

# Maryland Jewish Advocacy

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## CAPITAL BUDGET

### **Pearlstone Center Renovation and Expansion**

**\$500,000 FY22**

Utilizing 180 acres of rolling hills, farmland, and forest in northwest Baltimore County, the Pearlstone Campus impacts over 20,000 annual participants from across the state of Maryland. Since 2014, Pearlstone has partnered with Baltimore City Schools to create transformative outdoor environmental experiences for city students from some of Baltimore's most challenged neighborhoods. In order to accommodate more community visitors and expanded programming, a new Pearlstone Campus Master Plan has been crafted. The plan will double Pearlstone's impact and engage over 40,000 annual participants, including 1,000 public school students at the Multicultural Village. The Village will feature six bunkhouses with a capacity for up to 120 students each night. The full plan will cost approximately \$19 million, with almost \$8 million already raised.

### **Community Primary and Specialty Care Building at Sinai Hospital of Baltimore**

**\$1 million FY22**

The Complex will provide wraparound patient care for children and adults with chronic health conditions. Access to high quality healthcare has never been more critical. This new complex will serve as a one stop destination for patients to see a number of providers, while increasing our region's healthcare capacity. The complex will reduce preventable emergency room visits by combining collaborative, multidisciplinary outpatient care at the primary, specialty and subspecialty levels. In turn, this will lower costs for patients and the state while increasing the health of the local community. This is the final \$1 million, of a total \$6 million request.

## OPERATING BUDGET

### **LifeBridge Health Diabetes Medical Home Extender Program**

**\$250,000 FY22 (Level Funding)**

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. LifeBridge would ultimately like to expand this program to its Carroll Hospital to demonstrate its impact on a more rural patient population.

## **SAFE Elder Abuse Program**

### **\$75,000 FY22 (Level Funding)**

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 18% of Marylanders are over the age of 60 and the percentage is steadily increasing. This means that over 111,000 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.

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

### **\$225,000 FY22 (Level Funding)**

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 FY22 (Level Funding)**

Needs of Holocaust Survivors are increasing every year as they advance in age. The numbers of Holocaust survivors requiring personal care assistance from Jewish Community Services (JCS) has been increasing, from an average of 88 clients per month in FY 2016 to over 110 per month in FY 2019. While JCS receives some funding from the Conference on Material Claims Against Germany, 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. This could force them to move into state-supported elderly care facilities, where they are often a risk to themselves and others due to PTSD related to their experiences during the Holocaust.

## **Maryland Israel Development Center (MIDC)**

### **\$300,000 FY22 (\$25,000 increase from FY21)**

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 Commerce, and Israel's Ministry of Industry Trade (IMIT). Currently, more than 32 Israeli companies have created their American headquarters in Maryland thanks to MIDC's various outreach efforts to Israeli cyber security and pharmaceutical companies. To continue this influx, MIDC is establishing a Maryland/Israel binational accelerator to help Israeli businesses find opportunities, partners and customers in the state. The accelerator held a successful pilot year, and MIDC plans to make it an annual program.