



Maryland Community Health Resources Commission

COVID-19 Emergency Relief Awardee

Informational Call

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CHRC Background & Mission

- Created by the Maryland General Assembly in 2005:
 1. Expand access to health care in **underserved communities**;
 2. Support projects that serve **low-income Marylanders**, regardless of insurance status; and
 3. Build capacity of **safety net providers**.

CHRC Commissioners

Eleven Commissioners, appointed by the Governor

Elizabeth Chung, CHRC Chair and Executive Director, Asian American Center of Frederick

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Impact of CHRC Grants

- 266 grants totaling \$77.7 million.
(Excludes recent LHIC and COVID awards)
- More than **488,000 Marylanders** served.
- Statewide impact- projects in all **24 jurisdictions**.
- **Address Social Determinants of Health (SDOH)**.
- Federally Qualified Health Centers, local Health Departments, free clinics and outpatient behavioral health providers.

COVID-19 Emergency Relief Call for Proposals



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Larry Hogan, Governor – Boyd Rutherford, Lt. Governor
Elizabeth Chang, Chair – Mark Ludner, Executive Director

*Providing Emergency Relief for Community Health
Resources and Supporting Safety Net Providers During
the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic*

COVID-19 Virus Response Emergency
Relief

Call for Proposals

April 27, 2020

Priorities of COVID-19 Emergency Relief Funding:

- Serve vulnerable populations;
- Address Social Determinants of Health;
- Health disparities and health equity

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- Number of “firsts” for CHRC
 - First use of CHRC Emergency funding regulations
 - First use of federal funding
- Federal CARES Act funding available by Maryland Department of Health
- CHRC staff interpreted the permissible use guidance from sources, ie US Treasury and others.

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Examples of COVID funding requests and permissible uses:

- 1. Telehealth** (expansion / creation of services)
 - Laptops
 - HIPAA Compliant Software
 - Video services (Zoom)
- 2. Procurement of PPE**
- 3. Infection control measures**
 - Sanitization / deep cleaning of facilities
 - Equipment for minimization of aerosolized saliva (Dental)
- 4. Physical & social distancing**
 - Purchase of equipment

COVID-19 Emergency Relief – Actions Taken Since June 23, 2020

- CHRC Commissioners approved **45 awards totaling \$1.297 million** on June 23.
- CHRC staff discussing individual awards with each COVID grantee.

Immediate Deliverables

- **Grant Agreement** – Upon receipt of grant agreement, **sign and return one full original and a 2nd signature page via U.S. Mail to CHRC Offices.**
- **Invoice** – You may submit an invoice if your organization has incurred expenses related to this award from March 5, 2020 to date. Note: invoices will be paid on a reimbursable basis. Invoice, expenditure report and supporting documentation will be required move forward.

COVID Grant Deliverables

- **September 2020-** Interim Progress (Narrative) Report and Expenditure reports are due.
- **January/February 2021-** Final grantee reports due (expenditures up to December 2020 are allowable under federal funding guidelines).