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## **FY24 Energy Efficiency Equity Grant Program Award List**

### **Baltimore City Region Awards**

**CASA, Inc. (New in FY24)** **Baltimore City** **\$250,000**  
**Whole Building Commercial Retrofits**  
Founded in 1985, CASA is a national leader in providing necessary support to immigrants. CASA’s mission is to create a more just society by building power and improving the quality of life in working-class Black, Latino/a/e, Afro-descendent, Indigenous, and Immigrant communities.

The grant will cover the cost of energy efficiency upgrades to the Baltimore Regional Workforce and Education Center which is strategically located in and serves a community with high populations of working-class individuals from Black, Latino/a/e, Afro-descendant, Indigenous, and Immigrant communities.

**Civic Works, Inc.** **Baltimore City** **\$240,000**  
**Whole Building Commercial Retrofits**  
Civic Works, Baltimore’s Service Corps and an AmeriCorps organization, was founded in 1993. The mission of Civic Works is to strengthen Baltimore’s communities through education, skills development, and community service.

The Civic Works facility accommodates over forty staff members, five classrooms, six private meeting rooms for case management sessions and applicant interviews, a dedicated participant computer lab, a communal kitchen space, a lab area for hands-on-training, a Resiliency Hub with solar and battery back-up that is available to the community in case of emergency, and a space for job training operations. This grant will fund a whole building commercial retrofit which will enable Civic Works to perform an energy efficiency audit, weatherize the building, upgrade to LED lighting, and upgrade and replace outdated HVAC systems.

**Civic Works, Inc.** **Baltimore City** **\$415,141**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**  
Civic Works will provide at least 19 low-to-moderate income households in Baltimore City with whole-home residential retrofit energy efficiency services. Recipients of whole-home residential retrofits will receive a comprehensive Building Performance Institute (“BPI”) energy audit, including air infiltration testing, combustion safety testing, and inspection of health and safety barriers. Civic Works’ Energy Auditors are trained in energy education and provide LMI residents with information about behavior-changes that reduce energy use, in addition to identifying opportunities for additional energy efficiency upgrades. The certified BPI Building Analyst will also complete direct energy efficiency installations.

**Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. Baltimore City** **\$106,126**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

The Community Action Council of Howard County (CAC) is a not for profit community action agency which manages local, state, and federal grants and programs that benefit low income clients. These programs include Head Start, Energy Assistance, Housing Assistance, Food Assistance, and Weatherization Programs. CAC will conduct whole home energy efficiency services under the federal Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), and incorporate MEA funding into each project.

**Diversified Housing Development** **Baltimore City** **\$84,901**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofit**

Diversified Housing Development, Inc. is a non-profit housing agency committed to the availability of adequate affordable housing in Baltimore County. Under this proposed award, Diversified Housing Development will complete at least 4 Whole Home Retrofits. Whole Home Retrofits consist of a BPI certified person performing an energy audit on the home then producing a work order for a weatherization trained crew to install the most cost-effective energy efficiency and weatherization measures.

**Green & Healthy Homes Initiative** **Baltimore City** **\$176,169**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

The Green & Healthy Homes Initiative (GHHI) Baltimore model integrates MEA energy efficiency funding with varied leveraged funding sources to enable comprehensive intervention services. Building Performance Institute (BPI) certified Energy Auditor/Building Analysts will complete comprehensive energy audits and environmental assessments of homes. GHHI will also complete a comprehensive environmental assessment which will help to determine a scope of work. The scope also includes weatherization, energy efficiency measures, remediation of household injury risks and installation of safety modifications.

**We Care Incorporated D/B/A Feed the Fridge** **Baltimore City** **\$3,300**  
**Limited Upgrades to Existing Commercial/Residential Buildings**

Feed the Fridge™ is an effort to bring nourishment where there is hunger while helping small, local restaurants stay in business. Refrigerators are installed and local restaurants are paid to fill them with fresh meals daily. Feed the Fridge also hand-delivers holiday meals to seniors who cannot leave their homes. Feed the Fridge is using this grant for new Energy Star qualified refrigerator replacements to be used exclusively in their Maryland operations. By selecting Energy Star units for these locations, direct savings will be realized over non-Energy Star Units that would otherwise be utilized for this purpose.

**Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc.** **Baltimore City** **\$376,150**  
**Whole Building Commercial Retrofits**

Healthy Neighborhoods, Inc. (HNI) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with a Board of Trustees composed of leaders of banks, foundations, government agencies and community organizations and leaders. For more than 20 years, HNI has developed market-driven strategies to benefit 61 Baltimore working and middle class neighborhoods with significant assets but stagnant or undervalued real estate. MEA is funding projects that focus on fuel switching, have a high LMI impact, and best payback at 3 locations.

