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Town of Bladensburg
Office of the Mayor and Town Council
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FY26 Community Grant Proposal – Bladensburg Baby Diaper Program

Dear Mayor, Councilmembers, and Grant Review Committee:

On behalf of Global Health and Education Projects, Inc. (GHEP), I am pleased to submit this proposal requesting FY26 Town Grant support to continue implementing the **GHEP Baby Diaper Program** for residents of the Town of Bladensburg.

We are deeply grateful for the Town's support of this program last year. With that investment, GHEP was able to provide direct assistance to Bladensburg families caring for infants and toddlers by distributing diapers, wipes, and related baby supplies. That support helped reduce financial stress for parents and caregivers while promoting infant health, hygiene, and family stability.

This FY26 request builds on that successful partnership. Through the proposed project, GHEP will serve approximately **40 Bladensburg households/families**, reaching about **25 babies**, and will distribute an estimated **1,500 diapers, 1,000 wipes, and 13 boxes of diaper supplies** to eligible Town residents.

GHEP's mission is to eliminate health disparities by addressing the social and economic conditions that affect health outcomes. Diaper need is one of those practical, urgent needs that affects child health, parental stress, and household stability. By supporting this project, the Town of Bladensburg will continue demonstrating compassion, social responsibility, and a strong commitment to the well-being of its youngest residents.

Thank you for your continued leadership and for considering GHEP's FY26 Town Grant proposal. We look forward to the opportunity to continue serving Bladensburg families in partnership with the Town.

Sincerely,

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FY 2025 | Community Grant Application
Deadline April 30, 2026
3:30 P.M.



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Project Title Bladensburg Community Baby Diaper Program

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CERTIFICATION

"I certify that I have reviewed this application and that, to the best of my knowledge, all statements and figures contained herein are true, accurate, and complete. If your organization does not have a Board of Directors, please indicate "NA" on the signature line and have the Organization's Director sign.

Romuladus Azuine 04/30/2026
Signature of Chief Executive Officer Date

Print Name Dr. Romuladus E. Azuine Title Executive Director

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Provide the following information about your clients based on your most recent data. Information current as of (date) 04/28/2026

RESIDENCE OF CLIENTS SERVED (*Preference will be given to agencies serving Bladensburg residents*)

Town of Bladensburg	<u>40 households & 23 babies</u>
Prince Georges County	<u> </u>
Port Towns (Edmonston, Cottage City, Colmar Manor)	<u> </u>

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Provide a brief summary of your project and organization. Please include the following: the project purpose, the number of people in **the Town of Bladensburg** to be served, and how the Town grant funds will be used.

The Global Health and Education Projects, Inc. (GHEP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating health disparities by addressing the social and economic conditions that affect health, family stability, and quality of life. Through its Community Baby Diaper Program, GHEP provides diapers, wipes, and related baby essentials to families experiencing diaper need due to financial hardship.

With support from the Town of Bladensburg FY26 grant, GHEP will implement its Baby Diaper Program to serve families with infants and toddlers living in the Town of Bladensburg. The purpose of the project is to reduce diaper need, promote infant health and hygiene, and relieve financial stress for parents and caregivers who may struggle to afford enough diapers and wipes for their children.

During the anticipated FY26 grant period, GHEP expects to serve 40 Bladensburg households/families, reaching approximately 24 babies. Grant funds will be used to purchase and distribute diapers, wipes, and related program supplies directly to eligible Town residents. GHEP anticipates distributing approximately 1,000 diapers, 1,000 wipes, and 13 boxes of diaper supplies to Bladensburg families during the grant period.

PROGRAM INFORMATION - Describe the overall or general purpose of your agency and how it serves the residents of Bladensburg.

Global Health and Education Projects, Inc. (GHEP) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to improving health, education, and quality of life by addressing the social and economic factors that affect families. GHEP serves communities through practical, community-based programs that reduce health disparities, support families, and connect residents to essential resources.

