



# ACDS Administered FY 2024 Laurel Racecourse Impact Func

*Note: Fund balance figures are accurate as of September 9, 2024*

Organization	Project	Final Award	Funds Remaining
Accessible Resources for Independence	Laurel Outreach and Assistance Project	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 8,775.00
African Diaspora Affairs	Anne Arundel County African Heritage Festival	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
Anne Arundel County Food Bank, Inc.	Laurel Race Course Area Pantry Support	\$ 50,000.00	\$ -
Brock Bridge Elementary School*	Brock Bridge Community Wellness Initiative	\$ 9,999.00	\$ -
HOPE For All, Inc.	Turning Houses into Homes	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 4,970.00
iCommunity Connection Services, Inc.	VetConnecr Support for Veterans	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,792.67

Kingdom Kare, Inc.	Family Support Center Van	\$	45,000.00	\$	-
Laurel Advocacy and Referral Services, Inc.	LARS Self-Sufficiency Program	\$	30,000.00	\$	18,823.62
Leading by Feeding	Mobile Food Markets	\$	14,000.00	\$	-
Maryland City Elementary School*	Garden Space Revitalization & MCES Office Revitalization	\$	34,002.84	\$	17,874.57
Maryland City Communities Association	Beautification of Rt. 198 and Schools	\$	60,000.00	\$	-
Maryland City Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad, Inc.	Emergency Message Board	\$	35,000.00	\$	-
Monarch Academy	Monarch Media Center Beautification	\$	18,400.00	\$	-
Partners in CareMaryland, Inc.	Outreach to Seniors	\$	10,000.00	\$	804.58

Restoration Community Development Corporation	Food and Baby Pantry at Brock Bridge Elementary	\$	20,000.00	\$	-
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University of Maryland Baltimore Washington Medical Center	Partnership for Healthy Living Series	\$	49,600.00	\$	2,378.99
		\$	437,001.84		

Total Awards:		16	*AACPS grants were awarded in FY23, but were not under conta		
\$ Total Awarded:	\$	377,582.41	This number is awarded minus not yet used/unencumbered fud		
Youth Impacted:		846			
Elderly Impacted:		73			
Disability Impacted:		70			
Individuals Assisted:		23963			
% Low/Mod Income (when reported)		94%			
% Minority (non-white/hispanic, of those that reported)		88%			

# I Grants

## 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 20 individuals and mentoring to 5 individuals.

Funds were used to support hosting the 2023 Anne Arundel County African Heritage Festival, which was held on Saturday, September 9th at Laurel Race Track. Approximately 4,000 people participated in the festival where they were able to connect with Anne Arundel County government agencies, voter registration assistance and other community resources. There were 8,459 registrants for the event but the event had to end at 3pm due to inclement weather. In total, the event hosted over 166 unique vendors.

Funds were used to support two Anne Arundel County Food Bank Member Agency Partners, Maryland City and RCDC Brock Bridge Park (both of which are located within a three-mile radius of Laurel Raceway), that are experiencing increasing requests for resources. A total of 112,664 pounds of food and basic necessities were distributed within the 3-mile zone of Laurel Race Course. This was distributed among 23 distributions serving 3,192 households.

Funds were used to provide eligible students at Brock Bridge Elementary School with an afterschool snack or dinner option from January - June 2024, which served 80 families. In addition, two events were held: The Taste of Brock Bridge and a Color Run. There were 200 participants in the Taste of Brock Bridge Event, and 205 participants in the Color Run event.

Funds were used to support the Turning Houses into Homes Program. This will help to purchase, process, provide, and deliver beds, basic furniture, and basic goods at no cost to households in need within the 3-mile radius of Laurel Race Course. In FY 2024, 21 households were supported in the 3-mile radius. Remaining funds will be used to support Turning Houses into Homes in the 3-mile radius in FY 2025.

Funds were used to support the VetConnect Program and offer services to Veterans in the target area. VetConnect is a Kiosk Program application-based program developed by Simon solutions for ICCS to allow veterans that are incarcerated, with language barriers, veterans with disabilities or vision loss, or transportation difficulties be able to apply for military benefits. A total of 42 Veterans were assisted while ICCS was operating in FY 2024. The remaining funds have been unencumbered as iCommunity Connection Services, Inc.'s Board of Trustees decided to dissolve the organization in April of 2024.

Funds were used for a down payment and monthly payments to offset some of the cost of purchasing a van for transportation to the Family Support Center, which serves teen mothers and their babies ages 12-18 years old. Kingdom Kare provides door-to-door transportation for the teen mothers to attend the family support center, attend classes at the facility and offer free childcare for their children ages birth-three years old. 14 of the mothers served in the program resided in the 3-mile radius of the Race Course.

Funds were used to support the Self Sufficiency Program for Anne Arundel County residents in zip code 20724. There were 13 outreach events to promote the Self Sufficiency Program, and 5 households were enrolled into the Self Sufficiency Program to work toward stabilizing the household and creating a plan toward long-term stability and self-sufficiency. Remaining funds will be utilized to continue this work in FY 2025.

Funds were used to facilitate Free Mobile Community Markets in Maryland City and Maryland City Park. A total of 823 households were served across nine distribution events.

Funds have been used to purchase furniture to refresh the main office space, as well as equipment for the outdoor learning space. Remaining funds will be used to complete these projects.

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, as well as planting beds at the entrances of Maryland City and Brock Bridge Schools. This included mowing, mulching, litter removal and plant replacements, as needed.

Funds were used to offset the costs to remove, replace, and install a new Emergency Messaging Board in front of the Maryland City Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad Inc. In addition, staff has been trained on sign functionality.

Funds were used for library enhancements, specifically a new circulation desk that is ADA compliant and mobile shelving. Over 1,000 individuals that utilize the Library/media space have benefitted from the updated equipment.

Funds were used to increase awareness of an participation in Partner's in Care's free programs and services that help older adults age 60+ to age in place. Six new members from the 3-mile radius joined and 21 services were provided. The remaining funds will be used in FY 2025 to continue outreach in the 3-mile area.

Funds were used to host bi-weekly distributions for food, baby products, and adult care items for seniors at Brock Bridge Elementary School. Cumulatively, over 8,000 instances of service were recorded by Restoration Community Development Corporation in FY 2024.

Funds were used to facilitate a healthy living and wellbeing program for Maryland City Elementary School youth, families and their surrounding community. The program shifted from a 4-6 week session during the fiscal year to ongoing weekly support programs for parents and guardians with students within MCES, and families with young children who may not be within the school system just yet. This resulted in reaching 880 individuals with this programming. The remaining funds were unencumbered.

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