

Community Grant Awards – Winter 2023 Grant Cycle

Recipient & Project	Project Description	Amount
Paul's Place, Inc.: Paul's Community Garden	Support for the installation of a community garden aimed to improve public health outcomes by improving diet and expanding knowledge of nutrition. The produce will support the community kitchen on Ward Street, a culinary training program, and Groundwork Kitchen.	\$100,000
Restoring Inner City Hope, Inc. (RICH): Youth Leadership Program	Support for year-round youth programming and workforce development offerings including entrepreneurship, photography, modeling, STEM education, rowing, and self-development. New RICH Juice Bar will generate additional revenue for community-based workforce development.	\$98,373
Pigtown Main Street, Inc.: Direct Action Partnership (DAP)	Support for operating and programming to implement specific strategies outlined in three of the four priority areas in the Pigtown Action Plan: economic development, public safety, and housing.	\$97,500
Ebenezer Kingdom Builders, Inc.: First Floor Renovation	Support for the second phase of the renovation project to complete the commercial kitchen, window installation, and fellowship hall and restrooms repairs at the Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church, a local, historic landmark and community venue.	\$75,000
Fishes & Loaves Pantry: Feeding Our Community	Purchase food that meets the cultural and nutritional needs of senior and Latine community members. Additional support for the annual Lakeland Community Engagement Day, which provides free household resources, health screenings, and registration for community programs.	\$49,100
Improving Education: All Children Ready	Program support for Westport Head Start, which will provide Bedtime in a Box activities to support Kindergarten readiness, Learning in a Box to maximize the impact of virtual learning, and All Children Ready professional development to increase literacy achievement.	\$49,000
The University of Maryland Foundation, Inc. dba the UMBC Foundation: Green Lions Collaborative	Project support will bring residents together to grow food, cook, and exchange ideas from different cultures. It will also fully transition a school-based garden into a community-engaged garden and will promote collective action to ensure its maintenance and sustainability.	\$45,750
Black Yield Institute: Food Sovereignty Strategy	Support the continuation of Cherry Hill produce pop-up markets and Black Yield Institute's strategy to address gaps in access to healthy, affordable, and culturally-appropriate foods.	\$34,234
My G.I.R.L.S., Inc.: Cheer Your Way to Wellness	Support to expand efforts to enroll students in after-school and summer dance and cheer enrichment programs focusing on mentorship, health disparities, and physical fitness.	\$30,000

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Baltimore Outreach Services: Wellness 4 Homeless Families	Support the basic needs of homeless families by providing emergency shelter, food and clothing, and wellness programs as individuals and families transition to affordable housing.	\$22,500
Saint Barnabas and Saint Susanna (SBSS) Coptic Orthodox Church: Courtyard Furnishings	Purchase furnishings for the recently renovated courtyard to include outdoor tables, chairs, a basketball rim, a firepit and planters to provide a conducive space for community convening.	\$20,000
Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc. (HNI): HNI Pigtown & Barre Circle	Support for events as well as ongoing assistance with the development and implementation of a referral and tracking system for all HNI applicants and targeted marketing efforts to increase homeownership and home values in Pigtown.	\$17,309
South Baltimore Learning Center (SBLC): Mindfulness Project	Support engagement with South Baltimore residents and SBLC learners to participate in essential mindfulness and self-care practices, nutrition education, and opportunities to re-engage the community and address the effects of stress and trauma.	\$15,000
Taste Wise Kids: Days of Taste/Food Story Time	Support the Days of Taste and Food Story Time programs at three schools with the goal of helping children recognize and enjoy fresh food and make better food choices.	\$14,000
Kerry Kares Foundation: Kerry's Krew	Supporting senior citizens through excursions to ensure they have equitable opportunities to participate and benefit from social, recreational, and physical activities that support their overall well-being and aid in their mental health.	\$13,500
Southwest Community Council dba Citizens of Pigtown: Gateway Murals Project	Support creation of a mural in a key, high traffic location. The mural will evoke a sense of community, beautify the neighborhood, and highlight the history of Pigtown.	\$9,600
Cherry Hill United Methodist Church (CHUMC): Food Ministry	Support expanding Food Ministry services to Mt. Winans and Westport, which includes a soup kitchen, food pantry, and mobile pantry.	\$5,000
Our Joyful Noise: Music in the Air Concerts	Provide quality musical performances to residents of the Sharp-Leadenhall community with a focus on seniors and seniors with disabilities.	\$5,000
Saint Barnabas and Saint Susanna (SBSS) Coptic Orthodox Church: Community Service Coordinator	Support the hiring of a Community Service Coordinator to implement community communications, expand partnerships, and ensure the maintenance of the courtyard and townhouse.	\$5,000
South Baltimore Learning Center (SBLC): Book Lovers Community Cookout	Support engagement with at least 125 South Baltimore residents and others to celebrate books and lifelong learning through a casual and uplifting event. Event will feature information about community resources and free literacy and career readiness programs available for adults at SBLC and other partners.	\$5,000

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South Baltimore Neighborhood Association: Marketing Improvement	Support the creation of an updated website with the goals of connecting the community with the resources SBNA offers, increasing community cohesion, and encouraging a wider membership.	\$5,000
South Creek Community Development Corporation: S.M.A.R.T. Kids Hub	Project support providing students in the Sharp-Leadenhall community with technological tools to assist them with their homework and providing access to computers that will enhance their academic growth and development through technology.	\$5,000
South Baltimore United, Inc.: I Love SoBo Day	Support second annual “I Love SoBo Day” event, a community-building, family friendly celebration that brings together all the South Baltimore peninsula neighborhoods. The event will provide a free, outdoor exercise class and showcase local vendors and community organizations.	\$4,850
Federal Hill Prep - Parent Teacher Organization: Field Trips Transportation	Provide opportunities for more than 350 students enrolled at Federal Hill Prep Elementary School to travel to enrichment activities such as farms, art performances, the aviation museum, and a nature center.	\$4,500
Neighbors Meeting Neighbors fiscally sponsored by God's Best Family: Block Party	Support for monthly cleanup events in Solo Gibbs Park and the annual block party which previously served 225 people in the Sharp-Leadenhall and Otterbein neighborhoods.	\$4,000
Pigtown Food For Thought (PFFT) Gardens: PFFT Steel Boxes and Signs	Support updated garden planters and installation of signage for gardening and compost bins at two garden sites with approximately 18 community members that currently conduct maintenance and improvement.	\$2,497
Southwest Community Council dba Citizens of Pigtown: Telecommunication	Support to increase outreach capacity by offering an interactive, virtual option to in-person meetings, continuing to grow the community email list, and conducting website upgrades.	\$2,000
Federal Hill Neighborhood Association: Cross Street Block Party	Support of a block party bringing the neighborhood together for festivities and drawing people to Cross Street to support the restaurants and retail establishments that are still trying to recover from reduced foot traffic and patronage.	\$2,000
Stars & Stripes Parade Committee fiscally sponsored by Federal Hill Neighborhood Association: Federal Hill July 4th Parade	Support for the 31st Annual Federal Hill 4th of July Parade to bring together Federal Hill and surrounding communities to celebrate the neighborhoods’ charm and histories.	\$1,995