



MEETING MINUTES

**March 19, 2025
6:00 p.m.**

**Severn Library
2624 Annapolis Rd., Severn, MD 21144**

LDC Members Present:

Cathy Bracey-Tynes
Karen McJunkin
Donzella Parker-Bert
Gene Condon
Kam Cooke
Delegate Mike Rogers
Delegate Sandy Bartlett
Travis Lamb
Stephen Reigle
Nicole Martin-King
Spencer Dixon for Senator Beidle

Absent: Delegate Mark Chang, Daryl Jones, Quincy Bareebe, Senator Pam Beidle, Councilman Pete Smith

Also Present: Hannah Dier, Anne Arundel County CAO; Elisha Harig-Blaine, ACDS; Tracey Mullery, ACDS

I. Call to Order – Karen McJunkin, called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. Approval of February Meeting Minutes

Donzella Parker-Bert made a motion to approve the February Meeting Minutes; Travis Lamb seconded, and the motion was passed.

III. FY 2026 Community Grant Presentations

Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center (*Exhibit I*) – Penni Walker Doyle, Re-Entry Director, presented.

Penni Walker Doyle began her presentation giving an overview of Anne Arundel Conflict Resolution Center, AACRC, which is a small organization relying heavily on the work of volunteers. The clients that come for services have the answers to resolve their conflicts, but need help identifying the feelings, values, and language to navigate and resolve the conflict at hand. Some of their work is for court ordered cases, while others are aiding individuals to resolve custody or division of assets and can help individuals avoid increased conflict and attorney fees. AACRC conduct anger management classes pretrial for individuals the court feels would benefit from this work, as well as anger management courses in three detention facilities, of which the funding request would pertain to work executed at Maryland Correctional Institute for Women, MCIW. Penni provides anger management classes 6 times per week. She serves approximately 50 people per month in MCIW. These classes aid incarcerated individuals in reducing anger and violent behavior which can reduce sentence time.

FY 2026 Total Request: \$40,000.00

Anne Arundel County Community Action Agency (*Exhibit II*) – Julie Snyder, Director of Community Engagement, presented.

Julie Snyder began her presentation giving an overview of the Community Action Agency, CAA, and the work CAA does in Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis assisting the county's most vulnerable populations. The needs in the community continue to grow since the end of the covid pandemic, and the increased need in the 3-mile radius increased by 32 percent from FY 23 to FY 24 with an annual decrease in funding after pandemic related federal funds ended. In Anne Arundel County there is a shortage of affordable housing units and increasing rent, which has seen an increase in evictions in Anne Arundel County while other counties have stabilized in this post pandemic period. Currently there is a waitlist for area shelters, housing vouchers, and public housing in Anne Arundel County. There are two housing counselors that work in the 3-mile radius. Increased area outreach and are at the Severn Center two times a month, to be aligned with other service providers, these dates are in addition to being present in the area to connect area residents with services.

It was noted that CAA can only aid someone once a year. CAA will review their finances to ensure helping clients is sustainable and can help them move forward. They will refer individuals to other organizations that may be able to help them or work with organizations to attain the funding needed for that client.

Julie noted that the funding would be for direct client services during the meeting, which is not in line with the request in the application. Following the meeting, the Community Action Agency confirmed the requested funds will be used for salary expenses and will not be used for direct client services.

FY 2026 Total Request: \$40,000.00

Shelley's House (*Exhibit III*) – Sheretha Moore, Executive Director, presented.

Sheretha Moore began her presentation sharing FY 25 program accomplishments. With LDC funding Shelley's House was able to expand reach and provide health and wellness interventions to youth. Weekly meetings are held at the Severn Center which include yoga, peer support group workshops, group therapy with licensed clinicians. In addition, youth participated in field trips to martial arts for kick boxing class, Maryland Terrapins Basketball games, Great Blacks in Wax Museum, went to symphony, Baltimore Aquarium, and coastal cleanup. The program goal is to build confidence, which lends to greater involvement and increased academic achievement. Participants and their care takers have noted an increase in confidence among program participants.

Looking to purchase a 15-passenger van to ensure residents have safe transport to and from the program, as well as having transportation to field trips. Additional funds will allow for an increase from club meetings once a week to twice a week. Also want to increase nature-based art program. Reduce screen time by increasing time doing outdoor activities such as fishing, hiking, camping, and kayaking.

