

**Prince George's County, Maryland  
Office of Audits and Investigations**

**ALLIANCE OF SOUTHERN PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITIES, INC.**

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**FINANCIAL AUDIT**

**FEBRUARY 25, 2009**



David H. Van Dyke  
County Auditor



**THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT**  
**Office of Audits and Investigations**

February 25, 2009

The County Council and County Executive  
of Prince Georges County, Maryland

Council Resolution 51-1991, adopted June 25, 1991, requires the Office of Audits and Investigations to perform random financial audits of grants and transfer payments appropriated in the Non-Departmental section of the County's annual current expense budget.

We have examined the books and records of the

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for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007. Our examination included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures, as we considered necessary under the circumstances. We are not independent with respect to this grant as the Office of Audits and Investigations administers the grant for the Prince George's County Council.

We noted no matters involving the Prince Georges County grant to the Alliance of Southern Prince George's Communities, Inc. that led us to believe that the County grant funds were used for other than its intended purpose.

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This report, in our opinion, fulfills the requirements of Council Resolution 51-1991 concerning random financial audits of grants and transfer payments made pursuant to the Non-Departmental section of the Prince George's County, Maryland, fiscal years 2007 and 2008 Approved Current Expense Budgets.



David H. Van Dyke, CPA  
County Auditor



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Auditor-In-Charge

### **Alliance of Southern Prince George's Communities, Inc.**

The Prince George's County Government provided two grants totaling \$71,000 to the Alliance of Southern Prince George's Communities, Inc. (ASPGC) during fiscal years 2007 (\$6,000) and 2008 (\$65,000), respectively. These grant funds were issued to the organization in June and August of 2007.

The ASPGC was established in June 1992, by a group of concerned community leaders to address the academic performance of the youth, the social services delivery system, and the health and recreational programs for senior citizens in southern Prince George's County. The ASPGC is a 501(c) (3), nonprofit organization whose mission is "Building a Stronger Community by Helping Others to Help Themselves."

The ASPGC supports a variety of educational and social services programs and projects to benefit the residents of southern Prince George's County. These programs include educational services and community outreach projects such as:

- Mini-grants to community based organizations to provide after-school tutoring programs
- Scholarships to deserving students
- Emergency assistance to needy families
- Support to local community based organizations
- Referrals to appropriate social services agencies
- Senior recreation and enrichment programs
- Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets to senior homes and needy families
- Annual south County senior citizens picnic

The after-school tutoring program provided by the ASPGC has helped improve student test scores, and the after-school program has provided service for over 10,000 students. Educational materials and supplies totaling over \$60,000 have been provided to schools in the south County, and the ASPGC sponsored annual senior citizens picnic has between 800-1000 senior participants. Additional milestones include providing funding which allowed 10 youths to attend YMCA camp, annual Christmas and Thanksgiving baskets to 75 needy families, and providing financial assistance to other southern County community based organizations.

We examined the records maintained by the ASPGC and included tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary under the circumstances. Consideration was given to the fact that an independent audit had been performed on the ASPGC's financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2007, and an unqualified opinion was rendered. Our examination included a review of the organization's checking account, grant contributions, as well as distributions to students and organizations, expense accounts, employee salaries, consultant fees and year-end bank reconciliations.

During our review, it came to our attention that a potential conflict of interest may have existed with respect to an individual with a salaried management role within the ASPGC and the source grantor of grant funds. The individual held a part-time management role with ASPGC prior to becoming a County employee and properly disclosed the source of earned income on the County's annual financial disclosure statements. The individual has since voluntarily resigned from the part-time management position with ASPGC, thereby eliminating any future potential conflict of interest.

The following Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, shows the activities of the organization for the period in which the fiscal years 2007 and 2008 grant funds were utilized. This statement was prepared on a cash basis.

**ALLIANCE OF SOUTHERN PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITIES, INC.**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES**  
**FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2007 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2007**  
**CASH BASIS**

**REVENUES:**

Prince George's County Grants	\$ 71,000
Maryland Department of Education	34,500
Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission Grants	22,500
Senior Picnic Contributions	10,009
Community Fundraisers	7,700
Needy Family Donations	4,900
Miscellaneous Contributions	450
Interest Income	<u>419</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$151,478</u>

**EXPENDITURES:**

Scholarship Awards Program	\$ 64,838
Salaries	24,213
Fringe Benefits	6,228
Community Outreach	17,235
Senior Citizens Recreation Program	14,151
Senior Citizens Picnic	11,341
Consultant's Fees	10,066
Office Rent	9,300
FICA/Medicare	2,328
Taxes	4,405
Accounting & Audit Fees	3,110
Insurance	1,450
Needy Families	1,091
Telephone	1,088
Furniture/Equipment	908
Miscellaneous	751
Supplies	747
Postage	273
PO Box Rental & Computer Repairs	172
Bank Service Fees	<u>112</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$173,807</u>
Excess Revenue Over/(Under) Expenditures	<u>(\$22,329)</u>