EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Education and Youth Development program aims to ensure that all of Baltimore’s children grow to be successful workers, engaged, informed citizens, and supportive family and community members.

Maryland Disability Law Center

$50,000 over one year to improve the attendance and engagement of students with disabilities in Baltimore secondary school

Playworks Baltimore

$50,000 over one year to support professional development training for its executive level staff to enhance the sustainability of their programs

Public Justice Center

$50,000 over one year to advocate for the implementation of policies and practices that promote educational continuity and academic success among high school students, including homeless students, in Baltimore City Public Schools

Safe and Sound

$100,000 over 18 months to support a collaborative initiative to improve student attendance in Baltimore City Public Schools

The Johns Hopkins University

$250,000 over one year to support the Baltimore Education Research Consortium’s efforts to research and broadly disseminate its findings on the educational progress of Baltimore City Public School students

Wide Angle Youth Media

$150,000 over eight months to support a youth-led effort to develop compelling school attendance messages and to provide student use of the “Walk Your Ride” learning services to improve public transportation services for Baltimore City Public School students

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Audacious thinking for lasting change.

We focus on three interconnected issues that must be addressed in order for the city to thrive. Our goals are audacious, but working with public and private partners, we offer pragmatic solutions.

The Criminal and Juvenile Justice Program Seeks to:

- Increase the number of Baltimore residents who are diverted from the criminal and juvenile justice systems, particularly those accused of non-violent offenses.
- Promote systemic reform of unfair criminal and juvenile justice policies and practices relating to arrest, pre-trial procedures, sentencing, conditions of confinement, and parole and probation.
- Ensure that individuals with criminal and juvenile records successfully reenter and reintegrate into Baltimore City.

The Education and Youth Development Program Aims to:

- Keep children connected to school pre-kindergarten.
- Support school reform efforts to create new schools.
- Expand opportunities for learning when school is not in session.

The Tackling Drug Addiction Treatment Initiative Works to:

- Use the opportunity of health care reform to help Baltimore City and Maryland as a whole reach nearly universal access to a comprehensive, high-quality public treatment system.
- Ensure access to high quality public treatment and related services for those that remain uninsured after the 2014 health care reform implementation.
- Facilitate the creation of and help to sustain a strong, diverse addiction treatment advocacy community, inclusive of those most affected by substance use disorder services policies.

The Baltimore Community Fellowships Program Continues to:

- Recruit, select and support dynamic, resourceful and committed social entrepreneurs to become Baltimore Community Fellows.
- Build an active corps of individuals committed to revitalizing underserved neighborhoods by providing resources for a growing Community Fellows alumni body, now over 100 individuals.

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The Vision

At the Open Society Institute-Baltimore, we have a vision of a healthy and prosperous city, one that provides real opportunity for all children and adults, especially those who live in poverty and are locked out because of race and ethnicity.

Two decades ago, OSI-Baltimore was created in 1991 to find solutions to problems that have challenged numerous urban centers, with the idea that many of the solutions found here could be translatable to other places around the country. With an advisory board composed of the city’s foremost leaders, practitioners, and thinkers, and a staff of exceptional professionals who are leaders in their fields, we analyzed the root causes of Baltimore’s problems. From there, we identified the interconnected issues that must be addressed in order for the city to thrive in the future. And we set out to find practical solutions to change the status quo.

Today, we continue to design and implement practical solutions to create a different city. With community partners and policy makers, OSI-Baltimore is developing effective solutions and making lasting change in Baltimore.

To Make This Vision a Reality, We:

- Help youth stay connected and engaged with school and on the road to success.
- Tackle drug addiction by making treatment readily accessible.
- Reduce incarceration for youth and adults, cutting the operating costs of prisons and jails.
- Build a growing corps of individuals working in the ground, directly with the community, that over the next fourteen years we have supported to the dignity of more than 50 Baltimore’s Youth Fellows – educated, social entrepreneurs and visionaries. They change lives every single day.

