

SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 McDowell Ronda M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 SANDY SPRING BANCORP INC [SASR]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 03/16/2016

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Chief Credit Officer

SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC., 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE
 (Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

OLNEY, MD 20832

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Common Stock	03/16/2016		A		2,333	A	\$ 0	2,333	D ⁽¹⁾
Common Stock					2,278				D
Common Stock					155				D ⁽²⁾
Common Stock					274				D ⁽³⁾
Common Stock					329				D ⁽⁴⁾

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Common Stock	1,519	D <u>(5)</u>
Common Stock	3,139	D <u>(6)</u>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 15					03/31/2011 ⁽⁷⁾ 03/31/2017	Common Stock	0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.69					03/30/2012 ⁽⁷⁾ 03/30/2018	Common Stock	1,872
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 19.02					03/28/2013 ⁽⁷⁾ 03/28/2019	Common Stock	744
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 20.26					04/01/2014 ⁽⁸⁾ 03/27/2020	Common Stock	597

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McDowell Ronda M SANDY SPRING BANCORP, INC. 17801 GEORGIA AVENUE OLNEY, MD 20832			EVP, Chief Credit Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Ronald E. Kuykendall,
attorney-in-fact

03/18/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

- (1) Restricted stock awarded under 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan vests in equal installments annually for five years beginning April 1, 2017.
- (2) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over five years beginning March 30, 2012.
- (3) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments on the anniversary of the grant over five years beginning March 28, 2013.
- (4) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually over five years beginning April 1, 2014.
- (5) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually over five years beginning April 1, 2015.
- (6) Restricted stock awarded under 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vests in equal installments annually over five years beginning April 1, 2016.
- (7) Stock options fully vested and exercisable.
- (8) Stock options granted under the 2005 Omnibus Stock Plan vest in three equal, annual increments beginning on April 1, 2014.

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