1. Historic East Baltimore Community Action Coalition (HEBCAC)
2. The Loading Dock
3. Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation (GEDCO)

**Mayor and City Council of Baltimore** **Baltimore City** **\$281,367**  
**Limited Upgrades to Existing Commercial/Residential Buildings**

The Baltimore City Department of General Services' (DGS) mission is to deliver cost effective, high quality, reliable and sustainable services by managing municipal facilities, ensuring efficient fleet operations, and maintaining exemplary customer service to support Baltimore City agencies. Baltimore City DGS has proposed limited energy efficiency upgrades to existing commercial buildings directly benefiting LMI populations at approximately 6 sites, which includes libraries, recreation centers, health clinics, senior centers and fire stations. Most of these projects will be in the spirit of whole-building approaches, but will target the most cost-effective measures first in a limited approach. This includes lighting, envelope, and HVAC measures. MEA has approved sites that focus on fuel switching, which moves forward the goal to reduce GHG.

**Safe Housing, Inc.** **Baltimore City** **\$497,985**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

SAFE Housing, Inc. is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission to create safe and healthy housing conditions for low-income homeowners who cannot afford repairs. The organization preserves affordable housing and promotes economic stability for low-income families by: (1) repairing costly issues at no or very minimal charge to the homeowner, (2) correcting health and safety hazards to reduce the number of medically treated at-home injuries, (3) reducing monthly utility costs through energy efficiency improvements, and (4) empowering older adults and disabled individuals to age in place safely and independently. At least 23 homes will be weatherized with approximately 10% of these homes being electrified through this program. SAFE Housing, Inc.'s team prioritizes whole home weatherization, including HVAC, appliances, insulation, air sealing, water saving devices (efficient flow aerators/showerheads), lighting (including occupancy sensors), heat pump water heaters, and more.

**Sustain Our Future, Inc (New in FY24)** **Baltimore City** **\$493,880**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

Sustain Our Future Foundation (SOFF) is a Black woman-led, national, impact organization that works to transform sustainable development to maximize community benefits and achieve environmental justice.

SOFF is planning to upgrade at least 23 moderate-income homes that currently utilize oil or propane as a main heating source, with inadequate cooling systems and severe air leakage. The demographic of the SOFF potential grantees will be BIPOC moderate-income homeowners, with homes built before 1990 fueled by oil and propane. Each home will first undergo an energy audit and receive air sealing and insulation, pre-weatherization, whole house exhaust, and the installation of a heat pump to replace an existing oil or propane furnace.

**Unity Properties, Inc.** **Baltimore City** **\$180,200**  
**New Construction with Incremental Efficiency Upgrades**

Established by the Sisters of Bon Secours, Bon Secours Community Works, of which Unity Properties is a part, has been serving West Baltimore for almost 35 years with affordable housing, community development, and social services such as career training, Early Head Start, and financial counseling. This grant will aid in construction strategies including deep insulation, air sealing, reduction of thermal bridging, and highly efficient HVAC systems and appliances for at least 20 homes along Fulton Avenue. The homes will be fully restored and sold affordably to low-income buyers.

**Youth Educational Services (New in FY24)** **Baltimore City** **\$50,000**  
**Limited Upgrades to Existing Commercial/Residential Buildings**

Youth Educational Services, Inc. (Y.E.S.) is a community advocacy organization balancing relationships with performance to yield action & success for residents of Park Heights, Baltimore. Y.E.S. is one of the many organizations that operates out of the Langston Hughes Community, Business, & Resource Center (LHCBCRC). The center directly serves LMI residents. This grant will fund improvements including lighting upgrades, HVAC system enhancements, and the installation of energy-efficient appliances, all of which are designed to further energy conservation efforts without necessitating a new comprehensive audit.

