarded to organizations serving Southern Maryland
- \$10,000 (3%) was awarded to organizations serving Western Maryland

Three state agencies administered the \$348,578 in available MAERDAF grants:

- MDA administered \$141,720 (41%) of the grant funds;
- RMC administered \$125,558 (36%); and
- DBED administered \$81,300 (23%).

2007 MAERDAF Grantees

Grants Administered by the Maryland Department of Agriculture

Carroll Community College: \$5,600

The Advanced Technology Center for Agriculture and Business Development at Carroll Community College is a collaborative initiative designed to strengthen the economic viability and profitability of agriculture and rural businesses. The center provides information and training necessary to assist in the start up and or growth of a business. By merging technology, agriculture and business through education and training, it supports emerging businesses and promotes the development of new market opportunities. Program funds were awarded to assist with a training conference, "Mastering Marketing for Small Farm Viability." Specifically, funds were to be used to develop curriculum; coordinate and pay speakers/faculty; cover travel costs; offset costs associated with marketing, copying and providing materials for a regional farming conference.

Update: Carroll Community College did not accept this grant after it fell short of its funding needs and was unable to conduct the conference.

Chesapeake Fields Institute: \$12,125

Chesapeake Fields works to strengthen the profitability of traditional agricultural markets for family farmers, while conserving the region's natural and cultural resources. Program funds were awarded to pay for the following equipment: (1) whole grain portable protein tester; (2) moisture tester (3) grain sampling prob; (4) rubber mat to cover grain pit; and (5) WheatRite Propack and ReadRite cassette reader.

Update: Chesapeake Fields did not request the second payment of this grant after determining that the price of portable protein tester was significantly more than what they anticipated and could afford, even with grant assistance.

LEAD Maryland (2 grants): \$35,000

LEAD Maryland identifies and provides a network of skilled leaders who take on responsibilities in policy decision-making roles and organizational service roles in Maryland's agricultural, natural resources and rural industries and communities. LEAD was awarded two grants in FY 2007.

- Program funds in the amount of **\$25,000** were awarded to build staff capacity by helping to pay salaries and fringe benefits for a to-be-created position of assistant director.
- Program funds in the amount of **\$10,000** were awarded to help defray the costs of designing, producing and distributing a LEAD Fellows Directory and Resource Guide (\$4,000); a LEAD Maryland Foundation Annual Report (\$2,000) and a curriculum guide to serve as a teaching resource. (\$4,000)

Maryland Agriculture Education Foundation (3 grants): \$38,000

MAEF's mission is to promote the understanding and appreciation of the importance of agriculture in daily lives. It received three grants in FY 2007.

- Program funds in the amount of **\$8,000** were awarded for the Elementary Ag in the Classroom Tote Program. This program operates a mobile science classroom project which visits elementary schools and engages students in hands-on lessons using agriculture as a tool for teaching core subjects. These grant funds were awarded to help develop and deliver a classroom program that rural and poorer schools can better afford.
- Program funds in the amount of **\$15,000** for agriculture awareness promotions. The funds were awarded to purchase materials and supplies necessary for developing, assessing and identifying the most effective means of promoting agriculture awareness in Maryland, improving the consumer's perceived value of agriculture and its essential importance to daily lives.
- Program funds in the amount of **\$15,000** were awarded to assist with the operating costs associated with administering producer grants through the Harford County Ag Marketing Cooperative, which serves traditional agriculture operations that want to add or continue to promote a value-added product or service. **UPDATE: Due to changes in the scope of this program, the grant was reduced by \$5,340.**

Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts: \$10,495

The Association promotes practical and effective soil, water and related natural resources programs to citizens through individual conservation districts on a voluntary basis through leadership education, cooperation and local direction. The Maryland Envirothon stimulates the interest of high school students in natural resource concerns and motivates them to further develop their knowledge and skills in becoming environmentally aware, action-oriented adults. Program funds were awarded to pay for facility rental and meals

for students participating in the 2007 Maryland Envirothon Program at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore.

Maryland FFA Foundation, Inc.: \$6,500

The Maryland FFA Foundation provides financial support to the Maryland FFA Association to assure quality educational and leadership experiences for 1,400 members and more than 5,000 agricultural education students across the state during the Maryland State FFA Convention. Program funds were awarded to offset costs associated with leasing meeting space and providing materials, supplies and software needed to conduct the 2007 Maryland State FFA Convention.

