

Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger has submitted funding requests for important community projects in Maryland's Second District to the House Appropriations Committee for Fiscal Year 2022. Under guidelines issued by the Appropriations Committee, each Representative may request funding for up to 10 projects in their community – although only a handful may actually be funded. Projects are restricted to a limited number of federal funding streams, and only state and local governments and eligible non-profit entities are permitted to receive funding. Additional information on the reforms governing Community Project Funding is available [here](#).

In compliance with House Rules and Committee requirements, Congressman Ruppersberger has certified that he, his spouse, and his immediate family have no financial interest in any of the projects he has requested.

For more information about submitting a Community Project Funding request for future years, please call our Washington, DC, office at 202-225-3061. You can find general information about the process from the House Appropriations Committee [here](#).

Requests for FY2022:

Project Name: MedStar Harbor Hospital Health Center

Amount: \$867,540

Recipient: Harbor Hospital, Inc., 3001 South Hanover Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21225

Explanation of Request: In April 2020, MedStar Harbor Hospital launched a new mobile service to serve the communities of South Baltimore. This Mobile Health Center travels to convenient locations including, Cherry Hill, Brooklyn, Westport, and Curtis Bay/Hawkins Point locations chosen with input and guidance from the communities on a regular, well-advertised schedule. This clinic on wheels has a unique and powerful purpose: to provide greater access to care, and to better meet the needs of the communities we serve. Care services that are available within this roving unit include primary care, preventative care, routine screening, chronic disease management, and COVID-19 vaccine distribution. The unit operates over 30 hours each week (Monday-Thursday) visiting 8 locations in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel County. Decisions for each site location were based on the needs and vulnerabilities of the population served and leverages community partnership to offer patients resources to address social needs (food insecurity, stable housing, employment, etc.). The requested funding will cover one year of annual operating costs of the Mobile Health Unit and the purchase of an additional Mobile Health Unit to expand primary care services to the

community to address chronic disease management and prevention and vaccine distribution. This will include greater focus coordination and linkages to care between visits. Many of these interactions will be improved by the ability to hold virtual visits to see the patient while discussing their concerns. Video and teleconferencing equipment will help us to extend the reach of these services to patients and caregivers at home and remote locations. Through this initiative, the aim is to eliminate the common barriers to both real and perceived healthcare access and move towards improved population health and health equity for some of our region's most vulnerable residents.

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Project Name: Ashley Addiction Treatment (AAT) Center Substance Abuse Disorder Initiative

Amount: \$531,388

Recipient: Ashely, Inc., 800 Tydings Lane, Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078

Explanation of Request: This AAT initiative would allocate funding for a substance abuse research institute, administered in partnership with faculty at John Hopkins University and Baltimore's Helping Up Mission. The institute would have a concentrated focus on developing best practices for substance abuse treatment within low-resource and minority communities, and specialize in researching the effectiveness of treatment modalities for people suffering from the disease of addiction, in addition to evaluating the effectiveness of various pharmaceutical interventions. This partnership would build upon previous AAT efforts in advancing scientific research to identify and implement new forms of treatment. Allocated funds would cover the salaries of research scientists and all associated support infrastructure costs. The initiative would significantly improve AAT's ability to provide quality treatment to Maryland residents suffering from opioid and other substance addictions.

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Project Name: Living Classroom Foundation Crisis Management System

Amount: \$750,000

Recipient: Living Classroom Foundation, 802 South Caroline Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21231

Explanation of Request: The Living Classroom Foundation is requesting \$750,000 to establish a Crisis Management System to work in tandem with their existing Workforce Development System and strengthen their State Streets initiative. Safe Streets violence prevention efforts in McElderry Park (since 2008) and Belair-Edison (since 2018) have been effective at mediating

conflicts which may lead to violence via the Cure Violence model (formerly Ceasefire developed in Chicago). This project will strengthen and expand upon the existing Safe Streets initiative by streamlining and increasing access to work through a rapidly expanding network of essential skills training, job training, and job placement opportunities offered by both LCF and their partners. As part of this new system, LCF will assemble a team of Case Managers and community members who will be trained to mediate disputes and dedicated to helping individuals navigate alternatives to gun violence. The team will identify individuals and families who are at risk of being involved or have been affected by violence and connect them with immediate job training opportunities and other wrap-around supports in real time. Through continued partnerships and Resource Asset Mapping, they will build a comprehensive network of resources that draw upon evidence-based best practices and address underlying issues to reduce violence long-term.

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Project Name: Telemedicine Support in Baltimore City Senior Centers

Amount: \$2,000,000

Recipient: City of Baltimore, 100 North Holliday Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Explanation of Request: The Baltimore City Health Department and the Office of Broadband and Digital Equity (on behalf of the City's senior centers) is proposing a project to address the digital divide among seniors in Baltimore City. It will tackle some of the most pressing health issues facing older adults, including increasing social isolation, mental health, and physical health such as hypertension and diabetes. The project plans to extend fiber connectivity to all 13 City senior centers (7 City-owned, 6 not-for-profit), provide devices and connectivity to enable telehealth services for up to 1,000 older adults, and implement a telemedicine model at 3 of our centers with the most need. This proposal will enable the City to upgrade the fundamental infrastructure within the senior centers and build upon efforts that work well to address health outcomes for some of our most vulnerable residents.