**Central Region Awards**

**Building Change, Inc.** **Central** **\$53,306**  
**Whole Building Commercial Retrofits**

Building Change, Inc., (BC) is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization located in Prince George’s County, Maryland. Building Change, Inc. was founded to serve culturally diverse communities in counties, cities, and townships across the state of Maryland. BC’s driving focus is to connect low- and moderate-income residents and their families with funding to make vital home improvements that not only improves their quality of life, but also invests in developing more energy efficient homes. This work aligns with the State’s mission to reduce the carbon footprint in the residential sector. The grant will cover the cost of 2 projects:

1. Mary Randall Day Center
2. Cecil County Men’s Shelter

**Building Change, Inc.** **Central** **\$886,415**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

This project will enable Building Change to make a significant impact on the financial burden facing LMI residents through energy efficiency and weatherization services. For most homes, these services have historically included attic, roof, and wall insulation, air sealing, and the installation of LED lighting and low-flow showerheads. Some projects also included, where cost effective, the installation of air source heat pumps, high-efficiency water heaters, and ENERGY STAR appliances such as refrigerators, clothes washers, and freezers.

**CASA, Inc.** **Central** **\$250,000**  
**Whole Building Commercial Retrofits**

The grant will cover the cost of energy efficient and weatherization upgrades to the Rockville Worker’s Center, including air sealing, insulation, electrification and more, This building is strategically located in and serves a community with high populations of working-class individuals from Black, Latino/a/e, Afro-descendant, Indigenous, and Immigrant communities. Some of the community speaks a language other than English as their primary language or are Limited English Proficient (LEP) and have income at or below 200% of the federal poverty line based on household size.

**Civic Works, Inc.** **Central** **\$1,034,151**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

Civic Works will provide 48 low-to-moderate income households with whole-home residential retrofit energy efficiency services. Recipients of whole-home residential retrofits will receive a comprehensive BPI energy

audit, including air infiltration testing, combustion safety testing, and inspection of health and safety barriers. Civic Works' Energy Auditors are trained in energy education and provide LMI residents with information about behavior-changes that reduce energy use, in addition to identifying opportunities for additional energy efficiency upgrades.

**Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. Central \$531,849**

**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

CAC will conduct whole home energy efficiency services under the federal Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), and to incorporate an average of \$5,000 - \$7,000 per home of MEA funding into each project to reduce the average WAP job cost going forward. MEA's funding will be used for unique energy measures separate from WAP. Since the DOE WAP already has stringent cost/benefit testing (more restrictive than MEA's program), identifying projects and measures to receive MEA funding will not be difficult. The impact is the energy savings realized from the completed work, lower energy bill, an increase in home value and also increased durability and reduced future maintenance expenses. Many studies have also demonstrated improvements in the health of people who live in weatherized homes.

**Diversified Housing Development Central \$1,034,151**

**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

Under this proposed award, Diversified Housing Development will complete at least 48 Whole Home Retrofits. Whole Home Retrofits consist of a BPI certified person performing an energy audit on the home then producing a work order for a weatherization trained crew to then installing the most cost-effective energy efficiency and weatherization measures. Examples of installed measures are LED light bulbs, ENERGY STAR appliance upgrades, Energy Star HVAC upgrades, insulation improvements, air sealing, also installing power strips, low flow shower heads, aerators, Hot water Heater pipe wrap etc.

**Enterprise Community Development, Inc. Central \$137,937**

**New Construction with Incremental Efficiency Upgrades**

Enterprise Community Development, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to increase the supply of high-quality affordable housing. Enterprise operates its rental properties in a manner consistent with its mission: it provides high-quality, energy efficient, affordable housing that is well regarded in the market, receives high marks from Municipal, State and private funders, and maintains high occupancy rates. The energy efficiency improvement projects are part of two redevelopment projects that are being completed by Enterprise Community Development, Inc., in Columbia, Maryland. The redevelopments at Waverly Winds and Ranleigh Court involve improving two communities located in an area that has been economically disadvantaged and lacks holistic and accessible infrastructure. Energy conservation measures have been scoped for 149 apartments at both communities.

**Chinese Culture and Community Service Center, Inc. (New in FY24) Central \$24,780**

**Limited Upgrades to Existing Commercial/Residential Buildings**

CCACC is a local non-profit organization that serves the needs of the Chinese Community, including an Adult Day Healthcare Center. The location for this refrigeration replacement project is at the 9366 Gaither Road, Gaithersburg location. This location has a dedicated food service operation that serves daily meals to clients (95% of which receive Medicaid funding). The funds will replace 6 existing commercial refrigerators, freezers, and ice machines with new Energy Star units.

**Nourish Now, Inc. (New in FY24)** **Central** **\$34,825**  
**Limited Upgrades to Existing Commercial/Residential Buildings**

Nourish Now is a non-profit food bank that specializes in recovering surplus food from dedicated food donor partners including restaurants, grocers, caterers, farms, sporting venues and more. Food is then directly donated to children, families, seniors and veterans in need. Nourish Now programs include donating supplies of both non-perishable and nutritious perishable food and beverage directly to individuals, along with donating food weekly to the 8 Montgomery County Service Consolidation Hub Distributions. Funding will replace existing commercial refrigerators and freezers with 7 new Energy Star units.

