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Community Health Resources Commission issues annual Call for Proposals; \$7 million to be provided in new grant funding this year

Funding areas include: diabetes and chronic disease, maternal and child health, behavioral health, and oral health

Annapolis, MD – The Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC), an independent commission within the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), released its annual Call for Proposals for FY 2023 on October 26, 2022. Under this funding opportunity, the CHRC will make a total of \$7 million available in new grant funding to support projects in the following four areas: (1) diabetes and chronic disease; (2) maternal and child health; (3) behavioral health, including mental health and the ongoing impact of the opioid crisis; and (4) oral health care, in support of the state's new Medicaid Dental Benefit. The Call for Proposals can be accessed on the CHRC's website at: <https://health.maryland.gov/mchrc/Pages/notices.aspx>

"The Commission is pleased to offer this new grant funding to expand health care access in Maryland's underserved communities," said Ed Kasemeyer, CHRC Chair. "In this year's Call for Proposals, the Commission is looking to support projects that will promote health equity, serve vulnerable populations, and build capacity in our communities across the state."

"The Commission is a valued partner in addressing key public health priorities," said MDH Secretary Dennis R. Schrader. "We appreciate the Commission's dedication and making these resources available to help further reduce health disparities."

The CHRC is hosting a Frequently Asked Questions call on **November 3 at 9:30 a.m.** for potential applicants and interested stakeholders. Letters of Intent will be due to the CHRC on **November 17** at noon, and full applications must be received by **December 19** at noon. For more information about how to apply to the CHRC's FY 2023 Call for Proposals, please visit: <https://health.maryland.gov/mchrc/Pages/notices.aspx>.

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About the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission: The Maryland General Assembly created the Community Health Resources Commission in 2005 to expand access to affordable, high-quality health care services in the state's underserved communities; increase access to specialty health care services for the uninsured and low-income individuals; promote interconnected systems of care and partnerships among community health resources and hospitals; help reduce preventable hospital ED visits; and support the adoption of health information technology in community health resources. The CHRC is an independent commission within the Maryland Department of Health, and its 11 members are appointed by the Governor. More information about the CHRC can be found on its [website](#). Since its inception in 2005, the CHRC has awarded 668 grants totaling \$117 million, supporting projects in every jurisdiction of the state. These projects collectively have served more than 500,000 Marylanders. Since 2021, the CHRC also has been responsible for implementing the Health Equity Resources Community program and Consortium for Coordinated Community Supports.