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Project Name: LifeBridge Health Community Violence Cessation Program

Amount: \$600,000

Recipient: Lifebridge Health, Inc., 2401 W. Belvedere Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215

Explanation of Request: Decades of research show trauma and violence –

especially in childhood – can have lifelong effects. Victims of violence experience re-victimization, dramatically decreased health outcomes, opioid and drug abuse, mental health issues, incarceration, and early death at higher rates. Even witnessing violence or growing up in a neighborhood stricken by community violence, can also alter a person’s brain chemistry, coping skills, judgment and physical health. Many future poor health and violent outcomes are rooted in abusive and traumatic childhoods and growing up in communities stricken by violence. The effects of violence cripple people, families and communities. The Program: LifeBridge Health, a research-based community health system, is pioneering the Center for Hope, a new comprehensive approach to address and prevent violence throughout our patients’ and our community’s lifespans. Drawing on national best practices and evidence-based methods, LifeBridge Health can interrupt the cyclical nature of violence with a coordinated multi-disciplinary team approach, which extends beyond the walls of hospital. LifeBridge Health’s Center for Hope includes a nationally accredited children’s advocacy center (Baltimore Child Abuse Center), a team of hospital-based, emergency department violence responders operating within the Cure Violence framework, two domestic violence response teams, a proven community-based violence interruption program (Safe Streets), and an elder justice advocacy response. Survivors, caregivers, and clients are supported on their way to wellness through counseling, case management, workforce development, and education. Funding would work to end the cycle of violence at a moment when the victims and perpetrators may be most receptive to behavioral modification.

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Project Name: University of Maryland Medical Center R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Violence Prevention Program

Amount: \$496,330

Recipient: University of Maryland Medical Center R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Violence Prevention Program, 22 South Greene Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201

Explanation of Request: The primary goal of this project is to reduce the rate and recidivism for violent, interpersonal injury. Violence is the third leading cause of admission to the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, and through this project the Violence Prevention Program (VPP) would offer the following services to the over 1,100 victims of violence admitted each year: individual case management, trauma therapy, community trauma response, legal services, peer support group, and counseling specific to the correlation of IPV and homicide. A key component of this project is to conduct research into the root causes of violence through an expansion of the strategic

partnership with the UM School of Medicine's Department of Epidemiology and Public Health. Publications will contribute to the campus-wide effort toward a Center for Excellence in Research on Violence, and demonstrate the cost-effectiveness of VPP interventions, and disseminate key achievement of the VPP programs and interventions. Federal funds will be used for contracts and research efforts. The outcomes of the efforts of this project will produce evidence-based programs targeting the root causes of violence through publication of a validated, replicable model demonstrating cost-effectiveness of using violence prevention as a public health approach in reducing community violence. This approach will target the correlation between Intimate Partner Violence and Homicide through a new initiative that will progress from concept to intervention. Federal funds will be used for salaries, operations, therapeutic resources, and academic evaluation.

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Project Name: 9-1-1 Diversion Pilot Expansion

Amount: \$2,000,000

Recipient: City of Baltimore, 100 N. Holliday Street, Office 246, Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Explanation of Request: To implement an expansion of a 9-1-1 Diversion Pilot in collaboration with a community-based service provider, Baltimore Crisis Response Inc, that will divert non-urgent or low-risk calls, referring them to behavioral health crisis response instead of police responses. Expanded program will increase the number of calls diverted by increasing the community partners assisting in diversions and the types of calls available for diversion. A non-police responder program will benefit everyone with these identified outcomes and best practices: community-based, client-centered, trauma-informed response that promotes clients' dignity, autonomy, self-determination, and resiliency; harm reduction model; reduction of police interactions with vulnerable populations; and lower cost response to non-criminal, non-violent emergency calls.

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Project Name: National Trauma Research Repository Data Population Project

Amount: \$1,900,000

Recipient: Coalition for National Trauma Research, 9901 1H 10 West, Suite 720, San Antonio, TX 78230

Explanation of Request: The National Trauma Research Repository (NTRR)

was built with the support of the Department of Defense and with a vision of a single central repository to house data from federally funded trauma clinical trials for further investigation. Now built and ready to accept data from both civilian and military trauma studies the NTRR can help surgeon scientists address some of the many gaps in medical knowledge without having to fund and run new clinical trials.

Subcommittee: Defense

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Project Name: The Discovery Center at Water's Edge

Amount: \$4,500,000

Recipient: APG Centennial Celebration Association(APG Discovery Center), 4505 Pulaski Highway, Belcamp, Maryland 21017

Explanation of Request: The Discovery Center at Water's Edge will be a major regional science, technology, and heritage center located along the Route 40 corridor in Belcamp, Maryland. It will be a place where students of all ages and abilities explore, experience, invent, create, and play with science and technology. Thanks to the proximity of Aberdeen Proving Ground, where groundbreaking science exploration is taking place every day, visitors to the Discovery Center will be able to see "tomorrow's technology today" and engage with the scientists inventing it.

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