



Dear Commissioners,

We, the co-founders and directors of KidsSTREAM Inc., write this letter in regards to the FY 2021 Proposed Request for Charles County Charitable Trust.

According to the FY 2021 proposed budget, the commissioners requested Charles County Charitable Trust to receive \$150,200 for operating costs and \$859,100 to distribute to nonprofit organizations. We agree with \$150,200 for operating costs but request the total distribution of grants to nonprofit organizations to be \$1,000,000; an increase of \$140,900.

KidsSTREAM has been in operation in Charles County for the past six years as of March 2020. Since our establishment, we have made a significant impact with youth from ages 5 through 25. For instance, we hire high school and college youth in our program. They have greatly impacted the lives of the children we serve and inspire them to pursue careers in youth work, STEM programs, or education. We have provided summer camp programs, after school tutoring and mentoring programs for youth between the ages of five through thirteen. These youth have made tremendous growth academically, socially, and mentally within and outside the school walls. We have served on average 100 youth per year.

Unfortunately, when we request funds from Charles County Charitable Trust to support our organization, we have been denied. One reason for the denial by the Charitable Trust is because of the lack of funds available. In this critical time when our youth, parents, and young adults are looking for ways to be academically and socially prepared for tomorrow, we ask the commissioners to please provide the increase of \$140,900.

We hope you will also take into consideration that not all nonprofits are making annual revenues above \$200,000 per year. There are small nonprofits, like ours, that receive the short end of the stick when it comes to funding requests as other counterparts. We hope you will consider providing the additional \$140,900 to ensure it can support these small nonprofit organizations like ours.

Sincerely,

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