In Bladensburg, GHEP will continue to serve residents through its Baby Diaper Program, which provides diapers, wipes, and related baby essentials to families with infants and toddlers from birth to age 5. This program helps the Town's families meet a basic child health and hygiene need while reducing financial pressure on parents and caregivers.

With the requested FY26 support from the Town of Bladensburg, GHEP will provide direct assistance to eligible Town residents, helping families care for their babies with dignity and consistency. This partnership offers a simple, measurable, and high-impact way to support Bladensburg's youngest residents and strengthen family well-being. Through this program, the Town's leadership has distinguished the Town as caring, empathetic, and supportive community.

PERFORMANCE HISTORY (Prior Grant Award Applicants Only) - If you received Town Grants last year, please evaluate the progress you have made in implementing the project. Please discuss factors that may have hindered your progress

Yes. GHEP received grant support in FY25 to implement its Baby Diaper Program for residents of the Town of Bladensburg. We made strong progress in carrying out the project and meeting the basic needs of the Town's families with infants and toddlers.

With the Town's support, GHEP served 40 Bladensburg households/families and reached 24 babies. The program distributed 1,556 diapers, 1,000 wipes, and 13 boxes of diaper supplies directly to eligible families. These services helped parents and caregivers reduce the financial burden of purchasing diapers and wipes, while supporting infant hygiene, comfort, and family stability.

Overall, the project was implemented successfully and demonstrated that there is a clear need for continued diaper assistance among Bladensburg families. The primary factor that affected progress was the ongoing high cost of diapers and baby care supplies. Despite the increasing cost of diapers, GHEP used the grant efficiently and ensured that Town resources were directed to families with young children who needed immediate support.

COMMUNITY NEED/POPULATION BEING SERVED- Describe the issue or community that needs to be addressed. Provide the demographic data and geographic information used to determine the extent of the problem or the need not being addressed.

Diaper need is a serious but often hidden challenge for families with infants and toddlers in Bladensburg. Nationally, the National Diaper Bank Network reports that 1 in 2 U.S. families with young children struggle to afford enough diapers, and diapers are not covered by SNAP or WIC.

The need is especially relevant in Bladensburg. U.S. Census QuickFacts reports that the Town has an estimated population of about 9,635 residents, with 10.6% under age 5 and 32.9% under age 18, showing a significant young-child population. Data USA reports that 21.7% of Bladensburg residents live below the poverty line, higher than the national average.

GHEP's program database further confirms local unmet need: approximately 350 Bladensburg families have signed up for diaper assistance but cannot currently be served because of limited funding. Town support will directly address this gap.

By funding this program, the Town of Bladensburg is demonstrating empathy, social responsibility, and a practical commitment to supporting families who are raising the Town's youngest residents. This grant shows that Town leaders recognize that helping parents meet basic needs like diapers and wipes is an investment in child health, family stability, and the overall well-being of the Bladensburg community.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION- Please provide a detailed description of the program you are proposing. Please include the group of people you plan to serve, the expected number of participants, the activities or services you will provide, and the location of the program/project.

GHEP proposes to implement its Baby Diaper Program to serve low-income families and caregivers in the Town of Bladensburg who are caring for infants and toddlers ages 0–5. The program will prioritize families experiencing financial hardship and those already requesting diaper assistance through GHEP’s enrollment system.

During the FY26 grant period, GHEP expects to serve 40 Bladensburg households/families, reaching approximately 30 babies. Services will include the distribution of free diapers, baby wipes, and related baby care supplies. GHEP anticipates distributing approximately 1,500 diapers, 1,000 wipes, and 13 boxes of diaper supplies to eligible Town residents.

Families will sign up through GHEP’s online intake and reservation system, reserve diaper packages, select pickup appointments, and receive reminders. The program will be delivered from GHEP’s distribution location in Riverdale Park, Maryland, just a few miles from Bladensburg.

METHODOLOGY- Describe the methodology (or approach) for the proposed program/project, e.g., the procedures, tasks, techniques, or tools you will use to develop the program.

