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Maryland Community Health Resources Commission Issues Grant Funding Opportunity
Projects Will Serve Vulnerable Populations and Promote Health Equity

ANNAPOLIS, MD - The Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) issued its annual Call for Proposals for FY 2020, which looks to support programs that will serve vulnerable populations; promote health equity and address social determinants of health; and support community-based projects that are innovative, sustainable, and replicable.

The CHRC is hosting a public information call on **Thursday, November 7, 2019, at 10 a.m.** [866-247-6034, login: 410-260-7046]. Letters of Intent are due to the CHRC on **November 20, 2019** and full grant proposals are due on **December 19, 2019**. Grant awards are expected to be made by the CHRC Commissioners in February 2020. A copy of the RFP can be accessed at <https://health.maryland.gov/mchrc/Pages/notices.aspx>.

The CHRC anticipates awarding approximately \$6 million in new grant funding to support the following types of projects: (1) increase access to essential health services, including primary/preventative care, women’s health, and dental care; (2) address the opioid epidemic through integrated behavioral health services; and (3) promote food security and other efforts to address diabetes through prevention and management.

“The Commission looks forward to supporting projects that will expand access to critical health services for at-risk residents,” said Dr. Allan Anderson, CHRC Chairman. “We look forward to awarding projects that are sustainable and replicable in communities throughout our state.”

“Grant funding provided by the Commission will drive important action and innovation in underserved communities throughout Maryland,” said Maryland Department of Health Secretary Robert R. Neall. “The Commission has worked diligently to ensure Marylanders in these communities have access to and receive high-quality health care services. I look forward to seeing the successful results of the proposals funded during this grant cycle.”

The Commission has awarded 236 grants totaling \$71.3 million, providing initial seed funding to support programs in all 24 jurisdictions. CHRC grantees have utilized initial

funding to leverage an additional \$25.2 million, the bulk of which (\$20.9 million) comes from private and local sources. Three-quarters of programs supported by the CHRC are sustained at least one year or more after the grant has ended.

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The Maryland Community Health Resources Commission is an independent agency operating within the Maryland Department of Health. The CHRC was created by the Maryland General Assembly in 2005 to expand access in underserved communities, serve vulnerable populations, and help reduce avoidable hospital utilization through community-based intervention strategies.