



FY 2026 Request for Applications Frequently Asked Questions Meeting

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Maryland Community Health Resources Commission

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Objectives for Today

1. Information about the FY 26 Request for Applications (RFA)
2. Questions and Answer period

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Maryland's Community Resources Commission



- Governed by 11 Commissioners appointed by Governor
- For more than two decades, CHRC has awarded grants in every Maryland jurisdiction
- 985 grants awarded; \$396 million
- Nearly 1 million Marylanders have received services

CHRC Priority Investment and Intervention Areas

CHRC programs directs resources to community interventions that drive system performance:

- Access to primary and behavioral health care
- Community health workers and care coordination
- Home-based and supportive services
- Transportation, nutrition, and other supports that address social drivers of health



CHRC FY 2026 Request for Applications

\$7 million in funding available statewide

March 30 Letters of Intent due

April 23 Applications due

June Awards made

Six Funding Areas

- Chronic Disease
- Maternal child health
- Dental Adult
- Behavioral Health
- Vulnerable populations
- Hospital community partnerships



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**Promoting Health Equity and
Expanding Health Care Access**

FY 2026 Request for Applications

March 9, 2026

New for the FY 26 RFA

- **Feasibility Assessment**

- “Shovel ready,” projects
- Include detailed plan for hiring key staff

- **Regulatory Compliance**

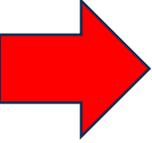
- State Department of Assessments and Taxation
- MD Secretary of State
- Maryland State Board of Elections

Selection Criteria (red text are new criteria)

1. Responds to both strategic priorities
 2. Ability to execute program / **project feasibility & readiness / prospects for success**
 3. Budget request is reasonable and commensurate with impact
 4. Community need **and stakeholder and partner participation**
 5. Innovative, replicable, and aligned with statewide health priorities and/or legislative priorities
 6. Project monitoring **and capacity to collect and report data, including data related to reductions in avoidable hospitalizations**
 7. Sustainability and organizational commitment
 8. Workforce Diversity, cultural, linguistic, and health literacy competency
- *5 additional points will be added to the scores of proposals serving census tracts eligible under the ENOUGH initiative

Eligibility as a Community Health Resource – Three Types

- 1. Designated Services:** See page 6 of the RFA
 - Must submit license from BHA
 - Outpatient Mental Health Clinic
 - Substance Use Treatment or Prevention
- 2. Primary Health Care Services:** See page 7 of the RFA.
- 3. Access Services:** See page 7 of RFA
 - Must submit MOU with clinical care provider and provider sliding fee scale

 **Sliding Fee Scale:** All applicants must submit a sliding fee scale with Letter of Intent (see next slide)

Sliding Fee Scale Requirements

- Screen individuals for income eligibility for federal poverty level

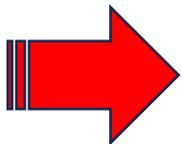


- Provides services to everyone regardless of insurance status without charge

These policies exist at the time of the LOI submission and are publicly posted

FY 2026 RFA LOIs Due March 30 3:00 pm EST

1. Complete [Letter of Intent](#) template
2. Upload sliding fee schedule – required for all applicants
3. Upload any additional documents requested:
 - BHA or OMHC licenses
 - Access Services – copy of executed MOU documenting referral relationship with provider, **and** sliding fee scale of provider



Questions email Jen Clatterbuck: jen.clatterbuck@maryland.gov

REMINDER: Portal closes at 3:00 pm – no exceptions.

Permissible Use of Grant Funds

Allowed

Salaries & benefits
Data collection and analysis
Office supplies and other indirect costs
Subcontracting and consultant fees
Project related travel

Not Allowed

Purchase or lease of major equipment
Capital costs
Legal fees
Vehicles
Lobbying or political activities

Budget Submission: Narrative & Templates

- Guidelines for completing Budget Narrative and **two** Budget Templates are outlined in Budget Narrative
- Review Budget Narrative prior to completing budget templates
- Two Budget Templates:
 - Schedule 1 Overall Project Cost
 - Schedule 2 CHRC Funding Request



Budget Narrative Template: Important Updates

- Provide **all** requested details for text boxes on the Budget Narrative document
- CHRC permits an indirect rate of up to **15%** of direct costs (unless the applicant has higher federal negotiated rate – provide a copy)

Budget Template Schedule 1: Key Highlights



- First complete **Schedule 1 Overall Project Cost**
- CHRC grant funding request and other revenue sources when applicable for each year of requested funding period
- Line-item budget details for total project costs for each year of requested funding period

Budget Template Schedule 2: Key Highlights



- CHRC grant funds requested should **only** include expenses not already covered by other sources of revenue.
- Expenses budgeted in Direct Costs categories should not duplicate items included in indirect costs.
- New and Existing Unduplicated Individuals to be Served (UIS) for grant period

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FAQ Document and recording will be posted here:
<https://health.maryland.gov/mchrc/Pages/notices.aspx>