**Rainbow Community Development Center** **Central** **\$31,530**  
**Limited Upgrades to Existing Commercial/Residential Buildings**

The Rainbow Community Development Center program consists of the food pantry and nutritional education programs geared toward serving low-income individuals and families in need. The program is staffed by a group of dedicated volunteers. The pantry is one of the only pantries in the local area that provides fresh produce, dairy and meats on a consistent weekly basis. Clients are served from throughout Montgomery and Prince George's County. Under FY23 EEE funding Rainbow Community Development Center was able to replace 10 refrigerators. This grant will fund the replacement of the remaining units. They are replacing 5 existing commercial/residential refrigerators and freezers with new Energy Star units.

**We Care Incorporated D/B/A Feed the Fridge (New in FY24)** **Central** **\$9,900**  
**Limited Upgrades to Existing Commercial/Residential Buildings**

Feed the Fridge is not able to qualify for leveraged funds under the Pepco Small Business Program because distribution locations are in buildings that have too large kW demand (over 100 kW in Peak Demand). Feed the Fridge will use this grant to replace current refrigerators with Energy Star qualified refrigerators to be used exclusively for Maryland operations.

**Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland** **Central** **\$110,000**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (HFHMM) launched weatherization and repair programs at the end of 2010. Since 2010, HFHMM has served 396 families through its weatherization program alone due in large part to the partnership with MEA through the Low to Moderate Income & Empower Grant Programs. Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland will extend its impact by serving additional families through its Home Preservation Programs which directly utilize MEA grant funds to audit and weatherize homes.

**Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County** **Central** **\$435,365**  
**New Construction with Incremental Efficiency Upgrades-Age Restricted**

The Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County's ("HOC") mission is to provide affordable housing and supportive services that enhance the lives of low- and moderate-income Marylanders throughout Montgomery County. To achieve this mission, HOC operates as a public housing authority, a housing finance agency, owner, operator, and a public developer. Funding for this project is for Hillandale Gateway, an age-restricted community. Hillandale Gateway project features two residential buildings, one of which is a One Hundred Fifty-Five (155) unit "Age Restricted" building (in which all units are income qualifying, and the subject of this application). The proposed initiative for the Energy Efficiency Equity Grant focuses on the integration of energy-efficient appliances within the affordable residential units of Hillandale Gateway.

**Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County**                      **Central**                      **\$256,060**  
**New Construction with Incremental Efficiency Upgrades- Non-Age-Restricted**

This project is for Hillandale Gateway’s Three Hundred and Eight (308) unit “Non-Age Restricted” building, of which 93 units are income qualifying and the subject of this application. The proposed initiative for the Energy Efficiency Equity Grant focuses on the integration of energy-efficient appliances within the affordable residential units of Hillandale Gateway. These appliances include ENERGY STAR-rated refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines, and water heating systems, among others.

**Rebuilding Together Montgomery County**                      **Central**                      **\$248,400**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

For the past 34 years, Rebuilding Together Montgomery County (RTMC), a nonprofit housing organization, has worked to provide free critical home repairs, energy efficiency upgrades, and accessibility modifications to Montgomery County’s most vulnerable low-income residents – the elderly, disabled individuals, veterans, members of marginalized groups, and families with young children. In this proposed project, RTMC plans to conduct energy audits and whole home upgrades and/or limited upgrades for residential buildings for 11 low-income households at a total cost of \$248,400 for services and overhead support. The weatherization and energy efficiency measures will include such items as weatherization retrofitting with insulation and air-sealing, HVAC replacement and repair, low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators, energy efficient appliances, and installation of LED light bulbs.

**Safe Housing, Inc.**                      **Central**                      **\$1,705,968**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

Approximately 80 homes will be weatherized with approximately 10% of these homes being electrified through this proposed program. The program consists of Whole House/Whole Building upgrades. SAFE Housing, Inc.’s team prioritizes whole home weatherization, including HVAC, appliances, insulation, air sealing, water saving devices (efficient flow aerators/showerheads), lighting (including occupancy sensors), heat pump water heaters, and more. By prioritizing electrification, low-income households can access more affordable, cleaner energy options, mitigating the burdensome costs associated with fossil fuel reliance.