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

$25,000 over one year to support its education advisory program

American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland Foundation

$25,000 over one year to educate the public about the needs for effective, adequately resourced public schools to serve all of our family’s children, particularly those who are poor and who reside in Baltimore

Baltimore City Health Department

$25,000 over one year to support a project manager to oversee the implementation of an electronic student health record system in Baltimore City Public Schools funded through a grant from OSI-Baltimore through Open Society Foundations’ Special Fund for Family Devolution

Baltimore Urban Debate League

$25,000 over one year to engage youth in advocacy efforts to improve secondary school attendance by assessing and changing peer attitude and practices

Family League of Baltimore City

$25,000 over two years to provide support for a staff member to coordinate its Extended Learning Times. After School and Community Resource Initiatives with Baltimore City Public Schools; in order to enhance program quality, impact, and sustainability

Fund for Educational Excellence

$25,000 over one year to launch a communications campaign that will mobilize us, educate, and involve City Schools’ staff, parents, and students to improve school attendance

Gleson, Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network

$25,000 over one year to help Baltimore City middle school staff create safe and supportive environments for students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or questioning their gender or sexual identity

Greater Homewood Community Corporation

$25,000 over two years to support the Baltimore Education Coalition’s public education and organizing efforts to advocate for adequate resources and reforms of the Baltimore City Public School System

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EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Education and Youth Development program aims to ensure that all of Baltimore’s children grow to be successful workers, engaged, informed citizens, and supportive family and community members.

MARYLAND DISABILITY LAW CENTER
$6,000 over one year to improve the attendance and engagement of students with disabilities in Baltimore’s secondary school.

PLAYWORKS BALTIMORE
$12,000 over one year to support professional development training for its executive level staff to enhance the sustainability of the program.

PUBLIC JUSTICE CENTER
$9,000 over one year to advocate for the implementation of policies and practices that promote educational continuity and academic success among high school students, including homeless students, in Baltimore City.

SAFE AND SOUND
$9,000 over 12 months to support a collaborative initiative to improve student attendance in Baltimore City Public Schools.

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
$7,000 over one year to support the Baltimore Education Research Collaborative’s efforts to research and broadly disseminate its findings on the educational progress of Baltimore City Public School students.

WIDE ANGLE YOUTH MEDIA
$5,000 over eight months to support a youth-led effort to develop completing youth attendance messages and to produce student-led use of the “Wade Your Ride” texting service to improve public transportation services for Baltimore City Public School students.

FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
$5,000 over one year to launch a communications campaign that will reach out to, educate, and involve City Schools’ staff, parents, and students to improve school attendance.

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Audacious thinking for lasting change.

We focus on three interconnected issues that must be addressed in order for the city to thrive. Our goals are audacious, but working with public and private partners, we offer pragmatic solutions.

THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAM SEeks TO:

- Increase the number of Baltimore residents who are diverted from the criminal and juvenile justice systems, particularly those accused of non-violent offenses.
- Promote systemic reform of unfair criminal and juvenile justice policies and practices relating to arrests, pre-trial procedures, sentencing, conditions of confinement, and parole and probation.
- Ensure that individuals with criminal and juvenile records successfully reenter and reintegrate into Baltimore City.

THE EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AIMS TO:

- Keep children connected to school pre-k through graduation.
- Support school reform efforts to create new schools.
- Expand opportunities for learning when school is not in session.

THE TACKLING DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT INITIATIVE WORKS TO:

- Use the opportunity of health care reform to help Baltimore City and Maryland as a whole reach nearly universal access to a comprehensive, high-quality public treatment system.
- Ensure access to high-quality public treatment and related services for those that remain uninsured after the 2014 health care reform implementation.
- Facilitate the creation of and help to sustain a strong, diverse addiction treatment advocacy community, inclusive of those most affected by substances use disorder services policies.

THE BALTIMORE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM CONTINUES TO:

- Recruit, select and support dynamic, resourceful and committed social entrepreneurs to become Baltimore Community Fellows.
- Build an active corps of individuals committed to revitalizing underserved neighborhoods by providing resources for a growing Community Fellows alumni body, now over 100 individuals.

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
$5,000 over one year to support its education advisory program.

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF MARYLAND FOUNDATION
$5,000 over one year to support the public about the needs for effective, adequately resourced public schools to serve all of her/children’s, particularly those who are poor and who reside in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
$3,000 over one year to support a project manager to oversee the implementation of an electronic student health record system in Baltimore City Public Schools. Funded through a grant to OSI-Baltimore through the City of Baltimore’s Open Society Initiative/Spaak Fund.

BALTIMORE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE
$2,000 over one year to engage in youth-led advocacy efforts to improve secondary school attendance by assessing and changing peer attitudes and practices.

FAMILY LEAGUE OF BALTIMORE CITY
$2,000 over two years to provide support for a staff member to coordinate its Extended Learning Times. After School and Community Resource Initiatives with Baltimore City Public Schools in order to enhance program quality, impact, and sustainability.

FINANCE FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
$2,000 over one year to launch a communications campaign that will reach out to, educate, and involve City Schools’ staff, parents, and students to improve school attendance.

GLENEN: GAY, LESBIAN AND STRAIGHT EDUCATION NETWORK
$2,000 over one year to help Baltimore City middle school staff (male and female) develop workshops for students who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, or questioning their gender or sexual identity.

