



April 27, 2021

Board of Charles County Commissioners
200 Baltimore Street
La Plata, Maryland 20646

Re: Budget Proposals for FY22

As you begin work on the FY22 budget proposals for the county, we respectfully request that you consider increasing support to nonprofits throughout the county. The county is proposing to recommend an annual budget for FY22 of \$784,100. This is simply not enough. All too often, nonprofit organizations like SMTCCAC do not receive full funding to sustain rising operational and administrative costs to carryout services to meet the daily demands of Charles County residents in need.

As you know, nonprofit agencies such as SMTCCAC are critical to the Charles County community-we provide services for eligible citizens that alleviate the causes and conditions of poverty, we promote upward mobility and enrich the quality of life for our residents. A mission that we have carried in the community since 1965, when our agency was established as a 501(c)(3) organization during "America's War on Poverty". In FY20, our agency served over 20,000 individuals/families with services from rental assistance, housing counseling, early childhood education, energy and utility assistance, low-income housing, emergency food assistance, workforce training, etc. The pandemic has exacerbated the needs.

SMTCCAC, Inc. strongly supports funding for the coming year's Nonprofit Grant Award Program at the \$1,000,000 level which is representative of a more favorable investment. We are experiencing markedly growing needs in the community, as undoubtedly other nonprofits are. The amount of funding must be increased in response.

If you should have any questions or concerns, I can be reached at 301-274-4474, ext. 253.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Young, MSW
President/CEO

cc: SMTCCAC Board of Directors