

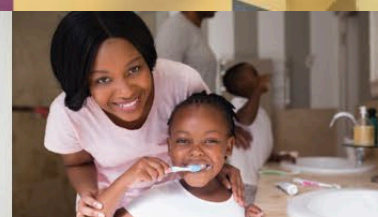
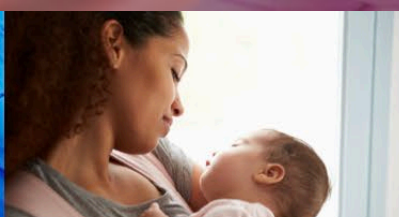


Maryland Community Health Resources Commission

Maryland Community Action Partnership 2022 Board Retreat

Mark Luckner, Executive Director

October 6, 2022



Key Topics

- CHRC Background
- Impact of CHRC grants
- CHRC eligibility requirements & application process
- Maryland Health Equity Resource Act
- Future collaborations
- Rural Health Stories

CHRC Background and Mission – Statutory Responsibilities

1. Expand access to health care in underserved communities;
2. Support projects that serve low-income Marylanders, regardless of insurance status;
3. Build capacity of safety-net providers;
4. Implement the Maryland Health Equity Resource Act;
5. Council on Advancement of School-Based Health Centers; and
6. Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports

CHRC Commissioners

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Impact of CHRC Grants

- Awarded 665 grants totaling \$119.1 million.
- Supported projects funded in all 24 jurisdictions.
- Served more than 500,000 Marylanders; many have received services, including those with complex health and social service needs.
- Leveraged \$31.8 million in additional resources.
- 75% of grants sustained at least one year after funding expired.

Select Grantee Highlights

Community Free Clinic:

- Partnered with Washington County Community Action Council to provide transportation to medical appointments.
- CHRC grant for \$210,000
- As of June 2022, over 1,900 rides provided

Lower Shore Clinic:

- CHRC grant for \$105,000
- Achieved \$927,560 in cost-savings
- Reported a 50% decrease in hospital admissions and observations

Calvert County Health Department:

- “Project Phoenix,” provides integrated behavioral health/SUD services.
- Emphasizes barriers and SDOD, **ED visits dropped more than 70%.**
- Calvert Memorial continues to support project after CHRC grant ended.

Family Services, Inc./Thriving Germantown

- Served highly diverse, underserved community
- CHRC grant for \$250,000
- More than \$2 million in private and local funding

Eligibility Requirements

Community Health Resource is defined in statute.

1. Designated (FQHC, Local Health Department, etc.)
2. Primary Health Care Services (provides reduced-price clinical health care services).
3. Access Services (refers to reduced-price clinical health care services).

A sliding fee scale schedule is required for all applicants.

CHRC Call for Proposals Application Process



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Edward J. Kasemeyer, Chair – Mark Luckner, Executive Director

Promoting Community Health Resources:

*Expanding Health Care Access
and Advancing Health Equity*

FY 2023 Call for Proposals

Key Dates:

- **October / November** – RFP Release
- **November** – FAQ Call
- **November/December** – Letters of Intent due
- **December/January** – Full Proposals due
- **March/April** – Grant awards made

Uses of Grant Funds – one, two or three years

- CHRC grant funds **may** be used for:
 - Operating support (salaries, fringe, subcontracting/subgrantees, data analysis, indirect costs), including transportation, food or other non-medical SDOH services.
- CHRC grants funds **may not** be used for:
 - Purchase/lease of major equipment
 - Construction projects
 - Lobbying/political activity
- Project should look to expand and enhance current services or for new projects.

Review Criteria – Key Factors

- Promote Health Equity
- Address Social Determinants of Health (both medical and non-medical)
- Use local interventions tailored to community needs
- Stimulate multi-sectorial coalitions and partnerships
- Encourage community engagement and genuine governance in programs
- Promote post-grant sustainability
- Yield quantifiable outcomes

Maryland Health Equity Resource Act

1. Reduce health disparities;
2. Improve health outcomes;
3. Improve access to primary care;
4. Promote primary and secondary prevention services;
and
5. Reduce health care costs and hospital admissions and readmissions.

Maryland Health Equity Resource Act

Pathways to Health Equity Program

- Two-year grants issued by CHRC in February 2022.
- Applicants to demonstrate self-sustainability as a HERC.
- Provides foundation and guidance to become a HERC.

Health Equity Resource Communities (HERCs)

- Five-year grants (Fall 2023 RFP).
- Emphasizes longer-term interventions that address SDOH:
 - Housing;
 - Transportation;
 - Employment;
 - Food Security.

Nine Pathways Grantees

Baltimore City

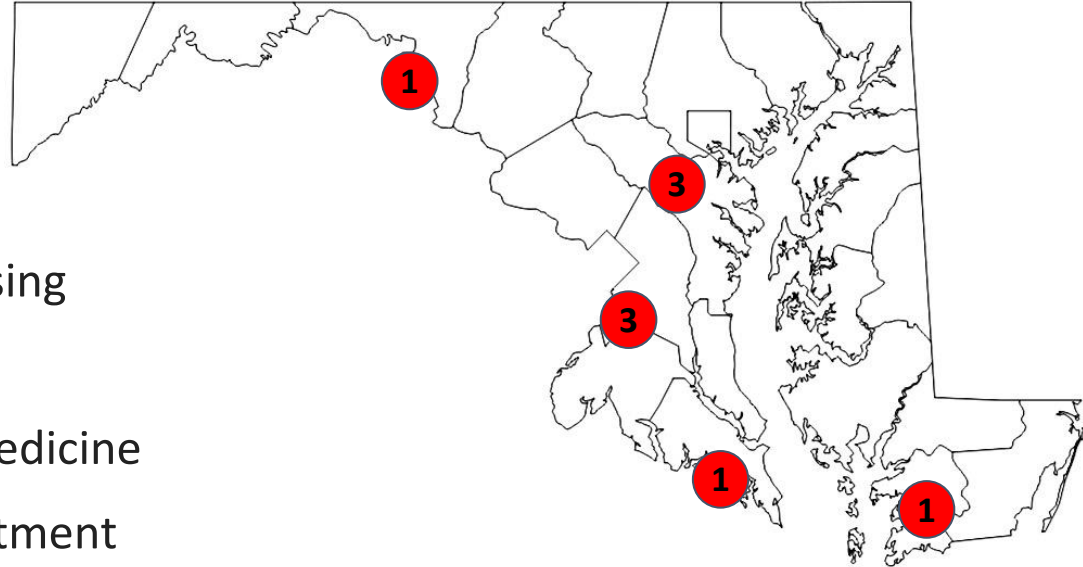
- Baltimore Healthy Start
- Greater Baltimore Medical Center
- University of Maryland School of Nursing

Prince George's County

- Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- Prince George's County Health Department
- La Clínica del Pueblo

Rural Maryland

- Tidal Health (Somerset, Wicomico & Worcester Counties)
- St. Mary's County Health Department
- Horizon Goodwill Industries (Washington County)



Health Equity Resource Communities

1. Contiguous geographic area that:
2. Have measurable and documented disparities and poor health outcomes;
3. Small enough to allow for incentives to have a significant impact on improving health outcomes & reducing health disparities including:
 - a. Racial
 - b. Ethnic
 - c. Geographic &
 - d. Disability related disparities
4. Has a minimum population of 5,000 residents

Maryland Rural Health Stories – Chapter 1



Special Collaboration
with Maryland Rural
Health Association.

Highlights 6 programs
to show human impact
of CHRC grants.

Featured on WYPR “On
the Record” with
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