**Sustain Our Future, Inc. (New in FY24)**                      **Central**                      **\$905,003**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

SOFF to upgrade 42 moderate-income homes that utilize oil or propane as a main heating source, with inadequate cooling systems and severe air leakage with this grant. The demographic of the SOFF potential grantees will be BIPOC moderate-income homeowners, with homes built before 1990 fueled by oil and propane. Each home will undergo an energy audit to determine their eligibility to meet the MEA grant requirements, and receive air sealing and insulation, pre-weatherization, whole house exhaust, and the installation of a heat pump to replace an existing oil or propane furnace.

**The Arc Central Chesapeake Region/Chesapeake Neighbors**                      **Central**                      **\$75,000**  
**Whole Building Commercial Retrofits**

Chesapeake Neighbors is an independent, nonprofit subsidiary of The Arc Central Chesapeake Region (the Arc) whose mission is to provide affordable housing for all. Founded in 2007, Chesapeake Neighbors has utilized a “scattered-site model” to redevelop existing properties into affordable housing options that are integrated into communities. The properties serve both people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, as well as anyone in the community needing affordable housing.

Funding for this project includes for 4 multi-family buildings and proposes to electrify the buildings by replacing existing fossil fuel utility systems; furnace, water heater, appliances, as necessary depending upon individual property needs. Additionally, funding will cover electrical work as each property will need an upgrade to its electrical infrastructure.

**Eastern Region Awards**

**Building Change, Inc.** **Eastern** **\$214,981**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

This project will enable Building Change to make a significant impact on the financial burden facing LMI residents through energy efficiency and weatherization services. For most homes, these services have historically included attic, roof, and wall insulation, air sealing, and the installation of LED lighting and low-flow showerheads. Some projects also included, where cost effective, the installation of air source heat pumps, high-efficiency water heaters, and ENERGY STAR appliances such as refrigerators, clothes washers, and freezers.

**Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc.** **Eastern** **\$214,981**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

Choptank Electric Cooperative, Inc. is a member-owned electric distribution utility headquartered in Denton, Maryland. Choptank Electric Cooperative exists to provide reliable and cost-effective electricity that improves the quality of life for member-owners. The program will provide Whole Home/Whole Building upgrades to 10 low- or moderate-income households across the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Intake consists of performing an initial blower-door and energy audit on the home, strategizing with the homeowner and contractor for potential leveraging with any other available programs, then installing the most cost-effective energy efficiency and weatherization measures.

**Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc.** **Eastern** **\$322,472**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

CAC will conduct whole home energy efficiency services under the federal Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), and additionally incorporate an average of \$5,000 - \$7,000 per home of MEA funding into each project. MEA’s funding will be used for unique energy measures separate from WAP.

**Habitat for Humanity Choptank Inc.** **Eastern** **\$125,888**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

Habitat for Humanity Choptank is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization led by a Board of Directors. The repair team includes a Family Services Coordinator for applicant intake and developing partnerships with homeowners, a BPI certified Director of Critical Repairs who manages repair projects, as well as a Construction Supervisor, who manages the onsite, volunteer led repair work. Funds awarded through this grant proposal will allow Habitat Choptank to complete a minimum of 18 whole home comprehensive weatherization projects utilizing MEA funding for improving low-to-moderate-income households. Complete energy audits will be performed by BPI certified professionals. In addition, the full audit will examine the house as a whole, ensuring that installed measures will work together to increase savings, and that combustion safety and air quality concerns are addressed.



**Habitat for Humanity Choptank, Inc.** Eastern **\$28,750**  
**New Construction with Incremental Efficiency Upgrades**

MEA EEE grant funding will go towards the incremental costs of installing energy efficiency upgrades. During the past 3 years building costs have risen dramatically, putting pressure on efforts to be cost effective in building quality, energy efficient homes here on the Eastern Shore. Energy saving improvements will result in significant energy savings for the future Habitat low-to-moderate income homeowners.

**Maryland Rural Development Corporation** Eastern **\$214,981**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofit**

The Maryland Rural Development Corporation (MRDC) is a private non-profit organization that has been providing services in response to the needs of rural, low-income households and communities since 1979. MRDC's activities benefit low-income communities and individuals throughout rural Maryland. The MRDC Housing Rehab Program focuses on Caroline, Cecil, Kent, Talbot and Queen Anne's Counties but is slowly expanding its purview to the entire eastern shore, with aspirations on a state-wide program in the next few years.

MRDC's Housing Repair Program will provide Whole Home/Whole Building upgrades and consists of performing an initial, blower-door and energy audit on the home, strategizing with the homeowner and any other available programs, then installing the most cost-effective energy efficiency and weatherization measures.

