Maryland Cancer Fund Cancer Early Detection/Secondary Prevention
2008 Grant Recipients

Baltimore County Health Department Cancer Prevention Program
Project Title: Colorectal Cancer Screening Program

The Baltimore County Health Department’s Cancer Prevention Program (CPP) will provide colorectal cancer screening to low-income, uninsured Baltimore County residents. For the last eight years, the Baltimore County Health Department has received a grant through the Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) to provide cancer screening and outreach. With the current CRF funding the Baltimore County Health Department is unable to meet the demand for colorectal screening.

With the Maryland Cancer Fund (MCF) grant, the Baltimore County Cancer Prevention Program projects that 50 additional colonoscopies will be provided to uninsured Baltimore County residents, between the ages of 50 and 64 that are at or below the 250 percent of federal poverty level.

Charles County Health Department
Project Title: Prostate Cancer Early Detection and Secondary Prevention

African Americans in Charles County have higher rates of mortality for all causes. Charles County Health Department will use the MCF funds in conjunction with other funds to create a pilot prostate cancer program to: increase awareness and knowledge about prostate cancer and screening; increase screening rates for both DRE and PSA; and provide screening tests (PSA and DRE) to uninsured county resident men not more than 250 percent of federal poverty level. Charles County projects they will be able to provide screening to 100 men.

Somerset County Health Department
Project Title: Get Tested

The Somerset County Health Department has been instrumental in leading the county’s colon cancer detection and prevention effort. For the last eight years, the Somerset County Health Department has received a grant through the Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) to provide cancer screening and outreach. With the current CRF funding, the Somerset County Health Department is unable to meet the demand for colorectal screening. The MCF grant will be used to provide early detection/secondary prevention activities to expand colorectal cancer education, outreach and screening services in Somerset County. The screenings will be offered to Somerset County residents, age 50-64, who are uninsured and have an annual family income that is not more than 250 percent of the federal poverty level. Residents 21 years of age and older with increased risk or symptomatic persons are also eligible for screening services. Somerset County will use the funds for approximately 30 colonoscopies.
MedStar Health  
**Project Title:** MedStar Colorectal Cancer Screening Program

MedStar will use the Maryland Cancer Fund grant for a Colorectal Cancer (CRC) Screening Program to provide colonoscopies at Harbor Hospital in south Baltimore and Union Memorial Hospital in north Baltimore. The CRC will provide screening services to underserved populations in Baltimore City. Both hospitals are located in Baltimore City where the African American population is approximately 66%. Because eligibility is based on income and insurance status, services will be provided to underserved persons with income less than or equal to 250% of federal poverty levels and uninsured. MedStar plans to provide 39 additional colonoscopies to eligible individuals in the first year.

For the past three years, MedStar Health has been the recipient of the Baltimore City Colorectal Cancer Collaborative Screening Program, a demonstration screening grant funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Maryland Cancer Funds will expand this existing program, which has exceeded the number of originally anticipated colonoscopies.

Sinai Hospital of Baltimore  
**Project Title:** Sinai Hospital Colorectal Screening Program

Sinai Hospital of Baltimore will offer a no cost colorectal cancer screening program to Baltimore City and County residents with income less than 250 percent of federal poverty guidelines, uninsured, and aged 50 years or older. Those people who have an increased risk of colorectal cancer would be screened prior to age 50. Sinai Hospital projects to screen 60 eligible clients.

For the past three years, Sinai Hospital has been the recipient of the Baltimore City Colorectal Cancer Collaborative Screening Program, a demonstration screening grant funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Maryland Cancer Funds will expand this existing program, which has exceeded the number of originally anticipated colonoscopies.