

American Russian Cancer Alliance

Request: \$950,000

American Oncologic Hospital - Fox Chase Cancer Center

7701 Burholme Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111

MDBiopro at the University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute

9600 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, MD 20850

For the past 10 years, ARCA has synergized health diplomacy with scientific research. This funding would be used to further the scientific discovery of U.S. and Russian research investigators by acquiring rare radioisotopes (produced and manufactured in Russia) to identify new diagnostic and therapeutic treatments for cancer. With the expertise of MDBiopro, ARCA is also engineering a new antibody-based vehicle for the targeted treatment of ovarian cancer. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it stimulates positive collaborations between the United States and Russia by conducting medical research with byproducts from stockpiled Russian nuclear materials while improving diagnostic and therapeutic treatments for cancer.

Southern Maryland Substance Abuse Treatment and Mental Health Services for Homeless

Request: \$198,000

Walden Sierra

30007 Business Center Drive

Charlotte Hall, MD 20659

Requested funding will assist homeless persons with behavioral health issues to address root causes contributing to their homelessness with a continuum of crisis, case management, and ongoing substance abuse treatment services at the level of care appropriate to each individual. The program uses a Recovery-Oriented System of Care approach, regarded as a best practice by the State of Maryland and SAMHSA, and rapid housing approaches to resolving homelessness promoted in current HUD initiatives. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will provide a compassionate, cost-effective alternative to the high costs of chronic homelessness or traditional long-term residential programs by rapidly addressing behavioral health concerns of homeless persons and providing case management and housing options that dramatically curtail time spent homeless.

Safe Nights Temporary Shelter Program

Request: \$69,000
LifeStyles of Maryland, Inc.
612 E. Charles St.
P.O. Box 1794
La Plata, MD 20646

The Safe Nights Program provides year-round support to the Charles County homeless and disadvantaged population, including providing shelter during the winter months of November through March. Support services are provided to assist persons with becoming self-sufficient, including a clothes closet, emergency food pantry, financial management assistance, counseling, job and housing searches, shower facilities, mail services, and life skills development. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it provides shelter to the working poor while saving taxpayer dollars by reducing the number of persons picked up by law enforcement for vagrancy and the number of uninsured persons hospitalized for hypothermia.

Expansion of Prenatal Services in Prince George's County

Request: \$443,200
Prince George's County Health Department
1701 McCormick Drive, Suite 200
Largo, Maryland 20774

Prince George's County is currently ranked second in the state for infant mortality. There is a documented shortage in County obstetric care providers willing and able to accept pregnant women into care in a timely manner. The proposed "High Touch - High Tech Prenatal Care" pilot program will use a combination of midwives, telemedicine, and targeted care by perinatologists (Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialists) to increase availability to comprehensive and cost effective prenatal care services in the County. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because access to timely prenatal care and high risk care is essential to reduce the number of low birth weight births and the high number of infant deaths occurring in Prince George's County.

Expanding Primary Care in Rural Southern Maryland

Request: \$150,000
Health Partners, Inc.
3070 Crain Hwy. # 101
Waldorf, MD 20601

Health Partners, Inc., the county's only free clinic, proposes to expand primary care services to uninsured residents of Charles County, Maryland by increasing the locations at which it is able to provide services. Health Partners will hire a full-time nurse practitioner and support staff to divide their time between two locations, Bel Alton and Nanjemoy. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because Health Partners will provide free healthcare for the underserved in rural areas of Charles County.

Nuclear Energy Workforce Education Project, College of Southern Maryland

Request: \$400,000

College of Southern Maryland

P.O. Box 910

La Plata, MD, 20646

The Nuclear Energy Workforce Education project will train workers to meet employment needs of the local energy industry. Programs will be offered to meet the employer needs to build an anticipated third reactor at Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant in Calvert County, Maryland. This project will provide a noncredit trades programs to address the critical shortage of skilled craft workers to build, maintain and operate new structures, and pilot a credit degree program for students interested in careers in energy. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will train students for jobs in a growing Southern Maryland sector so that they may earn a living wage with a high income career potential. With this training, students would be able to qualify for employment opportunities at the Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Power Plant.

Rebuilding Together, "Safe at Home" Elder Falls Prevention

Request: \$350,000

Rebuilding Together National Headquarters

1899 L Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20036

With falls in the home being the leading cause of injury and death for older adults, this funding will help Rebuilding Together's *Safe at Home* program expand its network of multi-discipline fall prevention coalitions in communities across the country and outfit homes in the 5th

District and across the country. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because Rebuilding Together is able to leverage at least \$2 of project value for every \$1 of federal funding. Preventing just one fall can avoid hospitalization costs averaging \$25,000, or nursing home care averaging \$85,000 a year.