GREATER HOMERWOOD COMMUNITY CORPORATION
$2,000 over one year to support the Baltimore Education Coalition’s public education and organizing efforts to advocate for adequate resources and reforms of the Baltimore City Public School System.

ADVOCACY FOR INDIGENT DEFENDERS FOUNDATION
$2,000 over one year to support the organization’s efforts to increase the number of public defenders providing high-quality representation to indigent defendants in Baltimore City.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY SERVICE LEADERSHIP
$2,000 over one year to support the General Assembly Service Leaders’ efforts to promote educational equity in Baltimore City by supporting state law enforcement and community efforts to prevent the closure of schools and the dumping of resources and services on communities of color.

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THE VISION

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ODI Baltimore was created in 1998 to find solutions to problems that have challenged numerous urban centers, with the idea that many of the solutions found here could be transplantable to other places around the country.

Unlike a typical think tank, our organization works to create a dialogue around key problems and build the networks needed to bring about systemic change.

TO MAKE THIS VISION A REALITY, WE:

- Help youth stay connected and engaged with school and on the road to success.
- Tackle drug addiction by making treatment readily accessible.
- Reduce overcrowding for youth and adults, controlling the operating costs of prisons and jails.
- Build a growing corps of individuals working in the ground, directly with the community, that the past fourteen years we have supported the majority of more than 50 Baltimore’s program Fellows – advocated social entrepreneurs and activists. They change lives every single day.

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LASTING CHANGE FOR BALTIMORE

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The Criminal and Juvenile Justice program works to reduce the overuse of incarceration and its social and economic costs and to promote justice systems that are fair, are used as a last resort, and offer second chances.

ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Funds over one year to engage in public education and advocacy efforts to support juvenile justice reform.

ALTERNATIVE DIRECTIONS
$215,000 over one year to engage formerly incarcerated people in grassroots organizing, leadership development, and policy reform efforts.

BALTIMORE ALGEBRA PROJECT
$30,000 over one year to engage formerly incarcerated people in South Baltimore and advocacy efforts to stop the construction of a youth jail and to reallocate the funding to the jail facility and programs that offer youth opportunities.

COMMUNITY CONFERENCE CENTER
$150,000 over one year to support the development of an alternative to school-based arrests in Baltimore City.

COMMUNITY LAW IN ACTION
Funds over one year to engage in community organizing and public education efforts to reduce the number of youth who are prosecuted as adults and held in adult jail or trial.

EPISCOPAL COMMUNITY SERVICES OF MARYLAND
$30,000 over one year to provide reentry services to Baltimore Empowerment Zone residents who are formerly incarcerated.

FUSION PARTNERSHIP
$150,000 over one year to mobilize the Maryland Reentry Coalition to engage in grassroots organizing, strategic communications, and advocacy efforts to reform Maryland’s parole policy.

JFA INSTITUTE
$175,000 over six months to develop a system to rapidly reduce the populations of the Baltimore City and Maryland prisons.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES TASK FORCE
Funds over one year to engage in communications and advocacy efforts to reduce barriers to employment for people with criminal justice interactions.

JUSTICE POLICY INSTITUTE
$200,000 over one year to engage in research, policy advocacy, and communications efforts to promote criminal justice reform in Maryland.

LIVING CLASSROOMS FOUNDATION
$150,000 over one year to provide reentry services to Baltimore Empowerment Zone residents who are formerly incarcerated.

MARIAN HOUSE
$275,000 over one year to engage in the production and publication of a booklet featuring the success stories and advocacy needs of women who are formerly incarcerated and/or recovering from drug addiction involved in the Felony Drug Addiction Program.

MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
$250,000 over six months to produce and widely distribute information/monographs and handbooks for youth and their families on how to navigate the Baltimore City juvenile and criminal justice systems.

PUBLIC JUSTICE CENTER
$50,000 over one year to engage in public policy reforms and communications efforts to reduce the number of youth who are prosecuted as adults and held in adult jail or trial.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FOUNDATION
$175,000 over one year to support the Chávez Program’s efforts to provide care management and other support services to Baltimore City youth. School attendants are alternatives to school-based arrests, suspensions, and expulsions.

The Tackling Drug Addiction Program works to increase access to high quality drug addiction treatment for Baltimore residents, especially the uninsured and underinsured. Recognizing that addiction is a chronic disease, the program aims to ensure addiction treatment is integrated into the public health care system.