Mid-Shore Regional Council: \$24,000

The MSRC operates as a cooperative regional planning and development agency for Caroline, Dorchester and Talbot counties to foster physical, economic and social development. Program funds were awarded to help pay the salary of the to-be-created position of Agricultural Economic Development Specialist, who will be responsible for planning, marketing and managing economic development strategies to attract, retain and grow agricultural businesses in the region.

Upper Shore Regional Council: \$10,000

The USRC is a regional planning and development agency for Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne's counties. It exists to foster the physical, economic and social development in the region. Program funds were awarded to secure International Standards Organization Certification (ISO 65) which will certify organic, non-genetically modified and identity-preserved products so that they will be more easily accepted for export.

Grants Administered by the Maryland Department of Business & Economic Development

The Chesapeake Entrepreneur Center (Chester Bridge Foundation): \$17,500

The CEC is a nonprofit economic development initiative serving the rural regions of the Eastern Shore. Its primary mission is to promote economic development and entrepreneurship with human and capital resources from within local communities and for the benefit of residents who wish to work, thrive, and contribute to improving the quality of life on the rural Eastern Shore. Program funds were awarded to pay operating costs associated with administering and promoting the growth and sustainability of CEC's Service Provider Network, which encourages the business community to help support startup small businesses and microenterprises with low cost professional services.

UPDATE: By mid July, the grantee had not filed its required interim report (due June 29, 2007). This was apparently due to staffing changes in the grant administration office. The grant is expected to be disbursed and program goals are expected to be met by the end of the calendar year.

Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship Center: \$9,800

The ESEC works to revitalize the business community in Dorchester, Caroline and Talbot counties by funding and mentoring diverse entrepreneurial businesses. Program funds are to be use to help pay administrative and management operating costs.

Maryland Capital Enterprises: \$19,000

The MCE provides educational and technical assistance, as well as access to credit, to economically disadvantaged communities and persons. It was designed and established to create, develop and promote a new strata of micro-business by providing education, loans and technical assistance to entrepreneurs, primarily in economically distressed communities. Program funds were awarded to pay operating costs to administer a loan fund for new and emerging micro-entrepreneurs.

Microenterprise Council of Maryland: \$5,000

The MCM advances and promotes sustainable microenterprise development activities through coordination and implementation of policies, education, communication, training, technical assistance and resource development. Program funds were awarded to help the MCM pay for staff salaries and fringe benefits.

Tri-County Council of Western Maryland: \$10,000

The Tri-County Council promotes interjurisdictional coordination, cooperation and communication on issues affecting the region and to provide local technical assistance. Its goal is to work with local governments, businesses, and educational institutions throughout the region in providing needed programs and services. Program funds were awarded to help pay staff salaries and fringe benefits of those working with the Business Technical Assistance Program.

Maryland Rural Health Association: \$5,000

The MRHA works to improve the health of rural Maryland and its citizens by educating and building relationships with state and federal organizations and the public at large and to develop broad-based advocacy effort on rural health issues in Maryland. Program funds will be used to conduct Listening Session in rural Maryland and share information about, and gain input into, the State Rural Health Plan.

UPDATE: DHMH did not release the Maryland Rural Health plan until mid July so the MRHA had not been able to schedule any listening session at the grant's midpoint; however, it intends to conduct listening sessions before the end of the year and fulfill the requirements of the grant.

Medbank of Maryland, Inc. : \$15,000

Medbank provides free medications or access to discount alternatives for medications to low-income, under insured or uninsured chronically ill patients. Program funds were awarded to improve outreach efforts to primary care physicians in rural Maryland who may have patients in need of Medbank's service.

Grants Administered by the Rural Maryland Council

Center for Children: \$13,100

The Center for Children is dedicated to the prevention and treatment of child abuse and the promotion of positive mental health through crisis intervention, therapy, and education. Program funds were awarded to help pay the salaries and fringe benefits of a new Infant Mental Health Therapist.

Delmarva Education Foundation: \$15,000

The Delmarva Foundation works to improve educational opportunities for residents of the Lower Delmarva Peninsula using a regional approach to facilitate accessibility, quality and effectiveness of education for all ages. Program funds were awarded to help pay for salaries and training courses for DEF Staff.

Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Region: \$10,000

The Girl Scouts build girls of courage, confidence and character who make the world a better place. Program funds were awarded to help pay for the salaries and wages of GSCBC Staff conducting programs to reach at-risk girls in rural areas.

Habitat for Humanity of Talbot County: \$32,000

Habitat for Humanity works to eliminate substandard housing in Talbot and Dorchester Counties. Program funds were awarded to hire and pay the salary of a professional construction supervisor who oversees housing construction in those two rural counties.

Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center: \$17,500

The Center serves residents of Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties by providing child care resources and referrals to help parents, child care providers and the business community address the challenges of early care and education. The mission of the center's CASH Campaign is to increase the well being of low and moderate income families in the tri-county area by helping them access financial resources and opportunities available through the tax system and asset development programs. Program funds were awarded to help pay for the salaries and benefits of CASH Campaign staffers.

Lower Shore Broadband Cooperative: \$12,958

The Cooperative's mission is to provide all residents and businesses in the lower shore area with high speed internet access to stimulate economic development, create jobs, and improve the quality of life for all rural residents. Program funds were awarded to construct a Sabre 100' 90 mph VL series self-support structure in Worcester County, as well as associated labor costs.

Maryland Rural Development Corporation: \$25,000

The MRDC promotes self sufficiency in rural low-income families and builds strong, sustainable communities. Program funds were awarded to help provide direct technical assistance, and emergency planning and training activities to benefit Maryland's small, rural low-income communities.

Summary – 2007 MAERDAF Grantees, by Type

Agribusiness Development or Ag & Forestry Education	FY 2007
Carroll Community College	\$5,600
Grantee (Carroll Community) Returned	-\$5,600
Chesapeake Fields Insitute	\$12,125
Grantee (Chesapeake Fields) Returned	-\$6,063
LEAD Maryland (2 grants)	\$35,000
Maryland Agricultural Education Fund (3 grants)	\$38,000
Grantee (MAEF) Returned	-\$5,340
Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts	\$10,495
Maryland FFA Foundation, Inc.	\$6,500
Total	\$90,717
Economic Development	FY 2007
Chester Bridge Foundation, Inc.	\$17,500
Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship	\$9,800
Maryland Capital Enterprises	\$19,000
Mid-Shore Regional Council	\$24,000
Tri-County Council of Western Maryland	\$10,000
Upper Shore Regional Council	\$10,000
Total	\$90,300
Community Development	FY 2007
Center for Children	\$13,100
Delmarva Education Foundation	\$15,000
Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Region	\$10,000
Habitat for Humanity of Talbot County	\$32,000
Lower Shore Broadband Cooperative	\$12,958
Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center	\$17,500
Maryland Rural Development Corporation	\$25,000
Maryland Rural Health Association	\$5,000
Medbank of Maryland	\$15,000
Microenterprise Council of Maryland	\$5,000
Total	\$150,558
Total Grants	\$331,576
Average Grant (Actual)	\$15,789

Appendix

1. MAERDAF Grant History, 2001-2007 – By Grantee
2. MAERDAF Grant History, 2001-2007 – By Region
3. MAERDAF Grant History, 2001-2007 – By Type of Grant

Note: There was no MAERDAF appropriation in FY 2006.

MAERDAF Grant History, 2001-2007 – By Grantee *(There was no MAERDAF Appropriation for FY 2006)*

