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**Comment**

The Charles County Children's Aid Society stands behind the Trust's proposal for increased funding to the Nonprofit Grant Award Program. Children's Aid is one of the many nonprofits who apply for this grant yearly in the hopes of receiving funds. Each year, we hold our breath to see how far the County's budgeted amount will stretch between nonprofits that are awarded funds. Historically, awards continue to decrease to individual nonprofits, not due to the proven need but because there are simply not enough funds to go around. A consideration to increasing the County's budget for this program would positively impact many nonprofits and the people that they serve. Children's Aid Society, has used funds from this program to support our School Supplies Project and Christmas Toy Connection. Our School Supplies Project has helped 1,500 students, yearly, going to CCPS. This project has been in existence for over 20+ years. This project is funded by grants and through local individual and business donations. Without the support from the Nonprofit Grant Award Program, our projects fate would be uncertain. If funding was not awarded or if funding continued to decrease, then we would have to reevaluate how many children we would

be able to help each year. We would potentially have to turn families away. Parents may have to choose which bills to forgo paying so they could try to provide a few items for their children. It means that children would enter a new school year without the tools to make them ready to learn. Our project takes the burden and stress away from parents during a financially hard time of year for them. It allows parents to maintain essential bills and also provide necessary tools for their children. We hope to be able to offer this project to families for many years to come. I thank you for taking the time to read my comments and the comments from others in the nonprofit sector regarding an increase in funding for the Nonprofit Grant Award Program.

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Thank you,  
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