BALTIMORE CITY SUBSTANCE ABUSE DIRECTORATE
$150,000 over one year to initiate and develop a virtual counseling project which will increase treatment admissions and treatment satisfaction resulting in increased continuation in treatment.

BALTIMORE SUBSTANCE ABUSE SYSTEMS
$275,000 over one year to build the leadership of Baltimore public primary health care providers to identify and refer patients for addiction treatment.

DANFIA INSTITUTE
$300,000 over fifteen months to train 12 behavioral health center counselors “the tribunal” to counsel the new federal Affordable Care Act to improve the delivery of addiction treatment services in Baltimore.

MARIAN HOUSE
$100,000 over one year to engage in the production and publication of a booklet featuring the success stories and advocacy needs of women who are formerly incarcerated and/or recovering from drug addiction involved in the Felony Drug Addiction Program.

MARYLAND ADDICTION DIRECTORS COUNCIL
$350,000 over one year to teach the Tribunals on how to effectively use public educational efforts to improve treatment for addiction and the public’s awareness of addiction and its treatment.

MARYLAND ADDICTION DIRECTORS COUNCIL
$200,000 over one year to provide general support.

MARYLAND CITIZENS’ HEALTH INITIATIVE EDUCATION FUND
$75,000 over one year to fully achieve the goals of the 2010 advocacy campaign by securing appropriate allocation of new alcohol tax revenue to help the states implement the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and build a coalition of 12 states to suit the states tobacco tax for health care funding in 2011.

MENTAL HEALTH POLICY INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING
$200,000 over one year to expand access to drug addiction treatment by integrating services at a community mental health center.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE - BALTIMORE CHAPTER
$75,000 over one year to provide support for Bio Recovery Leadership Program.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE - BALTIMORE CHAPTER
Funds over one year to support for Bio Recovery Leadership Program.

NATIONAL WOMEN’S HEALTH NETWORK
$275,000 over one year to support the public education, advocacy, and organizing efforts of the Maryland Women’s Coalition for Health Reform to ensure that Marylanders have access to a full range of health care services, including comprehensive addiction treatment.

PUBLIC JUSTICE CENTER (VASCAL AGENT FOR MEDICARE MATTERS! MARYLAND)
$150,000 over one year to ensure that addiction treatment providers have access to accurate and timely information on Medicaid developments and the methodologies to engage in related advocacy to expand access to treatment.

The Baltimore Community Fellowships program works to meet the challenges facing Baltimore’s most needy communities by identifying and supporting social innovators of unusual promise and providing them with the ingredients to ensure their ideas have a lasting foundation and long-term vitality.

EMILY DATNOFF
Emily will establish the Baltimore Departure Defense Project to help incarcerated women transition upon release to understand the intersection between the criminal justice and immigration systems and to effectively represent their clients. She will provide low-cost or pro bono services to represent formerly incarcerated women in the immigration system.

ANDREW GADDIS
Andrew will build up the success stories of the Charm City Clinic, a free community-based health center that is helping to establish in East Baltimore. Based on the model of the heath and Families Center, a community-based that has been serving its neighborhood for over fifteen years, the clinic provides screenings, care management, health education and community outreach.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE - BALTIMORE CHAPTER
Funds over one year to provide support for Bio Recovery Leadership Program.

JILL PARZIANI
Jill will expand our impact upon juvenile girls, an education program that uses the natural bond between children and animals to teach youth to control their anger. She will expand ways to solve conflicts and increase their ability to empathize. She will bring therapy dogs into two schools to encourage responsible behavior among city youth.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE - BALTIMORE CHAPTER
Funds over one year to provide support for Bio Recovery Leadership Program.

NATIONAL WOMEN’S HEALTH NETWORK
$275,000 over one year to support the public education, advocacy, and organizing efforts of the Maryland Women’s Coalition for Health Reform to ensure that Marylanders have access to a full range of health care services, including comprehensive addiction treatment.

PUBLIC JUSTICE CENTER (VASCAL AGENT FOR MEDICARE MATTERS! MARYLAND)
$150,000 over one year to ensure that addiction treatment providers have access to accurate and timely information on Medicaid developments and the methodologies to engage in related advocacy to expand access to treatment.

LA TASHA WARD
LaTashia will develop EKOSOU Activated Global Leadership Experience (AGLED) project deployments that understand youth to design and implement social entrepreneurial community service projects, network with professionals, establish a network of work and travel outside the country. The project, which focuses on leadership and career development, will accentuate students from across the city.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES
ASPEN INSTITUTE
$1,000 over one year to support a Social Equity and Society Fellowship for Baltimore’s civic leaders in the fall of 2018.