**Safe Housing, Inc.** Eastern **\$243,401**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

Approximately 26 homes will be weatherized with approximately 10% of these homes being electrified through this proposed program. The program consists of Whole House/Whole Building upgrades. SAFE Housing, Inc.'s team prioritizes comprehensive whole home weatherization, including HVAC, appliances, insulation, air sealing, water saving devices (efficient flow aerators/showerheads), lighting (including occupancy sensors), heat pump water heaters, and more. By prioritizing electrification, low-income households can access more affordable, cleaner energy options, mitigating the burdensome costs associated with fossil fuel reliance.

**The Arc Central Chesapeake Region/Chesapeake Neighbors** Eastern **\$25,000**  
**Whole Building Commercial Retrofits**

This project is for improving 1 multi-family building to replace existing fossil fuel utility systems - furnace, water heater, and appliances - as necessary and depending upon individual property needs. Additionally, funding will support electrical work as each property will need an upgrade to its electrical infrastructure.

**Southern Region Awards**

**Building Change, Inc.** Southern **\$408,220**  
**Whole Building Commercial Retrofits**

This location is in the MEA Southern Region, in the community known as Glassmanor Oxon Hill. The location is a church and the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) Environmental Justice (EJ) Screening Tool Version 2.0 Beta has it as an overburdened community with an EJ total score in the 75% - 100th percentile. The grant will cover the cost of 1 project at The Church of Living Waters. For energy reduction

efforts to succeed, this project requires HVAC fuel conversion from the existing oil furnace and AC units to high energy efficiency variable refrigerant volume (VRV) heat pumps, required electrical upgrades with EV charger earmarked circuits, full lighting upgrades to LED both inside and outside of the church, upgrading the older electric resistance water heater to an ASHP water heater, attic encapsulation with spray foam, and infiltration fine tuning with blower door guided air sealing. This project will benefit low-to-moderate Maryland residents through direct services under the church's Hope Center Outreach program which provides food and other basic needs to that community.

**Building Change, Inc.** **Southern** **\$837,064**

**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

This project will enable Building Change to make a significant impact on the financial burden facing LMI residents through energy efficiency and weatherization services. For most homes, these services have historically included attic, roof, and wall insulation, air sealing, and the installation of LED lighting and low-flow showerheads. Some projects also included, where cost effective, the installation of air source heat pumps, high-efficiency water heaters, and ENERGY STAR appliances such as refrigerators, clothes washers, and freezers.

**CASA, Inc.** **Southern** **\$250,000**

**Whole Building Commercial Retrofits**

The grant will cover the cost of energy efficiency upgrades to the Multicultural Center which is strategically located in and serves a community with high populations of working-class individuals from Black, Latino/a/e, Afro-descendant, Indigenous, and Immigrant communities. Some of the community speaks a language other than English as their primary language or are Limited English Proficient (LEP) and have income at or below 200% of the federal poverty line based on household size.

**Civic Works, Inc.** **Southern** **\$386,647**

**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

Civic Works will provide 18 low-to-moderate income households in the region with whole-home residential retrofit energy efficiency services. Recipients of whole-home residential retrofits will receive a comprehensive BPI energy audit, including air infiltration testing, combustion safety testing, and inspection of health and safety barriers. Civic Works' Energy Auditors are trained in energy education and provide LMI residents with information about behavior-changes that reduce energy use, in addition to identifying opportunities for additional energy efficiency upgrades. Many residents in low-to-moderate income communities live in aging homes with rising energy costs and are not aware of basic energy efficiency methods. The certified BPI Building Analyst will also complete direct installations of up to: 14 LED lights, 2 low flow showerheads, 2 faucet aerators, 1 smart strip, water heater temperature turndown, and pipe insulation.

**Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc.** **Southern** **\$100,000**

**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

CAC will conduct whole home energy efficiency services under the federal Department of Energy (DOE) Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP), and additionally incorporate MEA funding into each project. MEA's funding will be used for unique energy measures separate from WAP.

**Diversified Housing Development** **Southern** **\$732,431**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

Under this proposed award, Diversified Housing Development will complete at least 148 Whole Home Retrofits. Whole Home Retrofits consist of a BPI certified person performing an energy audit on the home then producing a work order for a weatherization trained crew to then install the most cost-effective energy efficiency and weatherization measures. Examples of installed measures are LED light bulbs, ENERGY STAR appliance upgrades, Energy Star HVAC upgrades, insulation improvements, air sealing, also installing power strips, low flow shower heads, aerators, Hot water Heater pipe wrap etc.

