

Organization

Accessible Resources for Independence

African Diaspora Affairs

Brock Bridge Elementary School

Caring Cupboard

Leading by Feeding

Maryland City Elementary School

MD City at Russett Library

MD City Communities Association

Monarch Academy

Russett Community Association

Total Awards: \$ Total Awarded: Youth Impacted: Elderly Impacted: Disability Impacted: Individuals Assisted: % Low/Mod Income (when reported)

% Minority (non-white/hispanic, of those that reported)

ACDS Administered FY 2023 Laurel Raceco

Note: Fund balance figures are accurate as of August 30, 2023

Project	Final Award	
Laurel Outreach and Assistance Project	\$	10,538.00
African Heritage Festival/Repatriation Support	\$	30,000.00
Brock Bridge Community Wellness Initiative	\$	9,999.00
Feed Maryland City	\$	10,000.00
Free Mobile Community Markets	\$	50,000.00

Garden Space Revitalization & MCES Office Revitalization	\$	34,002.84
Portable study rooms for AACPL	\$	21,500.00
Median Beautification	\$	50,000.00
Kids at Play	\$	5,145.00
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Security Fence Installation	\$	150,000.00
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Funds Remaining

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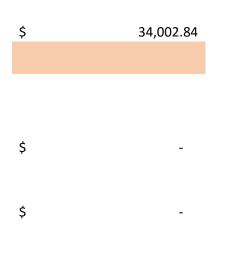
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Accomplishments

Funds were used to support the Laurel Outreach and Assistance project, through which ARI was able to provide targeted independent living supports and activities for individuals with a disability, including (but not limited to) peer mentoring and referrals to supports that will help meet basic needs (i.e., healthcare/insurance, quit tobacco/chronic disease self-management, health care access, financial management, assistive technology, affordable/accessible housing, systems advocacy, and youth self-advocacy). To date, ARI has provided referrals to 104 individuals and has connected to 22 organizations in the Laurel area to raise awareness of their services.

Funds were used to support hosting the 2022 Anne Arundel County African Heritage Festival, which was held on Saturday, September 24th at Laurel Race Track. Approximately 6,000 people participated in the festival where they were able to connect with Anne Arundel County government agencies, voter registration assistance and other community resources. In total, the event hosted over 100 unique vendors.

Implementation for this grant was delayed due to issues with the intermediary organization that was intended to receive the funds. ACDS is now working directly with AACPS as a one time solution to execute a contract and move this project forward.

Funds were used to purchase food for their mobile food pantry operating within the LRCIF service area. Due to supply chain issues, the mobile food pantry not operational until Q4 of the grant period. One pantry was held at Maryland City Elementary School - unfortunately, no families attended. Based on feedback from the bilingual facilitators at the school, it is understood that many families are wary of accepting new programs, especially when it is perceived that the government is involved. Caring Cupboard is working closely with the school administration and other local stakeholders to ensure that the pantries are more successful in the new school year.

Funds were used to support Leading By Feeding's Free Mobile Community Markets in Maryland City. Leading by Feeding conducted 12 food distribution events in the 3-mile radius serving 5,739 area households during the FY23 grant period. This resulted in a total of 14,832 pounds of food being distributed to residents in the 3-mile radius. Implementation for this grant was delayed due to issues with the intermediary organization that was intended to receive the funds. ACDS is now working directly with AACPS as a one time solution to execute a contract and move this project forward.

Grant awarded directly through the County

Funds were used to maintain the landscaping on the median strip on Route 198 from the B&W Parkway westbound to the "Welcome" sign at the line between Anne Arundel And Prince George's Counties. This included mowing, mulching, litter removal and plant replacements, as needed.

Funds were used to purchase outdoor play equipment, art supplies, secure storage for classrooms and flexible seating for 2nd grade classrooms at the Monarch Academy.

Funds were used to install approximately 2,000 linear feet of steel privacy fence along the Russet Community perimeter in order to enhance security within the Community and limit unwanted access by external parties to the Association's neighborhoods. The project is complete - the balance reflected here is pending submission by Russett Community Association of final permitting documentation in order for ACDS to process payment.