Rett Syndrome Education, Outreach and Research Support Program, International Rett Syndrome Foundation

Request: \$180,000

International Rett Syndrome Foundation

4600 Devitt Drive

Cincinnati, OH 45246

This project will continue support for education and awareness for patients, health professionals, and the public regarding Rett syndrome (RTT), as well as outreach to other autism spectrum disorders. Specifically, funds will be used for support of coordination and activities to improve links between RTT and other related autism spectrum disorders, a RTT Natural History study, a coordinating center for clinical researchers, informational databases, international conferences of parents, researchers, physicians, informational literature and advice, and a patient registry to recruit patients and accurately inform caregivers about clinical trials. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will help support the essence of IRSF's mission-to find a cure for Rett syndrome-increasing education and public awareness of Rett syndrome, providing support to families, further stimulating medical research and offering hope to those with other autism spectrum disorders.

Health Information Technology Workforce Project, Bowie State University

Request: \$250,000

Bowie State University

14000 Jericho Park Road

Bowie, MD, 20715

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that, by the year 2016, medical assistant occupations are expected to grow by 35%. To meet the rapid growth of other health information technology (HIT) occupations, Bowie State University plans to initiate the development of a Health Information Technology Workforce program. The Department of Management Information Systems will provide professional certification programs that prepare and support medical record technicians, coders, database operators, health informaticists, and other HIT professionals. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will leverage existing and new educational programs at BSU and satellite facilities to implement an innovative curriculum that provides Maryland healthcare professionals convenient access to a baccalaureate degree.

St. Mary's College of Maryland Laboratory Equipment Acquisition

Request: \$600,000

St. Mary's College of Maryland

18952 E. Fisher Road

St. Mary's City, MD 20686

The combination of state requirements, that all undergraduates take laboratory-based courses, as well as a significant influx of students majoring in the sciences have increased the demand for state-of-the-art laboratory equipment and space for research activities at St. Mary's College of Maryland. Funding would be used for the acquisition of laboratory equipment and other advanced instrumentation. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it leverages existing funds to enhance the educational experience for the student body of St. Mary's College who represent the next generation of great scientific leaders.

Charles County Public Schools Digital Classroom Technology Project

Request: \$400,000

Charles County Public Schools

5980 Radio Station Road

La Plata, MD 20646

As a state leader in Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) education, Charles County is preparing to expand 21st century learning opportunities for all students. In partnership with the University of Maryland Baltimore County, this proposal would fund the purchase of state of the art technology for Charles County's new high school that supports STEM education expansion. The classroom will be used by all students in Charles County, the greater community as well as the entire region. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it will develop STEM curricula offerings to be utilized by school systems across Maryland and eventually in as many states as are capable of collaboration with Charles County Public Schools and the involved universities.

St. Mary's Hospital Infrastructure and Capacity Improvement Project

Request: \$1,000,000

St. Mary's Hospital

25500 Point Lookout Road

PO Box 527

Leonardtown, MD 20650

St. Mary's Hospital seeks to improve the quality and continuity of health services to Maryland's 5th Congressional District by updating antiquated facilities and expanding physical space to meet patient needs in Southern Maryland. This project would address the needs of an expanding population that includes military families, children and individuals with substance abuse and mental health problems. This project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because funding will help ensure that every Southern Maryland patient, especially those from underserved populations, will receive the level of care they deserve, and that this hospital will attract physicians and hospital staff that will want to work in a unique and modern healthcare environment.

Cardiac Critical Care Unit Expansion

Request: \$1,000,000

Children's National Medical Center

111 Michigan Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20010

There is no other hospital in the District of Columbia or Southern Maryland that is equipped to handle a pediatric trauma. But Children's complement of 45 Critical Care beds, which includes 13 cardiac intensive care beds, is no longer sufficient to meet demand. To meet demand for critical intensive care services, Children's will renovate an unoccupied unit located on the 3rd floor of the main building. The space will be transformed into a new 28-30 bed Cardiac Intensive Care Unit. This national project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because funding will ensure Children's National Medical Center has the capacity for specialty care to save the lives of children who reside in Maryland's 5th Congressional District and throughout the Washington Metropolitan Area.

Special Olympics Education Programs

Request: \$17,000,000

Special Olympics International, Inc.

1133 19th Street, NW

Washington, DC 20036

Funding will be used to extend and enhance the range of activities which the support education of youth to learn, understand and act on behalf of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). This is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because it promotes national policies toward inclusion and continues the important objective of educating the public about people with intellectual disabilities.

Best Buddies Education Programs

Request: \$10,000,000

Best Buddies International

100 Southeast 2nd Street

Miami, FL 33131

The Best Buddies Empowerment for People with Intellectual Disabilities Project is a national initiative with the goal of empowering people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) through social integration and meaningful employment while simultaneously raising public awareness of the need for and benefits of social inclusion. This national project is a valuable use of taxpayer funds because the Best Buddies Empowerment for People with Intellectual Disabilities Project provides opportunities for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities to participate in social and recreational activities with non-disabled peers thus integrating them into society.