



Maryland Primary Care Program – Care Transformation Organizations

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Statutory Responsibilities of CHRC

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.

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Impact of CHRC Grants

- Awarded 668 grants totaling \$117 million.
- Supported projects 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.

CHRC FY 2023 Call for Proposals (current)



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Promoting Community Health Resources:

*Expanding Health Care Access
and Advancing Health Equity*

FY 2023 Call for Proposals

Key Dates:

- **October** – RFP Release
- **November 3** – FAQ Call
- **November 17** – Letters of Intent Due
- **December 19**– Full Proposals due
- **March/April** – Grant awards made

FY 2023 Call for Proposals – Priorities & Funding

Focus on programs that promote the efficient and strategic delivery of integrated health and social services through innovative, sustainable community partnerships that address the totality of medical and non-medical needs.

1. Addressing chronic disease, emphasis on diabetes.
2. Promoting maternal and child health.
3. Addressing behavioral health
4. Providing dental care.

CHRC 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).

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.

Post-Award Grant Monitoring

- CHRC as steward of public funds → grantee accountability
- Development of Milestones and Deliverables report – based on Workplan and Logic model defines outcomes and process measures (see Dr. Weidner examples)
- Joint with grantee and CHRC staff
- 90-Day post-award
- Reports due to CHRC every six-months

Maryland Health Equity Resource Act (2021)

Statutory objectives:

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

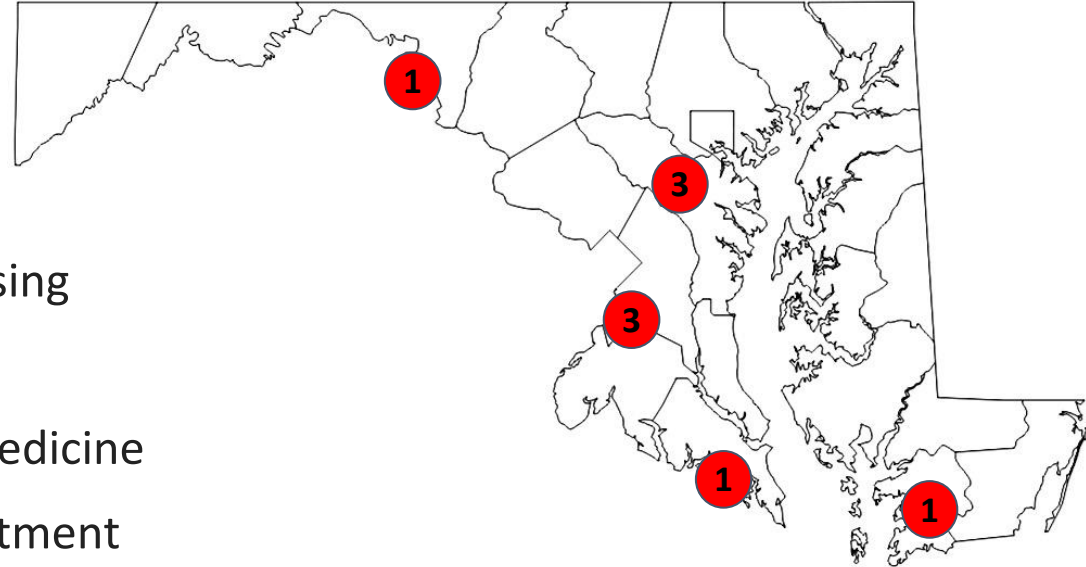
- Baltimore Healthy Start
- Greater Baltimore Medical Center
- University of Maryland School of Nursing

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)



Website and Contact Information

- CHRC Website:
<https://health.maryland.gov/mchrc/Pages/home.aspx>
- Call for Proposals page:
<https://health.maryland.gov/mchrc/Pages/notices.aspx>

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