



# Maryland Commission on Health Equity

## Update on Pathways to Health Equity Grants

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# Maryland Health Equity Resource Act - Policy Objectives

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## Five Strategic Goals:

- Reduce health disparities;
- Improve health outcomes;
- Improve access to primary care;
- Promote primary and secondary prevention services; and
- Reduce health care costs and hospital admissions and readmissions.

# Maryland Health Equity Resource Act

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## Pathways to Health Equity Program

- Two-year grants issued by CHRC.
- Applicants to demonstrate self-sustainability as a HERC.
- Provides foundation and guidance to become a HERC.

## Health Equity Resource Communities (HERCs)

- Five-year grants (Fall 2023 RFP).
- Emphasizes longer-term interventions that address SDOH:
  - Housing;
  - Transportation;
  - Employment;
  - Food Security.

# Maryland Health Equity Resource Act

## Pathways to Health Equity Applicants

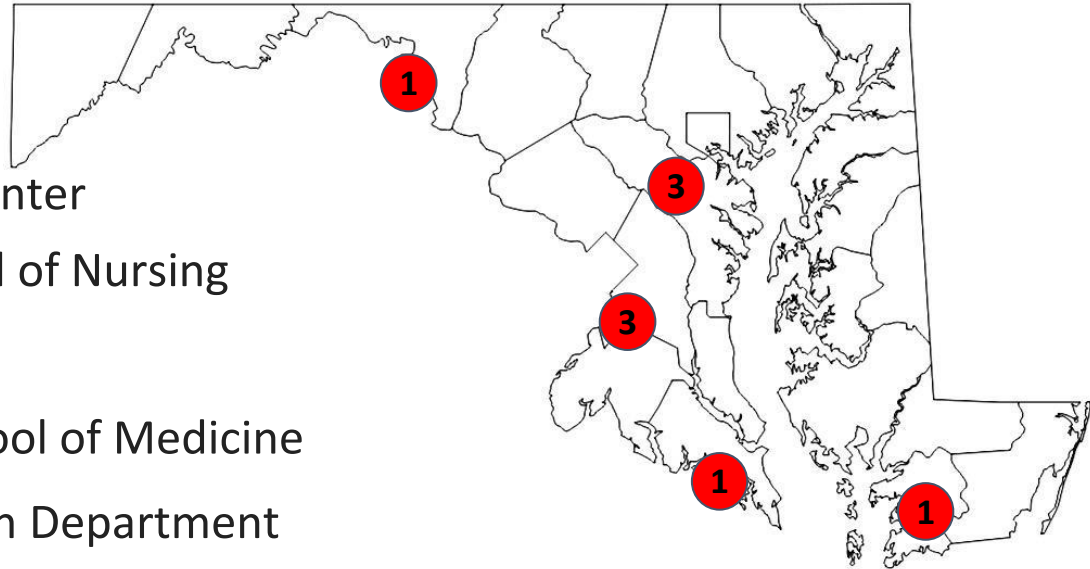
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- Pathways to Health Equity RFP released October 12, 2021.
- Applications due December 13, 2021.
- 40 proposals received, requesting more than \$42 million.
- Applicant presentation and award decisions made February 15, 2022.
- 9 proposals awarded, totaling \$13.5 million (next slide).

# Nine Pathways Grantees

## Baltimore City

- Baltimore Healthy Start
- Greater Baltimore Medical Center
- University of Maryland School of Nursing



## Prince George's County

- Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- Prince George's County Health Department
- La Clínica del Pueblo

## Rural Maryland

- Tidal Health (Somerset, Wicomico & Worcester Counties)
- St. Mary's County Health Department
- Horizon Goodwill Industries (Washington County)

# Pathways Technical Assistance

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- CHRC and CRISP staff have host bi-weekly TA sessions.
- Topics of TA sessions include:
  - Data collection;
  - Patient service targets;
  - CRISP panel uploading.
- Monthly implementation calls and grantee site visits this fall.

# Patient Enrollment

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- Encourage grantee to use standard patient enrollment form.
- Require grantees to collect demographic information for patients enrolled, including race and ethnicity.
- Encourage grantees to use unique patient identifier.
- Lead grantees upload patient panels to CRISP.

# Unique Patient Identifier & Demographic Information to be Collected

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Pathways grantees will be expected to collect the following information as part of their Patient Intake Data Elements / Process.