Cathy Bracey-Tynes requested that Shelley's House investigate partnering with the Police Department's Youth Activity Program, as they are also funded with Local Development Council, and a potential partnership may fulfill some of these needs.

FY 2026 Total Request: \$40,000.00

The Bill Sweeney Perinatal Care Fund (*Exhibit IV*) – Heather Silver, President, presented.

Heather Silver began her presentation giving an overview of the organization, which was created in Dr. Bill Sweeney's legacy caring for families suffering the grief of perinatal death or traumatic loss of an infant. The organization was started in 2019 and volunteer run. The goal with this funding is to serve 320 individuals in the 3-mile radius with one on one and group counseling, healthcare training to at least 20 providers that encounter a family with a perinatal death and reducing the stigma of this loss. In addition, funds would be used for four outreach events to raise awareness. Currently work with Luminis Health for support through their hospital, with grant funds the program will expand to work with the Baltimore Washington Medical Center as well to increase reach to residents in the 3-mile radius.

50 percent of the proposed budget will be allocated to an Executive Director salary and benefits, funds will also be used to provide bereavement services, and healthcare provider training. The total budget varies per year, last fiscal year the budget was 88,000 dollars. Additional funds would aid with increased costs of insurance and other expenses, and additional funding would allow more area residents to be served and increase awareness.

FY 2026 Total Request: \$40,000.00

IV. Finalize FY 25 Agency and Invitation Award Recommendations

Go to 45:22 in the recording to pick up where you left off.

County Agencies:

1. AACo Fire Department

Requested: \$5,198,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$4,148,000.00

Motion to approve – Gene Condon, Second – Travis Lamb, motion passed 12-0

2. AACo Police Department

Requested: \$4,330,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$4,039,000.00

Motion to approve – Gene Condon, Second- Donzella Parker-Bert, motion passed 12-0

3. AACo Department of Public Works

Requested: \$3,500,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$3,500,000.00

Motion to approve – Travis Lamb, Second – Donzella Parker-Bert, motion passed 12-0

4. AACo Department of Transportation

Requested: \$240,000.00 to maintain or \$2,342,400.00 to expand Call n' Ride

LDC Recommended: \$240,000.00

Motion to approve – Travis Lamb, Second – Karen McJunkin, motion passed 12-0

5. AACo Recreation & Parks

Requested: Commitment to support one of three proposed large capital projects in the Severn area.

LDC Recommended: Committed to supporting a West County Swim Center Project

Motion to approve – Delegate Rogers, Second – Kam Cooke, motion passed 12-0

Side note - the Provinces Community needs to work with Rec & Parks to submit an application or request for improvements the community would like to see executed in the public park abutting their community.

Additional note - that invitation grants consist of groups that are considered to provide essential services to the area and are considered for funding annually without the three-year funding limit of Community Grants. This can be up for discussion in the future as

the list has continued to grow.

6. AACo Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families

Requested: \$300,800.00

LDC Recommended: \$300,800.00

Motion to approve – Gene Condon, Second – Cathy Bracey-Tynes, motion passed 12-0

7. AACo Community College

Requested: \$2,000,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$2,000,000.00

Motion to approve – Travis Lamb, Second – Donzella Parker-Bert, motion passed 12-0

8. AACo Workforce Development

Requested: \$370,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$370,000.00

Motion to approve – Travis Lamb, Second - Delegate Bartlett, motion passed 12-0

9. AACo Public Schools

Requested: \$733,280.00

AACPS rescinded request for \$400,000.00 to Fund Concentric Attendance Services after inquiring for more details as per Local Development Council's request for additional information.

LDC Recommended: \$0.00

Motion to approve – Cathy Bracey-Tynes, Second -Delegate Rogers, motion passed 12-0

10. AACo Public Library

Requested: \$635,770.00

LDC Recommended: \$635,770.00

Motion to approve – Kam Cooke, Second – Donzella Parker-Bert, motion passed 12-0

ACDS implementation fee of \$10,292.00 was added after the vote and circulated to the Local Development Council.

