Washington County
MARYLAND

OFFICE OF GRANT MANAGEMENT
DIVISION OF BUDGET & FINANCE

November 23, 2026

Dear Applicant:

Thank you for your interest in the FY28 Community Organization Funding Cycle. Included with this letter is the Notice of Funding Availability which includes important information and the links to guidelines and application documents. Online documents will be available on or about December 1, 2026. Deadline for submission is Wednesday, January 6, 2027, at **12:00 noon.**

We encourage you to read through the packet thoroughly before you begin the application process to become familiar with any changes from previous funding cycles. All guidance for this funding cycle is laid out in the Application Guidelines and Requirements document. Some of the most notable are highlighted below:

- **Office staff will not be checking applications for accuracy or completeness at the time of submission.**
- **Submissions not received by January 6, 2027, at 12:00 noon will not be reviewed.**
- **Scoring will be done using a rubric.**
- **Letters of support are highly encouraged.**
- **Organization must be in good standing at the time of submission and evidence of such must be included in your submission.**
- **Submission must be signed by an authorized representative.**
- **Hard copies and electronic submission must both be submitted by the due date.**
- **Grant Reports are no longer required to be submitted at the time of application.**

Each year the funding process gets increasingly competitive. Changes to this year's application have been put in place to assist in streamlining the process and providing your organization with the best opportunity to showcase the work you are doing in the community. To help provide clarity and to answer any questions you may have about the changes, we will be offering a grant workshop on Wednesday, December 2nd from 9:00-10:30 am. They will be held via Zoom with limited in person option if needed. Please email us if you wish to participate in one of these informational sessions.

Thank you kindly for your interest and please feel free to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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