THE FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
$100,000 to provide a portion of the required matching funds for the U.S. Department of Education’s award for Baltimore City Public School System’s Middle Grade STEM Summer Learning Program.
ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
Five organizational partnerships will be supported to provide educational advocacy to support juvenile justice reform.

ALTERNATIVE DIRECTIONS
Five organizations over one year to engage formerly incarcerated people in grassroots organizing, leadership development and policy reform efforts.

BALTIMORE ALGEBRA PROJECT
Five organizations over one year to engage in youth organizing and advocacy efforts to stop the construction of a youth jail and to reallocate the funding to jobs, facilities and programs that offer youth opportunities.

COMMUNITY CONFERENCE CENTER
Five organizations over one year to engage in relevant conferences as an alternative to school-based arrests in Baltimore City.

COMMUNITY LAW IN ACTION
Five organizations over one year to engage in community organizing and public education efforts to reduce the number of youth who are proscribed as adults and held in adult jail.

EPIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF MARYLAND
Five organizations over one year to provide resource services to Baltimore Exposure Disorder residents who are formerly incarcerated.

FUSION PARTNERSHIPS
Five organizations over one year to mobilize the Maryland Re-Entry Initiative to engage in grassroots organizing, strategic communications, and advocacy efforts to reform Maryland’s parole policies.

JIFA INSTITUTE
Four organizations over three years to develop a plan to reduce the populations of the Baltimore City and Maryland prisons.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES TASK FORCE
Ten organizations over one year to engage in communications and advocacy efforts to reduce barriers to employment for people with criminal justice involvement.

JUSTICE POLICY INSTITUTE
Two organizations over one year in research, policy advocacy and communications efforts to provide criminal justice reform in Maryland.

LIVING CLASSROOMS FOUNDATION
Thirty thousand over one year to provide monthly services to Baltimore Empowerment Zone residents who are formerly incarcerated.

MARIAN HOUSE
Two organizations over one year to engage in the production and public dissemination of a series featuring the success stories and advocacy needs of women who are formerly incarcerated and/or recovering from drug addiction, funded with Tackling Drug Addiction Program.

MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER
Two organizations over one year to produce and widely distribute information/overview and handouts for youth and their families about how to navigate the Baltimore City juvenile and criminal justice system.

PUBLIC JUSTICE CENTER
Six organizations over one year to engage in public policy reforms and communications efforts to reduce the number of youth who are proscribed as adults and held in adult jail.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FOUNDATION
Two organizations over one year to support the Blueprints Program’s efforts to provide care management and other support services to Baltimore City jail inmates as an alternative to school-based arrests, suspensions, and expulsions.

BALTIMORE CITY SUBSTANCE ABUSE DIRECTORATE
Six organizations over one year to initiate and develop a virtual counseling project which will increase treatment adherence and treatment satisfaction resulting in increased continuation in treatment.

BALTIMORE SUBSTANCE ABUSE SYSTEMS
Six organizations over one year to build the base of Baltimore public primary care health care providers to identify and refer patients for addiction treatment.

DAYNA INSTITUTE
Thirty organizations over seven months to train two behavioral health center counselors and eight “tracker” coaches to use the new Federal Affordable Care Act to improve the delivery of addiction treatment services in Baltimore.

MARIAN HOUSE
Thirty organizations over one year to engage in the production and public dissemination of a school-based look at success stories, struggles and advocacy needs of women who are formerly incarcerated and/or recovering from drug addiction, funded with Criminal and Juvenile Justice Program.

PUBLIC JUSTICE CENTER
Thirty organizations over one year to support the Blueprint Program’s efforts to provide care management and other support services to Baltimore City jail inmates as an alternative to school-based arrests, suspensions, and expulsions.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE - MARYLAND CHAPTER
Thirty organizations over one year to provide support for the Recovery Leadership Program.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE - MARYLAND CHAPTER
Thirty organizations over one year to provide support for the Recovery Leadership Program.

NATIONAL WOMEN’S HEALTH NETWORK
Thirty organizations over one year to support the public education, advocacy and organizing efforts of the Maryland Women’s Coalition for Women Reformers to ensure that Marylanders have access to a full range of health care services, including comprehensive addiction treatment.

PUBLIC JUSTICE CENTER (FISCAL AGENT FOR MEDICARE MATTERS! MARYLAND)
Thirty organizations over one year to ensure that addiction treatment providers have access to accurate and timely information on Medicaid and the motivations to engage in related advocacy to expand access to treatment.

EMILY DATNOFF
Emily will establish the Baltimore Deprivation Defense Program to help low-income offenders who claim mental illness understand the interplay between the criminal justice and immigration systems and effectively represent their clients. She will provide low-cost or pro bono services to represented non-violent offenders in the immigration system.