**Christian Life Center, Inc. (New in FY24)** **Southern** **\$16,370**  
**Limited Upgrades to Existing Commercial/Residential Buildings**

Christian Life Center's Passion and Compassion program consists of the food pantry and nutritional education programs geared toward serving low-income individuals and families in need. The program is staffed by a group of dedicated volunteers. Funding will replace 5 existing commercial refrigerators and freezers with new Energy Star units using leveraged funds from the Pepco Small Business Program and an MEA grant to cover the remaining costs.

**College Park United Methodist Church (New in FY24)** **Southern** **\$21,830**  
**Limited Upgrades to Existing Commercial/Residential Buildings**

College Park United Methodist Church features Community Meals as an outreach ministry seeking to provide nutritious food and prepared meals to many area communities in the greater College Park and surrounding areas. Its program is designed to offer many types of ethnic and special diet foods by cooking and preparing meals reserved in advance for pickup on Tuesdays and Thursdays for a nominal donation. This project proposes replacing 3 existing commercial refrigerators and freezers and 1 domestic refrigerator/freezer with new Energy Star units. These changes will better allow the church to expand and increase servicing the needs of the LMI individuals and families they serve.

**Holy Mountain International Ministries (New in FY24)** **Southern** **\$28,170**  
**Limited Upgrades to Existing Commercial/Residential Buildings**

The Holy Mountain International Ministries food assistance operation consists of three separate programs to assist members of the community who are experiencing food insecurity. The Temporary Food Assistance Program (TEFAP), The Mountain Mini Market Outreach food pantry which provides perishable and non-perishable items and a soup kitchen that serves low-income individuals and families in need with fresh meals. The program is staffed primarily by a group of dedicated volunteers. They are replacing 4 existing commercial refrigerators and freezers with new Energy Star units which will expand their capacity to benefit residents through cost savings.

**We Care Incorporated D/B/A Feed the Fridge (New in FY24)** **Southern** **\$9,900**  
**Limited Upgrades to Existing Commercial/Residential Buildings**

Funding will be used to replace current refrigerators with Energy Star qualified refrigerators to be used exclusively for Maryland LMI operations by providing free and accessible meals.

**Lighthouse Ministries International Incorporated (New in FY24)** **Southern** **\$93,665**  
**Limited Upgrades to Existing Commercial/Residential Buildings**

The CDCHOHE (Cora-Dian Cameron Heart of Hope Extended) outreach charity program consists of the BOLD (Bread of Life Distribution) food pantry, donation partnerships, and nutritional education programs

benefiting low-income individuals and families. The program is staffed by a group of dedicated volunteers of Lighthouse Ministries International. The pantry provides fresh produce and regular supplies on a consistent weekly basis by organizing distribution days. They are replacing 14 existing commercial refrigerators and freezers with new Energy Star units.

**Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland** **Southern** **\$225,000**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (HFHMM) launched weatherization and repair programs at the end of 2010. Since 2010, HFHMM has served 396 families through its weatherization program alone due in large part to the partnership with MEA through the Low to Moderate Income & Empower Grant Programs. Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland will extend its impact by serving additional families through its Home Preservation Programs which directly utilize MEA grant funds to audit and weatherize home.

**Housing Authority of Saint Mary’s County, Maryland** **Southern** **\$100,000**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

The mission of the Housing Authority of St. Mary's County, Maryland (HASMCM) is improving communities; optimizing and preserving affordable rental housing and homeownership, combined with reducing household energy costs. In this current project, HASMCM has partnered with EDGE Energy (EDGE) to continue to provide top notch weatherization services to LMI families in St. Mary's county. EDGE employs BPI certified Energy Auditors/Building Analysts who complete comprehensive energy audits to identify areas of energy loss/inefficiency and then propose improvements within MEA program requirements in order to make homes more energy efficient. Once the energy audit is completed and the scope of work is defined, EDGE will complete the approved improvements.

**Safe Housing, Inc.** **Southern** **\$804,360**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

Approximately 37 homes will be weatherized with approximately 10% of these homes being electrified through this proposed program. The program consists of Whole House/Whole Building upgrades. SAFE Housing, Inc.’s team prioritizes whole home weatherization, including HVAC, appliances, insulation, air sealing, water saving devices (efficient flow aerators/showerheads), lighting (including occupancy sensors), heat pump water heaters, and more. By prioritizing electrification, low-income households can access more affordable, cleaner energy options, mitigating the burdensome costs associated with fossil fuel reliance.

