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Board of Commissioners
200 Baltimore St.
La Plata, MD 20646

Dear Commissioner Collins, Commissioner Rucci, Commissioner Bowling, Commissioner Coates and Commissioner Stewart,

Thank you for your leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic that has hit our state with such severity. During these trying times, the nonprofit sector has been a vital lifeline for communities in need. The American Rescue Plan is bringing \$6 billion into Maryland and an estimated \$32 million to Charles County Government. As CEO of Maryland Nonprofits, I am reaching out to all county and municipal leaders to encourage their support of local nonprofits and to encourage partnership with your local community foundation. Maryland Nonprofits is the statewide association serving Maryland's 37,000+ nonprofit organizations, and we have 1,200 members across the state.

Nonprofits are on the front lines of providing COVID-19 relief, reaching deeply into their communities with food distribution, rental assistance programs, support for seniors and people with disabilities and more. At the same time, nonprofits are businesses that have lost significant revenue due to COVID and have the same pressures of other businesses of meeting payroll, managing facilities and putting safety measures in place. In non-crisis times, nonprofits are significant employers and economic drivers, representing more than 12% of Maryland's private workforce and \$59,000,000 in combined revenues and providing communities with lifesaving and life-enhancing services. By allocating a substantial portion of your ARP funding to nonprofit grants, Charles County Government will maximize its impact and stimulate your economy in a time of exceptional need.

Your local community foundation is a great asset to the community and could be a potential partner with you in administering such grants. Maryland's 14 community foundations are permanent sources of local philanthropic investment that specialize in serving their respective regions' evolving needs. Together, they hold a total of more than \$700 million in philanthropic assets and distribute about \$128 million in grants each year to nonprofit organizations in their communities, addressing a wide range of issues. Community foundations know the nonprofit sector and are experienced grantmakers, uniquely positioned to accept your investment of ARP dollars for the maximum impact on your constituents.



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I know that you may already have a relationship with the leadership at your community foundation. If helpful, I have provided a list of the community foundations serving regions throughout Maryland to encourage continued collaboration with the foundation serving your area.

Thank you again for your continued support. We look forward to our continued partnership on our shared policy priorities and building a stronger, more equitable Maryland for all.

Sincerely,

Heather Iliff
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Community Foundations of Maryland

Baltimore Community Foundation

11 E Mt Royal Ave
Baltimore, MD 21202
Executive Director: Shanaysha M. Sauls, Ph.D
Email: ssauls@bcf.org

Chesapeake Charities

101 Log Canoe Circle
Suite O
Stevensville, MD 21666
Executive Director: Linda Kohler
Email: linda@chesapeakecharities.org

Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County

900 Bestgate Road
Suite 400
Annapolis, MD 21401
Executive Director: Mary Spencer
Email: mary@cfaac.org

Community Foundation of Carroll County

255 Clifton Blvd., Ste 313
Westminster, MD 21157
Executive Director: Audrey S. Cimino
Email: acimino@carrollcommunityfoundation.org

Community Foundation of Frederick County

312 E Church St
Frederick, MD 21701
Executive Director: Betsy Day
Email: b.day@cffredco.org

Community Foundation of Harford County

202 South Main Street
P. O. Box 612
Bel Air, MD
Executive Director: Jennifer Farrell
Email: jfarrell@cfharfordcounty.org

Community Foundation of Howard County

10440 Little Patuxent Parkway, Suite 230
Columbia MD, 21044
Executive Director: Beverly White-Seals

Email: jmcintyre@cfhoco.org

Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore

1324 Belmont Ave.
Ste. 401
Salisbury, MD 21804
Executive Director: Erica Joseph
Email: ejoseph@cfes.org

Community Foundation of Washington County, MD

37 S. Potomac Street
Hagerstown, MD 21740
Executive Director: Stacey Crawford
Email: staceyc@cfwcmd.org

Community Trust Foundation, Inc.

112 Baltimore Street
Suite 201
Cumberland, MD 21502
Executive Director: Leah Shaffer
Email: leah@ctfinc.org

The Foundation for Community Development

8859 Mistletoe Dr
Suite A
Easton, MD 21601-7530
Executive Director: Charles "Josh" Poore
Email: josh@tffcd.org

Greater Washington Community Foundation

1325 G Street NW
Suite 480
Washington, DC 20005
Executive Director: Tonia Wellons
Email: twellons@thecommunityfoundation.org

Mid-Shore Community Foundation

102 East Dover Street
Easton, MD 21601
Executive Director: W.W. "Buck" Duncan
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