Organization	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2007	Total
Allegany College					\$15,000		\$15,000
Carroll Community College (AATC)	\$15,875	\$7,220					\$23,095
Cecil Community College					\$14,950		\$14,950
Center for Children						\$13,100	\$13,100
Chesapeake Bay Region Technical Center of Excellence			\$15,000				\$15,000
Chesapeake Fields Insitute	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$10,000		\$6,063	\$100,000
Chester Bridge Foundation, Inc.					\$7,000	\$17,500	\$24,500
College of Southern MD			\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		\$45,000
Delmarva Advisory Council	\$20,000						\$20,000
Delmarva Education Foundation						\$15,000	\$15,000
Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship						\$9,800	\$9,800
Future Harvest, Inc.	\$20,000	\$18,500	\$20,000	\$5,000			\$63,500
Garrett Community College (AAATC)	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$9,500		\$81,500
Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Region						\$10,000	\$10,000
Habitat for Humanity of Talbot County						\$32,000	\$32,000
LEAD Maryland	\$23,500	\$30,000	\$29,180	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$35,000	\$145,680
Lower Shore Broadband Cooperative						\$12,958	\$12,958
Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center						\$17,500	\$17,500
MD Agricultural Education Fund	\$20,000	\$28,400	\$28,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$32,660	\$113,720
MD Association of Soil Conservation Districts (Environthon)	\$20,000	\$17,200	\$6,500	\$10,000	\$7,900	\$10,495	\$72,095
MD Capital Enterprises						\$19,000	\$19,000
MD Center for Community Development (Rural Training)	\$20,000	\$20,000					\$40,000
MD Eastern Shore Resource Conservation & Development Council	\$6,000						\$6,000
MD FFA Foundation, Inc.						\$6,500	\$6,500
MD Forests Association	\$20,000	\$20,000					\$40,000
MD Organic Food & Farming Association	\$16,625						\$16,625
MD Rural Development Corporation	\$50,000	\$47,500	\$47,000	\$10,400	\$13,208	\$25,000	\$193,108
MD Rural Health Association	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$10,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$134,000
MD Rural Water Association	\$21,000						\$21,000
Medbank of MD						\$15,000	\$15,000
Microenterprise Council of MD			\$30,000	\$10,000	\$29,600	\$5,000	\$74,600
Mid-Shore Regional Council				\$10,000		\$24,000	\$34,000
Salisbury Univeristy - BEACON		\$24,320					\$24,320
Southern MD Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$6,000	\$21,000	\$15,000				\$42,000
Tri-County Council for Southern MD			\$30,000				\$30,000
Tri-County Council of Western MD	\$7,000				\$500	\$10,000	\$17,500
Tri-State Community Health Center			\$30,000	\$17,792			\$47,792
UMES - Rural Development Center (Distressed Community Econ Dev)			\$50,000		\$12,000		\$62,000
Upper Shore Regional Council				\$10,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
Western MD Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$6,000						\$6,000
Total Grants	\$347,000	\$346,140	\$405,680	\$132,192	\$147,658	\$331,576	\$1,698,843
Average Grant Amounts to Organization	\$19,278	\$26,626	\$27,045	\$10,169	\$10,547	\$15,789	\$18,242

MAERDAF Grant History, 2001-2007 – By Region

Organization	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2007	Total
Cecil Community College					\$14,950		\$14,950
Chesapeake Bay Region Technical Center of Excellence			\$15,000				\$15,000
Chesapeake Fields Insitute	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$10,000		\$6,063	\$100,000
Chester Bridge Foundation, Inc.					\$7,000	\$17,500	\$24,500
Delmarva Advisory Council	\$20,000						\$20,000
Delmarva Education Foundation						\$15,000	\$15,000
Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship						\$9,800	\$9,800
Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Region						\$10,000	\$10,000
Habitat for Humanity of Talbot County						\$32,000	\$32,000
Lower Shore Broadband Cooperative						\$12,958	\$12,958
Lower Shore Child Care Resource Center						\$17,500	\$17,500
MD Eastern Shore Resource Conservation & Development Council	\$6,000						\$6,000
Mid-Shore Regional Council				\$10,000		\$24,000	\$34,000
UMES – Rural Development Center (Distressed Community Econ Dev)			\$50,000		\$12,000		\$62,000
Upper Shore Regional Council				\$10,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
Eastern Region	\$41,000	\$50,000	\$90,000	\$30,000	\$38,950	\$154,821	\$398,708

Center for Children						\$13,100	\$13,100
College of Southern MD			\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		\$45,000
Southern MD Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$6,000	\$21,000	\$15,000				\$42,000
Tri-County Council for Southern MD			\$30,000				\$30,000
Southern Region	\$6,000	\$21,000	\$70,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$13,100	\$130,100

