



## Maryland Community Health Resources Commission Grants Awarded – FY 2025 Call for Proposals

**April 14, 2025**

### **Chronic Disease**

**Calvert County Health Department (Calvert County; \$680,000):** This program will expand the existing Highway to Health program to address health disparities among historically underserved minority communities with high rates of diabetes, hypertension, and asthma. In collaboration with county EMS and Calvert Health Medical Center, the program will identify individuals who frequently use emergency services or hospital care and connect them with a primary care provider, behavioral health services, and support for non-medical needs.

**TidalHealth (Lower Eastern Shore; \$645,000):** The Mobile Mammography and Wellness Program aims to improve access to care and promote health equity for medically underserved and uninsured or underinsured women. Through mobile outreach, the program will provide comprehensive breast cancer screenings to support earlier detection and treatment, ultimately reducing breast cancer mortality. Participants will also be connected to primary care services and social support resources.

**Garrett County Health Department (Garrett County; \$360,000):** The Telehealth and Transportation Program will expand access to care for home health patients aged 65 and older who are not covered by Medicaid. By introducing telemedicine and remote patient monitoring, the program aims to improve health equity and support individuals with congestive heart failure, hypertension, diabetes, or obesity. It will work to reduce hospital readmissions and unnecessary emergency room visits. Participants will also receive periodic home visits and transportation for out-of-area medical appointments.

**University of Maryland Capital Regional Medical Center (Prince George's County; \$625,000):** This program expands the Food is Medicine initiative, which connects access to healthy food with healthcare. It supports people facing food insecurity and chronic health conditions by providing nutritious, culturally appropriate meals. Participants will also receive nutrition counseling, cooking classes, and gardening workshops to promote healthy lifestyles. The program addresses barriers like transportation and limited access to healthy food, partnering with local farmers and the Capital Area Food Bank to ensure a reliable supply of fresh produce.

### **Dental Care Services**

**Baltimore County Health Department (Baltimore County; \$750,000):** This program will expand dental services at the Eastern Family Resource Center to improve access to care for Baltimore County residents who are uninsured or on Medicaid. The goal is to reduce the number of children and adults with untreated tooth decay and to prevent unnecessary emergency room and urgent care visits for dental problems. The program will also help patients apply for the Maryland Children's Health Program and the Maryland Healthy Smiles Program to support long-term dental care.

**Healthcare for the Homeless (Baltimore City and Baltimore County; \$750,000):** This program will expand dental services for individuals who are currently homeless or have experienced homelessness, with care available at sites in West Baltimore and Baltimore County. Services will be provided whether or not patients have insurance,

and eligible individuals will receive help applying for coverage. The program offers both preventive and restorative dental care (such as crowns), oral cancer screenings, follow-up care for any issues found, and education on maintaining good dental health.

**Greater Baden Medical Services (St. Mary's County; \$750,000):** This program will expand dental services to address the significant gaps in care for low-income and historically underserved residents of St. Mary's County. It will increase access to Medicaid-covered dental services by adding a new dental chair and suite, as well as hiring two dentists, a hygienist, and three dental assistants. This will allow the program to handle nearly 4,000 visits annually. Priority will be given to patients with diabetes, hypertension, and behavioral health conditions, and the expansion will also reduce waiting times, especially for new patients.

### **Behavioral Health**

**Roberta's House (Baltimore City and Baltimore County; \$650,000):** This program will expand outpatient mental health services by introducing Intensive Case Management to improve access to healthcare, insurance coverage, and health education for Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. It will provide clinical therapy, peer support groups, and case management to help address social and economic challenges, including barriers to accessing bereavement services due to cost, distance, and insurance issues.

**Damascus House Community Development Corporation (Prince George's County; \$650,000):** The Restore Equity Project will expand access to behavioral health services and support for addressing social and economic challenges for Prince George's County residents reentering the community after incarceration. The program will help individuals access and stay engaged in behavioral health, primary care, and other support services to help them become active, productive community members. It will also offer workforce development, employment services, and referrals to peer support, stable housing, and transportation.

### **Maternal & Child Health**

**Allegany County Health Department (Allegany County; \$515,000):** This program will address health disparities by launching a telehealth-enabled mobile wellness clinic to improve maternal and child health and overall care delivery. It will offer a variety of services, including telehealth consultations, maternal care, and reproductive and women's health services. The program aims to reduce high-risk pregnancies, overdose deaths, low birth-weight newborns exposed to substances, and improve early detection of postpartum depression. Participants will also have access to behavioral health care, dental services, and referrals to job fairs, unemployment and insurance benefits, food pantries, and transportation programs.

**The Family Tree (Baltimore City; \$625,000):** The Family Connects Maryland program provides free post-natal home visits to new mothers using a proven model to reduce racial disparities and help families start strong or get back on track if there are concerns about a child's well-being. A Registered Nurse will visit three weeks after hospital discharge to check on the health of the mother and baby and assess the family's needs. Families receive support, education, and a follow-up visit 30 days later for additional assistance or referrals.