**Sustain Our Future, Inc. (New in FY24)** **Southern** **\$805,486**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

SOFF to upgrade at least 38 moderate-income homes that utilize oil or propane as a main heating source, with inadequate cooling systems and severe air leakage with a Regenerative Communities Retrofit Grant. The demographic of the SOFF potential grantees will be BIPOC moderate-income homeowners, with homes built before 1990 fueled by oil and propane. Each home will first undergo an energy audit to determine their eligibility and then receive air sealing and insulation, pre-weatherization, whole house exhaust, and the installation of a heat pump to replace an existing oil or propane furnace.

**Top Techs (New in FY24)** **Southern** **\$100,000**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

Top Techs, a dedicated community development and social service non-profit organization based in Chesapeake Beach, Maryland. At Top Techs, they are committed to the revitalization of their community and

the stimulation of economic growth, striving to create conditions for social and economic advancement. Top Techs operates through a multifaceted approach, including community outreach, providing no-cost BPI (Building Performance Institute) certification and training, increasing affordable housing opportunities, and offering resources for individual success. Low-to-moderate income households will be treated, as feasible, with energy efficiency measures.

**Town of North Beach** **Southern** **\$150,000**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

The Town of North Beach has been able to make a significant impact on the financial burden facing Calvert County LMI residents through energy efficiency and weatherization services. For most homes, these services have historically included attic, roof, and wall insulation, air sealing, and the installation of LED lighting and low-flow showerheads. Some projects also include, where cost effective, the installation of air source heat pumps, high-efficiency water heaters, and ENERGY STAR appliances such as refrigerators, clothes washers, and freezers. These services begin with a quality BPI audit to ensure the measures are cost-effective and allowable under the MEA awards. The Town of North Beach plans to improve at least 7 homes, which can increase when leveraged funds are incorporated.

**United Communities Against Poverty** **Southern** **\$100,000**  
**Limited Upgrades to Existing Commercial/Residential Buildings**

United Communities Against Poverty (UCAP) was established in 1964 and was designated as the official Community Action Agency (CAA) for Prince George's County in 1978. UCAP, a non-profit 501(c) (3), is the leading advocate for communities of people facing deficiencies in education, affordable housing, economic stability, and adequate health care access. UCAP has received funds to revitalize a historic building, located at 737 61st Ave Fairmount Heights MD 20743, that has been a blight to the Fairmount Heights community. The funds will be used to help renovate a property that was built in June 1912 and turn it into a cultural center. This center will be used for a senior center, culinary arts, art studio, and podcast room. The goal is for this building to serve as a catalyst for the LMI community. The second floor will be used as UCAP's main office space.

**Western Region Awards**

**Frederick County Government** **Western** **\$1,255,475**  
**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

The mission of the Division of Energy & Environment (DEE) is to advance practical solutions for protecting the environment, conserving energy, and living sustainably in Frederick County, Maryland. Frederick County's Power Saver Retrofits (PSR) program provides low-to moderate-income homeowners with a home energy audit and energy savings home improvements completed by a certified contractor. Eligible home improvements include attic air sealing & insulation, air sealing of crawl spaces, duct sealing, insulating attic hatches, weather stripping, appliance and water heater upgrades, heating/cooling tune-ups and upgrades, increased ventilation and proper routing of bathroom exhaust fans, and LED light bulbs.

**We Care Incorporated D/B/A Feed the Fridge** **(New in FY24)** **Western** **3,300**  
**Limited Upgrades to Existing Commercial/Residential Buildings**

Feed the Fridge™ is an effort to bring nourishment where there is hunger while helping small, local restaurants stay in business. Refrigerators are installed around the DC metro area and Eastern Maryland and local restaurants are paid to fill them with fresh meals daily. The grantee will also hand-deliver holiday meals

to seniors who cannot leave their homes. Grantee is applying for a direct grant for new Energy Star qualified refrigerators to be used exclusively in Maryland operations.

**Safe Housing, Inc.**

**Western**

**\$629,616**

**Residential Whole Home/Building Retrofits**

Approximately 29 homes will be weatherized with approximately 10% of these homes being electrified through this proposed program. The program consists of Whole House/Whole Building upgrades. SAFE Housing, Inc.'s team prioritizes whole home weatherization, including HVAC, appliances, insulation, air sealing, water saving devices (efficient flow aerators/showerheads), lighting (including occupancy sensors), heat pump water heaters, and more. By prioritizing electrification, low-income households can access more affordable, cleaner energy options, mitigating the burdensome costs associated with fossil fuel reliance.