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Organization - Continued	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2007	Total
Future Harvest, Inc.	\$20,000	\$18,500	\$20,000	\$5,000			\$63,500
LEAD Maryland	\$23,500	\$30,000	\$29,180	\$14,000	\$14,000	\$35,000	\$145,680
MD Agricultural Education Fund	\$20,000	\$28,400	\$28,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$32,660	\$113,720
MD Association of Soil Conservation Districts (Environthon)	\$20,000	\$17,200	\$6,500	\$10,000	\$7,900	\$10,495	\$72,095
MD Capital Enterprises						\$19,000	\$19,000
MD Center for Community Development (Rural Training)	\$20,000	\$20,000					\$40,000
MD FFA Foundation, Inc.						\$6,500	\$6,500
MD Forests Association	\$20,000	\$20,000					\$40,000
MD Organic Food & Farming Association	\$16,625						\$16,625
MD Rural Development Corporation	\$50,000	\$47,500	\$47,000	\$10,400	\$13,208	\$25,000	\$193,108
MD Rural Health Association	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$35,000	\$10,000	\$4,000	\$5,000	\$134,000
MD Rural Water Association	\$21,000						\$21,000
Medbank of MD						\$15,000	\$15,000
Microenterprise Council of MD			\$30,000	\$10,000	\$29,600	\$5,000	\$74,600
Salisbury Univeristy - BEACON		\$24,320					\$24,320
Statewide Region	\$251,125	\$245,920	\$195,680	\$64,400	\$73,708	\$153,655	\$979,148
Allegany College					\$15,000		\$15,000
Carroll Community College (AATC)	\$15,875	\$7,220					\$23,095
Garrett Community College (AAATC)	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$9,500		\$81,500
Tri-County Council of Western MD	\$7,000				\$500	\$10,000	\$17,500
Tri-State Community Health Center			\$30,000	\$17,792			\$47,792
Western MD Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$6,000						\$6,000
Western Region	\$48,875	\$29,220	\$50,000	\$27,792	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$190,887
Total Grants	\$347,000	\$346,140	\$405,680	\$132,192	\$147,658	\$331,576	\$1,698,843

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Chesapeake Fields Insitute	\$15,000	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$10,000		\$6,063	\$100,000
Delmarva Advisory Council	\$20,000						\$20,000
Future Harvest, Inc.	\$20,000	\$18,500	\$20,000	\$5,000			\$63,500
Garrett Community College (AAATC)	\$20,000	\$22,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	\$9,500		\$81,500
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MD FFA Foundation, Inc.						\$6,500	\$6,500
MD Forests Association	\$20,000	\$20,000					\$40,000
MD Organic Food & Farming Association	\$16,625						\$16,625
Total Ag/Forestry Education and Agribusiness	\$191,000	\$193,320	\$128,680	\$54,000	\$66,350	\$90,718	\$712,665
Center for Children						\$13,100	\$13,100
Delmarva Education Foundation						\$15,000	\$15,000
Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay Region						\$10,000	\$10,000
Habitat for Humanity of Talbot County						\$32,000	\$32,000
Lower Shore Broadband Cooperative						\$12,958	\$12,958
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Southern MD Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$6,000	\$21,000	\$15,000				\$42,000
Tri-State Community Health Center			\$30,000	\$17,792			\$47,792
Western MD Resource Conservation and Development Council	\$6,000						\$6,000
Total Community Development	\$149,000	\$128,500	\$157,000	\$48,192	\$46,808	\$150,558	\$680,058

Organization - Continued	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2007	Total
Chesapeake Bay Region Technical Center of Excellence			\$15,000				\$15,000
Chester Bridge Foundation, Inc.					\$7,000	\$17,500	\$24,500
College of Southern MD			\$25,000	\$10,000	\$10,000		\$45,000
Eastern Shore Entrepreneurship						\$9,800	\$9,800
MD Capital Enterprises						\$19,000	\$19,000
Mid-Shore Regional Council				\$10,000		\$24,000	\$34,000
Salisbury Univeristy - BEACON		\$24,320					\$24,320
Tri-County Council for Southern MD			\$30,000				\$30,000
Tri-County Council of Western MD	\$7,000				\$500	\$10,000	\$17,500
UMES - Rural Development Center (Distressed Community Econ Dev)			\$50,000		\$12,000		\$62,000
Upper Shore Regional Council				\$10,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$25,000
Total Economic Development	\$7,000	\$24,320	\$120,000	\$30,000	\$34,500	\$90,300	\$306,120
Total Grants	\$347,000	\$346,140	\$405,680	\$132,192	\$147,658	\$331,576	\$1,698,843

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