ANDREW GARDENS
Andrew will build upon the success of the Charm City Clinic, a free community-based health center that he helped to establish in east Baltimore. Based on the model of the Men and Families Center, a community center that has been serving its neighborhood for over fifteen years, the clinic provides screenings, care management, health education and community events.

NATIONAL COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE - MARYLAND CHAPTER
Thirty organizations over one year to provide support for the Recovery Leadership Program.

NATIONAL WOMEN’S HEALTH NETWORK
Thirty organizations over one year to support the public education, advocacy and organizing efforts of the Maryland Women’s Coalition for Women Reformers to ensure that Marylanders have access to a full range of health care services, including comprehensive addiction treatment.

PUBLIC JUSTICE CENTER (FISCAL AGENT FOR MEDICAire MATTERS! MARYLAND)
Thirty organizations over one year to ensure that addiction treatment providers have access to accurate and timely information on Medicaid and the motivations to engage in related advocacy to expand access to treatment.

JILL PARDINI
Jill will expand support into Sussex Without Borders, a listening and mentoring program she founded that organizes soccer teams for impoverished and marginalized adolescents to help them build leadership, the ability to work in teams, and an understanding of physically and mentally emotional.

JASON ReED
Jason will continue his work with the Curtis Bay Neighbors Urban Agriculture and Stewardship Program, which focuses on community-gardening at the Fifer Street Garden. The project will use urban agriculture to improve the health of residents and students in that community, foster community pride, increase awareness of the need for land stewardship and help people connect with good nutrition.

LA TASHA WARD
LaTasha will teach five TROOPS Activated Global Leadership Explorers (SAGE), a project developed to understand youth, drug and design and implement social entrepreneurial community service projects, network with professionals, establish a portfolio of work and travel outside the country. The project, which focuses on leadership and career development, will acculturate students from across the city.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

ASPEN INSTITUTE
Five thousand over one year to support a Social Equity and Oxford Seminar for Baltimore City law enforcement.

THE FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE
Thirty thousand to provide a portion of the required matching funds for the U.S. Department of Education’s award for Baltimore City Public School System’s Middle Grades STEM Summer Learning Program.

The Criminal and Juvenile Justice program works to reduce the avenues of reincarceration and to social and economic costs and to promote justice systems that are fair, are used as a last resort, and offer second chances.

The Tackling Drug Addiction program works to increase access to high quality drug addiction treatment for Baltimore residents, especially the uninsured and underinsured. Recognizing that addiction is a chronic disease, the program aims to ensure addiction treatment is integrated into the public health care system.

The Baltimore Community Fellowships program works to meet the challenges facing Baltimore’s most needy communities by identifying and supporting socially innovative of unusual promise and providing them with the ingredients to ensure their ideas have a stable foundation and long-term viability.
CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE

The Criminal and Juvenile Justice program works to reduce the scourge of incarceration and its social and economic costs and to promote justice systems that are fair, are used as a last resort, and offer second chances.

LIVING CLASSROOMS FOUNDATION $50,000 over one year to provide remedy services to Baltimore-Empowerment Zone residents who are formerly incarcerated.

MARYLAND HOUSE $65,000 over one year to establish the production and promotion of the show featuring the successes, struggles and advocacy needs of women who are formerly incarcerated and/or recovering from drug addiction.

PUBLIC JUSTICE CENTER $35,000 over 18 months to produce and widely distribute information/technical guidelines for youth centers and their families to navigate the Baltimore City Juvenile and Criminal justice systems.

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND FOUNDATION $300,000 over three years to support the Charm City Project’s efforts to provide care-management and other support services to Baltimore City Public School students, as an alternative to school-based arrests, suspensions, and expulsions.

TACKLING DRUG ADDICTION PROGRAM

The Tackling Drug Addiction program works to increase access to high quality drug addiction treatment for Baltimore residents, especially the uninsured and underinsured. Recognizing that addiction is a chronic disease, the program aims to ensure addiction treatment is integrated into the public health care system.

BALTIMORE CITY SUBSTANCE ABUSE DIRECTORATE $25,000 over one year to initiate and develop a virtual counseling project which will increase treatment adherence and treatment satisfaction resulting in increased continuation in treatment

BALTIMORE SUBSTANCE ABUSE SYSTEMS $30,000 over one year to hold fund-raising event at Baltimore public primary health care providers to identify and refer patients for addiction treatment.

DANVA INSTITUTE $20,000 over seven months to train a behavioral health center staff on the webinar tools that the trainer has coached on the newly formed Affordable Care Act to improve the delivery of addiction treatment services in Baltimore.