GHEP will use a structured, technology-assisted, and community-centered approach to implement the Baby Diaper Program for Bladensburg families. The program will begin with targeted outreach to eligible residents through community partners, local service providers, schools, faith-based networks, health centers, social media, flyers, digital newsletters, and multilingual announcements. Outreach materials will clearly explain eligibility, registration steps, pickup procedures, and available support.

Families will register through GHEP’s secure online intake and reservation system. Through this system, caregivers can request diaper assistance, reserve diaper packages based on child size, select pickup appointments, and receive automated email or text reminders. This approach helps reduce confusion, manage demand, and ensure that limited supplies are distributed fairly and efficiently.

GHEP will purchase diapers, wipes, and related baby care supplies, organize inventory through a centralized bulk supply and tracking system, and prepare diaper packages with volunteer support. Distribution will occur through scheduled pickup events at GHEP’s Riverdale Park location, a few miles from Bladensburg. During pickups, families may also receive basic child health, hygiene, and parenting information. This method allows GHEP to combine compassionate service, efficient logistics, and measurable accountability.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND IMPACT - Please provide activities and events that your organization has held within the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. Tell us about the impact of your community activities.

GHEP has actively engaged residents in the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns through family support and environmental stewardship initiatives that respond to practical community needs. Through our Baby Diaper Program, GHEP has served Bladensburg families by providing diapers, wipes, and related baby supplies that help reduce financial stress and support infant health, hygiene, and family stability.

GHEP has also advanced local environmental improvement through its Family Tree Adoption Program of Prince George's County. In Bladensburg, GHEP planted 16 trees at 5 residential properties, with 25 additional trees reserved by residents for planting at 10 more locations. These activities support air and water quality, neighborhood beautification, shade, stormwater management, and long-term community health for Town's residents.

Together, these programs demonstrate GHEP's commitment to serving Bladensburg and the Port Towns with visible, resident-centered services that strengthen families, improve quality of life, and promote healthier, more resilient neighborhoods.

ORGANIZATION CAPABILITIES - Describe the organization's ability to implement the program/project

GHEP has the leadership, experience, and systems needed to successfully implement the Baby Diaper Program for Bladensburg families. The organization brings more than 20 years of combined experience in public health, maternal and child health, community outreach, program implementation, and project monitoring. We are a trusted organization called upon by our residents for assistance with diapers and other baby hygiene products.

GHEP is led by Executive Director Dr. Romuladus "Romey" Azuine, DrPH, an experienced maternal and child health professional. Program Manager Dr. Sussan Ekejiuba, PhD, is a Prince George's County resident, mother, and certified project management professional. Program Officer Dr. Chidubem Egboluche brings public health training, while Outreach and Communications Officer Mr. Brownmagnus Olivers supports digital outreach, social media engagement, database management, and participant communications.

GHEP also has established online registration, appointment scheduling, inventory tracking, and distribution systems. The program has received support from the Town of Riverdale Park, Prince George's County Government, private foundations, and the Town of Bladensburg, demonstrating strong capacity and community trust.

SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS: Please attach any materials that will provide more context for your activities and events in the Town of Bladensburg and the Port Towns. *Examples include event flyers, social media posts, links to media articles, and other information on your organization.*

PROJECT BUDGET

Please see the project budget template, which includes all budget items and the total for each.

Note the funding cap of this grant is **\$2000.00**.

Budget Category	Description	Requested Amount (\$)
Personnel	(Stipends for project staff, if applicable)	500
Supplies & Materials	(List project-related items such as tools, equipment, or materials)	1200
Contractual Services	(Payments for external services such as consultants or instructors)	
Event Expenses	(Venue rental, permits, marketing, refreshments, etc.)	300
Printing & Outreach	(Flyers, posters, online ads, or other marketing materials)	
Transportation	(Mileage reimbursement or rental costs, if applicable)	
Other Costs	(Miscellaneous expenses essential to the project)	
Total Requested	(Must not exceed \$2,000)	<u>\$ 2000</u>