**It is the responsibility of the grantee to ensure that this information does not violate HIPAA.**

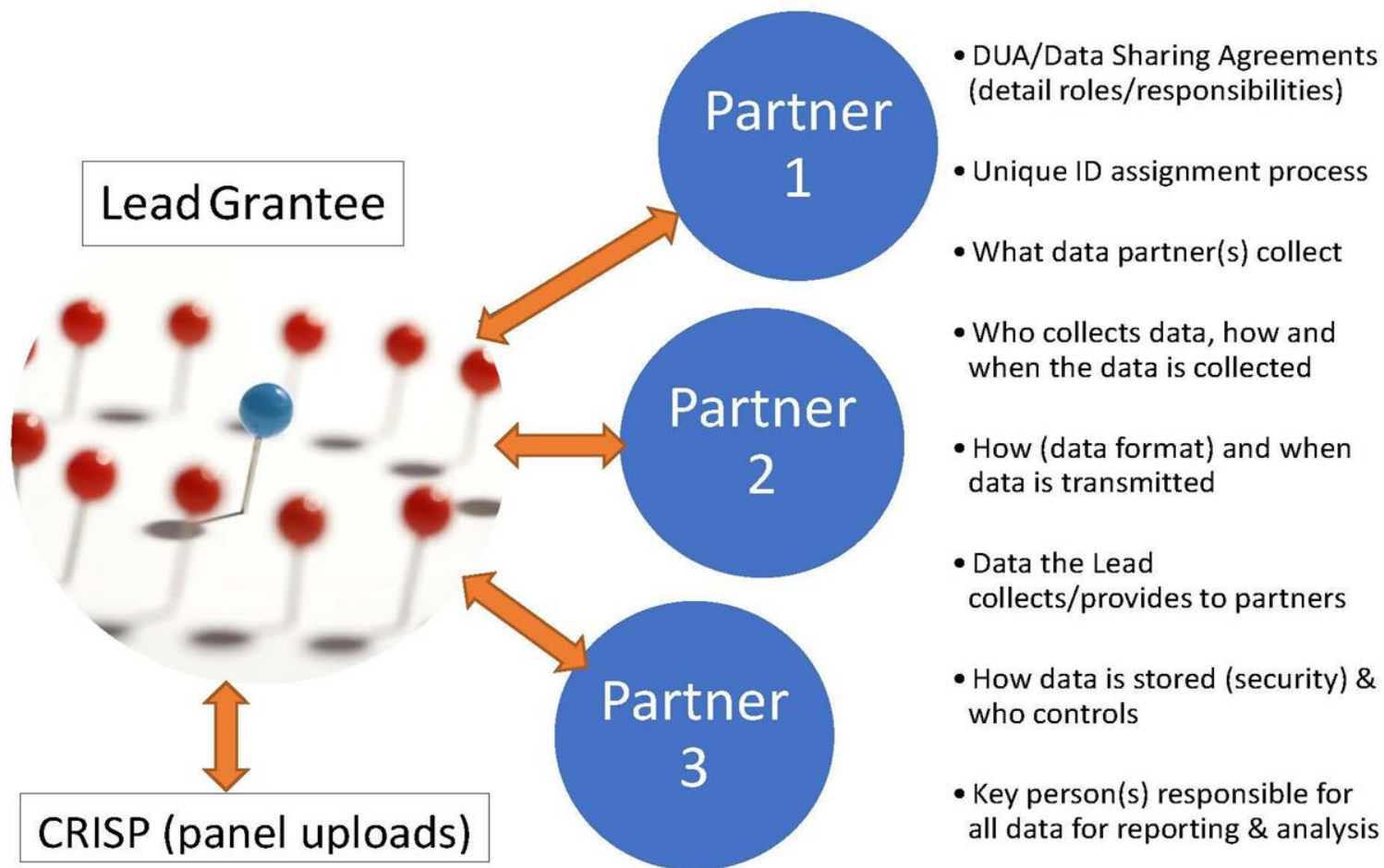
If you already collect this information and have developed your own patient intake data elements/process, please forward a copy to CHRC staff for final approval.

## Patient Intake Data Elements

- Unique Participant Identifier (Patient\_ID, etc.)
- First Name
- Last Name
- DOB
- Address
- Gender
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Program Enrollment Date using mm/dd/yyyy format



# Pathways Project Data Flow - Process & Deliverables



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