MARYAN HOUSE $52,000 over one year to engage the production and promotion of a show featuring the successes, struggles and advocacy needs of women who are formerly incarcerated and/or recovering from drug addiction.

MARYLAND ADDICTION DIRECTORS COUNCIL $3,500 over one year to support the development of addiction education and awareness programs.

MARYLAND ADDICTION DIRECTORS COUNCIL $25,000 over one year to provide general support.

MARYLAND CITIZENS’ HEALTH INITIATIVE EDUCATION FUND $1,500 over one year to achieve the goals of the 2010 campaigns by making a strategic allocation of new tobacco tax-revenue help the city-managed implementation of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and build a coalition of city partners to use the state tobacco tax for health care funding in 2013.

MENTAL HEALTH POLICY INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING $20,000 over two years to expand access to drug addiction treatment by integrating services at community mental health centers.

Baltimore Community Fellowships

The Baltimore Community Fellowships program works to meet the challenges facing Baltimore’s most needy communities by identifying and supporting social innovators of unusual promise and providing them with the ingredients to ensure their ideas have a stable foundation and long-term viability.

EMILY DATNOFF Emily will establish the Baltimore Deportation Defense Project to help Baltimore residents and other non-citizens understand the intersection between the criminal justice and immigration systems and to effectively represent their clients. She will provide low-cost or pro bono services to represent non-citizens in immigration system.

ANDREW GADDS Andrew will build upon the successes of the Charm City Clinic, a free community-based health center that has helped to establish in East Baltimore. Based on the model of the Men and Families Center, a community-based facility that has served its neighborhood for over fifteen years, the clinic provides screenings, case management, health education and community outreach.

NATASHA KEENAN Natasha will improve upon and expand upon the Kids’ KliniK, an education program that uses the natural bond between children and animals to teach youth to control their anger, and other value-added ways to solve conflicts and increase their ability to empathize. She will bring therapy dogs into two schools to encourage less aggressive behavior among city youth.

LA TASHA HARDEN LaTash will create the Eastern State Board Graduate Learning Experience (ESB-GLX), a project designed to train emerging youth to design and implement social entrepreneurial community service projects, network with professionals, establish a portfolio of work and travel outside the country. The project, which focuses on leadership and career development, will acculturate students from across the city.

Special Opportunities

ASPINEN CENTER $5,000 over one year to support a Social Equity and Safety Seminar for Baltimoreans’ civic leaders in the fall of 2018.

The Fund for Educational Excellence

$35,000 to provide a portion of the required matching funds for the U.S. Department of Education’s search for Baltimore Public School System’s Middle Grades STEM Learning Program.

JILL PARDINI Jill will expand upon Success Without Borders, a learning and Mentoring program she founded that matches former incarcerated people to organize social enterprise and immunize addicts to lead the United States, as well as out of school, at work, physically and emotionally.

JASON REED Jason will continue his work with the Curtis Bay Bristow Urban Agriculture and Stewardship Program, which focuses on community gardening at the Falleti Street Gardens. The project will use urban agriculture to improve the health of residents and students in that community, foster community pride, increase awareness of the need for land stewardship and fresh produce.

TO SPECIAL OPORTUNITIES
EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

The Education and Youth Development program aims to ensure that all of Baltimore’s children grow to be successful workers, engaged, informed citizens, and supportive family and community members.

MARYLAND DISABILITY LAW CENTER
$6,000 over one year to improve the attendance and engagement of students with disabilities in Baltimore’s secondary school

PLAYWORKS BALTIMORE
$5,000 over one year to support professional development training for its executive level staff to enhance the sustainability of the program

PUBLIC JUSTICE CENTER
$5,000 over one year to advocate for the implementation of policies and practices that promote educational continuity and academic success among high school students, including homeless students, in Baltimore’s public schools

SAFE AND SOUND
$10,000 over 18 months to support a collaborative initiative to improve student attendance in Baltimore City Public Schools

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY
$2,000 over one year to support the Baltimore Education Reform Consortium’s efforts to research and publicly disseminate its findings on the educational progress of Baltimore City Public School students

WIDE ANGLE YOUTH MEDIA
$1,500 over eight months to support a youth-led effort to develop compelling youth attendance messages and to provide student use of the “Rate Your Ride” texting service to improve public transportation services for Baltimore City Public School students

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Audacious thinking for lasting change.

We focus on three interconnected issues that must be addressed in order for the city to thrive. Our goals are audacious, but working with public and private partners, we offer pragmatic solutions.

