



Maryland Community Health Resources Commission

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Pathways to Health Equity RFP: Dates and Applicant Demographics

- **October 12, 2021** - Call for Proposals issued.
- 12 regional outreach events, virtual and in-person.
- **Mid-December 2021** – Applications due to CHRC.
- **40 proposals requesting \$42.3 million in funding.**
- Geographic diversity across applications received.
- 19 proposals targeted prior HEZ zip codes.
- Diversity of type of lead applicants.

Pathways Review Committee

- 5-Member Review Committee appointed by Chair Kasemeyer, comprised of HERC Advisory Committee and CHRC Commissioner.
- Reviewed all 40 applications based on criteria in RFP.
- Standardized scoring tool utilized for all 40 applicants; **Superior, Satisfactory and Not Recommended.**

Key Steps of CHRC review of Pathways applications

- Review Committee met on January 19.
- Issued consensus recommendations regarding 16 top-rated applicants for consideration by CHRC Commissioners.
- As today's meeting, Commissioners will consider recommendations and select which applicants to invite to present at our next meeting.
- Following presentations in mid-February, CHRC Commissioners will make award decisions.

Pathways Review Committee – Consensus Recommendations

- The 16 recommended applicants represent geographic diversity.
- 7 of the 16 would serve prior HEZ zip codes.
- 4 of the 5 prior HEZs would be supported.
 - Prince George's, Lexington Park, West Baltimore, Dorchester-Caroline
- 4 applicants have not received a grant from the CHRC previously (some may have been subgrantees).
- Over 89,000 Marylanders are estimated to be served by the 16 applicants/these programs.

Pathways RFP- 16 recommended applicants by Review Committee

Types of Lead Applicants:

- 7 community-based organizations
- 3 Local Health Depts
- 3 hospital systems
- 2 institutions of higher education
- 1 FQHC

Project Evaluation:

Approximately half of the 16 recommended applicants propose working with Maryland HBCUs around evaluation.

Specific Disparities to be addressed:

- Diabetes (8)
- Hypertension (8)
- Heart Disease (5)
- Behavioral Health (mental health and SUD - 5)
- Maternal and Infant Mortality (2)
- Sickle Cell (1)
- Prostate Cancer (1)

Pathways RFP

Funding and Budget Details

- **\$13,500,000** funding available to support two-year grants.
- **\$23,803,269** - requested in original budget requests for 16 recommended applicants.
- **\$20,410,000** - CHRC staff suggested revised budgets for 16 recommended applicants.
- Of the 16 recommended applicants, several applicants look to serve the same zip codes, ie there is geographic overlap (e.g., 20743, 21217, 21218).

Pathways Applicants Recommended to Present

1. St. Mary's County HD
2. Charles County HD
3. Tidal Health
4. Baltimore Healthy Start
5. Eastern Shore AHEC
6. JHU School of Medicine
7. La Clinica del Pueblo
8. Sinai Hospital
10. Community Ministry of Prince George's County
10. HealthCare Access MD
11. Primary Care Coalition
12. GBMC
13. Horizon Goodwill Industries
14. Prince George's County HD
15. UMD School of Nursing
16. Care for Your Health

FY 2022 Call for Proposals

- Approximately \$7,000,000 available to support new grant funding in the FY 2022 RFP.
- **Two Strategic Priorities:**
 - Advancing Health Equity and
 - SDOH and Delivery of Integrated Health & Social Services
- **Three Areas of Focus:**
 - Diabetes and Chronic Disease
 - Maternal/Child Health Asthma
 - Behavioral Health / Opioids

FY 2022 Call for Proposals

Proposed Key Dates

February 4 – RFP Released (after today’s meeting).

February 14 – FAQ Call for potential applicants.

February 23 – Letters of Intent Due to CHRC.

March 15 – Applications Due to CHRC.

April – Review Committee & Meeting to invite applicants to present.

Mid-May – Applicant presentations and Award Decisions by CHRC Commissioners.

CHRC FY 2023 Budget

- Governor Hogan introduced the state's overall budget for FY 2023 Budget last month.
- CHRC Budget slated for a total of **\$73 million for FY 2023.**
- The CHRC's budget represents recent increases in statutory responsibilities for new programs
 - **\$8 million** for traditional grants;
 - **\$15 million** for Health Equity Resource Communities (**new**)
 - **\$50 million** for Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports (**new**)
- Five new PINs added to the CHRC.