



Maryland Community Health Resources Commission

**Presentation before House Appropriations
Health and Social Services Subcommittee**

February 14, 2022

The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer, Chair

Mark Luckner, Executive Director

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**.

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Impact of CHRC Grants

- 639 grants totaling \$98.4 million.
- Projects funded in all **24 jurisdictions**.
- **517,000 Marylanders** have received services including those with complex health and social services needs.
- An additional 16,000 individuals have received services under the DDA Relief Act grants.
- **75% of projects are sustained after grant ends.**

CHRC Statutory Responsibilities

Current/Ongoing

**Operating
Grants**
(HB 627, 2005)

New

**Health Equity
Resource
Communities**
(HB 463/SB 172,
2021)

New

**Consortium of
Coordinated
Community
Supports**
(HB 1300, 2020)

- Council on
Advancement of
School-Based Health
Centers

Update on Relief Act (2021)

DDA Grants

- Funding for **reopening** (PPE, transportation and workforce incentives), **transformation** (transition to LTSS) activities, and **revenue loss**.
- 159 grants awarded.

Pathways/Health Equity

- RFP issued in October 2021 generating 40 proposals requesting \$42.3 million.
- 16 Applicants to present online on February 15.
- \$13.5 million to award.

Maryland Health Equity Resource Act – Pathways Dates and Applicant Demographics

Key Dates

- **October - November 2021** - 12 regional outreach events.
- **October 12, 2021** – Call for Proposals issued.
- **December 13, 2021** – Applications due to CHRC.
- **February 15, 2022** – 16 applicants to present; grant award decisions immediately following presentations.

Observations

- 40 proposals requesting \$42.3 million.
- Geographic diversity.
- 19 proposals target prior HEZ zip codes.
- Diversity of type among lead applicants.
- For comparison, HEZ RFP (2012) generated 19 proposals.

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
9. 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 Health Department
15. UMD School of Nursing
16. Care for Your Health