THE CRIMINAL AND JUVENILE JUSTICE PROGRAM SEeks TO:
• Increase the number of Baltimore residents who are diverted from the criminal and juvenile justice systems, particularly those accused of non-violent offenses.
• Promote systemic reform of unfair criminal and juvenile justice policies and practices relating to arrests, pre-trial procedures, sentencing, conditions of confinement, and parole and probation.
• Ensure that individuals with criminal and juvenile records successfully reenter and reintegrate into Baltimore City.

THE EDUCATION AND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM AIMS TO:
• Keep children connected to school pre-kindergarten.
• Support school reform efforts to create new schools.
• Expand opportunities for learning when school is not in session.

THE TACKLING DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT INITIATIVE WORKS TO:
• Use the opportunity of health care reform to help Baltimore City and Maryland as a whole reach nearly universal access to a comprehensive, high-quality public treatment system.
• Ensure access to high-quality public treatment and related services for those that remain uninsured after the 2014 health care reform implementation.
• Facilitate the creation of and help to sustain a strong, diverse addiction treatment advocacy community, inclusive of those most affected by substance use disorder services policies.

THE BALTIMORE COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIPS PROGRAM CONTINUES TO:
• Recruit, select and support dynamic, resourceful and committed social entrepreneurs to become Baltimore Community Fellows.
• Build an active corps of individuals committed to elevating underserved neighborhoods by providing resources for a growing Community Fellows alumni body, now over 100 individuals.

ADVOCACIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH $2,000 over one year to support its education advocacy program

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF MARYLAND FOUNDATION $7,500 over one year to support the public about the needs for effective, adequately resourced public schools to serve all our families, particularly those who are poor and who reside in Baltimore

BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT $3,000 over one year to support a project manager to oversee the implementation of an electronic student health record system in Baltimore City Public Schools funded through allocation to OSI-Baltimore through Open Society Foundations’ Special Faculty Family Devolution

BALTIMORE URBAN DEBATE LEAGUE $5,000 over one year to engage youth in advocacy efforts to improve secondary school attendance by assessing and changing peer attitudes and practices

FAMILY LEAGUE OF BALTIMORE CITY $2,500 over one year to provide support for a staff member to coordinate its Extended Learning Times. After School and Community Resource Initiative with Baltimore City Public Schools in order to enhance program quality, impact, and sustainability

FUND FOR EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE $7,500 over one year to launch a communications campaign that will reach out to, educate, and involve City Schools’ staff, parents, and students to improve school attendance

GLEN, DAVI LGBT AND STRAIGHT EDUCATION NETWORK $2,000 over one year to help Baltimore City middle school staff create safe and supportive environments for students who are gay, lesbian, bi, transgender, queer, or questioning their gender or sexual identity

GREATER HOMERWOOD COMMUNITY CORPORATION $3,000 over five years to support the Baltimore Education Coalition’s public education and organizing efforts to advocate for adequate resources and reforms of the Baltimore City Public School System

MARYLAND LAW LIBRARY $2,000 over one year to support public access to legal information and increased access to the justice system.

OSI-BALTIMORE $50,000 over one year to support the organization’s efforts to support Baltimore’s public schools in its efforts to move toward becoming a 100% college preparatory system.

PUBLIC JUSTICE CENTER $5,000 over one year to promote the national campaign to end the pre-trial incarceration of youth.

Safe & Sound $200,000 over two years to support the establishment of after-school programs in Baltimore City Public Schools.

THE VISION
At the Open Society Institute-Baltimore, we have a vision of a healthy and prosperous city, one that provides real opportunities for all children and adults, especially those who live in poverty and are locked out because of racial discrimination. OSI-Baltimore was created in 1998 to find solutions to problems that have challenged numerous urban centers, and we hold that solving the problems should help us to transcend to other places around the country. With an advisory board composed of the city’s foremost leaders, practitioners, and scholars, and a staff of exceptional professionals who are leaders in their fields, we analyze the root causes of Baltimore’s problems. From there, we identify new interconnected issues that must be addressed in order for the city to thrive. And we are set out to find practical solutions to shape the future. Today, we continue to design and implement practical solutions to create a different city. With community partners and policy makers, OSI-Baltimore is developing effective solutions and making lasting change in Baltimore.

TO MAKE THIS VISION A REALITY, WE:
• Help youth day connective and engaged with school and on the road to success
• Tackle drug addiction by making treatment readily accessible
• Expand opportunities for youth and adults, curtail the operating costs of prisons and jails
• Build a growing corps of individuals working in the city, directly with the community, that have experienced years to support the development of their communities, youth and adults.

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