Invitation Grants:

1. Annapolis Maritime Museum

Requested: \$43,544.00

LDC Recommended: \$43,544.00

Motion to approve – Donzella Parker-Bert, Second – Travis Lamb, motion passed 12-0

2. Boys & Girls Clubs of Annapolis & Anne Arundel County

Requested: \$175,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$175,000.000

Motion to approve – Travis Lamb, Second – Cathy Bracey-Tynes, motion passed 12-0

3. Arundel Community Development Services (Administration)

Requested: \$150,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$150,000.00

Motion to approve – Gene Condon, Second – Travis Lamb, motion passed 12-0

4. Anne Arundel County Food Bank

Requested: \$581,892.00

LDC Recommended: \$581,892.00

Motion to approve – Delegate Rogers, Second – Travis Lamb, motion passed 12-0

5. BWI Community Foundation, Inc. (Fort Meade Shuttle)

Requested: \$917,889.00

LDC Recommended: \$971,889.00

Motion to approve – Stephen Reigle, Second – Cathy Bracey-Tynes, motion passed 12-0

6. BWI Community Foundation, Inc. (Roadside Beautification and Trash Removal)

Requested: \$513,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$513,000.00

Motion to approve – Travis Lamb, Second – Cathy Bracey-Tynes, motion passed 12-0

7. Christian Assistance Program

Request: \$50,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$50,000.00

Motion to approve – Gene Condon, Second – Travis Lamb, motion passed 12-0

8. Coalition for Public Safety Training in Schools

Request: \$40,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$40,000.00

Motion to approve – Stephen Reigle, Second – Delegate Bartlett, motion passed 12-0

9. Housing Commission of Anne Arundel County & Chase Your Dreams Initiative

Request: \$50,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$50,000.00

Motion to approve – Delegate Bartlett, Second – Travis Lamb, motion passed 12-0

10. HOPE for All

Request: \$66,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$66,000.00

Motion to approve – Delegate Rogers, Second – Delegate Bartlett, motion passed 12-0

11. Kingdom Kare, Inc. - Family Support Center; Mentoring; Violence Interruption Program

Request: \$135,000.00; \$45,000.00; \$90,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$135,000.00; \$45,000.00; \$90,000.00

Motion to approve – Gene Condon, Second – Karen McJunkin, motion passed 12-0

12. Meade Senior High School Parent Teacher Student Association

Request: \$90,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$90,000.00

Motion to approve – Gene Condon, Second – Delegate Rogers, motion passed 12-0

13. My Life Foundation

Request: \$40,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$40,000.00

Motion to approve – Travis Lamb, Second – Donzella Parker-Bert, motion passed 12-0

14. Partners in Care, Inc.

Request: \$40,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$40,000.00

Motion to approve – Karen McJunkin, Second – Donzella Parker-Bert, motion passed 12-0

15. Sarah's House

Request: \$114,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$114,000.00

Motion to approved – Gene Condon, Second – Kam Cooke, motion passed 12-0

16. Start the Adventure in Reading (STAIR)

Request: \$40,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$40,000.00

Motion to approve – Donzella Parker-Bert, Second – Stephen Reigle, motion passed 12-0

17. Stillmeadows Condominium No. Two (Roof Replacement Project)

Request: \$800,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$300,000.00

Motion to approve – Karen McJunkin, Second – Gene Condon, motion passed 12-0

Motion for funding passed with condition that funding will be multiyear this being the first year of funding, and further stipulated that the project will be managed by ACDS.

18. Assistance League of the Chesapeake

Request: \$40,000.00

LDC Recommended: \$40,000.00

Motion to approve – Travis Lamb, Second – Gene Condon, motion passed 12-0

19. Community Grant Awards

Requested: \$400,00

LDC Recommended: \$400,000.00

Motion to approve – Gene Condon, Second – Travis Lamb, motion passed 12-0

V. Public Comment

Dan Donovan of CAP noted that it might be of interest to the LDC and Food Bank that the Department of Agriculture recently eliminated its local food purchasing assistance cooperative agreement program, as part of the reduction in Federal Government, which cut \$500 million in funding to food banks across the country that was earmarked for the purchase of locally grown food, and noted the trickle down will likely be seen by the Anne Arundel County Food Bank.

VI. Karen McJunkin adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:28 p.m.