

Maryland Jewish Advocacy

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Baltimore Jewish Community Budget Priorities

CAPITAL BUDGET

Hillel Student Center at College Park \$1 million FY19 - New Funding Request

Maryland Hillel is to commence construction of a new 38,000-square foot facility. Over the course of its seven decades of existence, Maryland Hillel's impact on campus has expanded beyond its immediate role of serving Jewish students who attend the University of Maryland. Today, the organization makes many substantial ecumenical contributions to the College Park community. The new facility will empower the organization to expand its functions and contributions to the student experience, including interfaith programming, social justice programming and guest lectures. Hillel is committed to promoting mutual respect, tolerance, understanding and cooperation among all students to enhance the campus community and develop community leaders for the future. With so many students from the Baltimore area attending the University of Maryland each year, Baltimore's Jewish community, including The Associated, have long been major supporters of the College Park Hillel. The \$1 million allocated in Governor's Hogan's proposed capital budget would assist in the development of the \$15 million to \$18 million overall project.

OPERATING BUDGET

Medical Home Extender Program - Sinai Hospital \$250,000 FY19

The Diabetes Medical Extender Program helps uninsured and underinsured people with diabetes obtain increased access to care in their homes, reducing the need for hospital and emergency room visits. Diabetes is the third most common cause of Medicaid hospital readmissions. This program helps patients better manage their conditions and avoid hospital readmission by combining the primary care of internal medicine physicians with the supportive services of community nurses and social workers. Sinai Hospital and the State of Maryland have saved a combined \$1.5 million after three successful years of the program.

Elder Abuse Program - Joint Associated Project \$75,000 FY19

Data from the 2010 National Elder Mistreatment Study indicates that 1 in 10 respondents over the age of 60 reported abuse in 2009. Currently, over 15% of Marylanders are over the age of 60 and the percentage is steadily increasing. This means that over 80,000 elderly Marylanders could be experiencing abuse by a family member or caretaker every year. The Stop Abuse of Elders Program (SAFE) was established to treat and prevent elder abuse. This collaboration between agencies of The Associated provides an effective and coordinated response for victims and their families and supplies prevention education for the community.

Supportive Community Network: Empowering Older Adults to Thrive in Supportive Communities

\$225,000 FY19

The Senior Friendly Neighborhoods (SFN) program began a decade ago as a pilot project with significant, but temporary, financial support from the U.S. Department of Aging. The Associated, the Maryland Department of Aging and local foundations now fund the program, which has undergone structural changes in recent years to fulfill the needs of a growing, aging community. The old model struggled with recouping expenses, as program income was limited geographically and necessitated this more sustainable model. With support from The Associated and the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation, in 2012 Comprehensive Housing Assistance Inc. (CHAI) (a SFN partner agency) launched the Supportive Community “Village” model, to help seniors age-in-place. Strong membership-based ‘buy-in’ in the village contributes to making this model sustainable using thousands of hours of volunteer time, as well as membership-based dues structures and member-led fundraising efforts.

Aging-in-Place for Holocaust Survivors

\$350,000 FY19

Needs of Holocaust Survivors are increasing every year as they advance in age. From FY17 to FY18 Jewish Community Services (JCS) saw an increase of over \$200,000 in needs for survivors. While JCS receives some funding from the Conference on Material Claims Against Germany and, as well as funding from The Associated, to subsidize the cost of in-home personal care for Holocaust Survivors, this funding is not enough to allow many survivors to age in their own homes, forcing them to move into state-supported elderly care facilities where they are often a risk to themselves and others due to PTSD resultant from the Holocaust.

Maryland Israel Development Center (MIDC)

\$275,000 FY19

The Maryland-Israel Development Center (MIDC) is a non-profit economic development organization that promotes job creation by facilitating bilateral trade, investment, and R&D cooperation between Maryland and Israel. MIDC was established in 1992 as a partnership of The Associated, Maryland’s Department of Business and Economic Development (DBED) and Israel’s Ministry of Industry Trade (IMIT). Currently, more than 30 Israeli companies have created their American headquarters in Maryland thanks to MIDC’s various outreach efforts to Israeli cybersecurity and pharmaceutical companies. The MIDC organized Governor Hogan’s successful trade mission to Israel in fall 2016.

Supplementary Requests

- a. We urge the legislature to continue to support non-public school education, including level funding for textbooks and technology and the Non-Public Aging Schools Program, as well as increased funding for the BOOST Scholarship Grant initiative.
- b. We request that the legislature support the \$2 million in the operating budget to fund grants for security-related projects to schools and child care centers determined to be at risk of certain hate crimes or attacks, as authorized by 2017’s Senate Bill 1191.
- c. We ask the legislature to support several statewide operating budget funding sources, which assist in the work being done by Associated agencies.