Organizational Overview

Cornerstone Grand Council, Inc. is a Maryland-registered nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life for underserved residents through education, resource access, and community-based support services. The organization's charter authorizes it to "deliver direct and collaborative community-based services and assistance consistent with provisions of IRS (c)(3) relief to the poor, distressed and underprivileged."

Founded on principles of service, equity, and community empowerment, Cornerstone operates with a commitment to measurable impact and long-term community resilience.

Mission

To expand access to information, education, and essential support services that strengthen individuals, families, and communities. Cornerstone "serves as a conduit for a service environment to produce community interest, objectives and goals that improve the quality of life of its residents."

Vision

Cornerstone envisions vibrant communities where residents have equitable access to educational opportunities, property acquisition pathways, and direct assistance that support stability and growth. The organization fosters "collaborative information exchange" to empower residents to access resources and improve their quality of life.

Core Program Areas

1. Educational Advancement

- Scholarship information and guidance
- Support for institutions of higher learning
- Veterans Benefits support services
- Community learning workshops and resource navigation
- Youth and adult education initiatives

2. Community Support & Direct Assistance

- Relief services for individuals who are "poor, distressed and underprivileged" (Articles of Amendment)
- Emergency support and hardship assistance
- Case management and resource brokerage
- Access to basic needs and stabilization services

3. Public-Private Partnerships (P3) for Community Development

- Collaborative projects that strengthen community infrastructure
- Economic development initiatives
- Partnerships with local agencies, nonprofits, and private entities

4. Information Exchange & Capacity Building

- Community forums and workshops
- Resource referral networks
- Resident empowerment and skill-building programs

Organizational Capacity

Cornerstone is governed by a dedicated Board of Directors and supported by experienced community leaders, volunteers, and partner organizations. The organization's amended charter confirms its authority to "receive and distribute educational grants and scholarship information" and to manage community-based service programs.

Population Served

Cornerstone primarily serves low-income, underserved, and historically marginalized residents in Maryland communities. Many program participants face barriers related to:

- Veterans and their family members
- Economic hardship
- Limited access to education
- Housing instability
- Lack of resource awareness
- Systemic inequities

Cornerstone's programs are designed to meet residents where they are and connect them to the tools they need to achieve stability and long-term success.

Impact Goals

Cornerstone seeks to achieve the following outcomes:

- Increased access to educational opportunities and scholarships
- Improved economic stability for families in crisis
- Strengthened community infrastructure through P3 initiatives
- Greater resident engagement in community improvement efforts
- Enhanced capacity for individuals to navigate resources and services

Partnerships

Cornerstone collaborates with:

- Local schools and educational institutions
- Community-based organizations
- Philanthropic
- Faith-based partners
- Public agencies
- Private sector partners supporting community development

These partnerships expand Cornerstone's reach and ensure that services are comprehensive, coordinated, and responsive to community needs.

Legal & Compliance Status

- Maryland Nonstock Corporation
- VA Community Care Network (CNN) Providers
- Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs)
- Independently registered with the Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation
- Purposes aligned with IRS §501(c)(3) charitable and educational standards
- Charter amended to authorize educational grants, community assistance, and P3 development

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