

***Answers to Frequently Asked Questions  
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***Q. Who can be a Community Health Resource?***

An applicant can demonstrate that it qualifies as a Community Health Resource in any of three ways:

- As a designated CHR as listed in the regulations under §10.45.05.04. The designated CHRs are defined in the regulations under §10.45.01.
- As a Primary Health Care Services CHR as defined under §10.45.05.02.
- As an Access Services CHR as defined under §10.45.05.03.

***Q. Can community hospitals be an applicant?***

A community hospital is not specifically identified by the regulations as a Community Health Resource under §10.45.05.04. A community hospital can, however, demonstrate that it is a Community Health Resource, most likely under §10.45.05.02 of the regulations. The regulations detail criteria that an organization will have to demonstrate to qualify as a CHR, the three central criteria are:

- Provide services predominantly to individuals residing in Maryland;
- Provide primary care services; and
- Provide services according to a sliding scale fee schedule that meets the Commission's guidelines.

A community hospital that documents that it meets these criteria is eligible to apply for a grant. A community hospital should demonstrate a relationship with a community-based provider to which the hospital will refer patients, including the low-income and uninsured, to establish a primary care medical home.

***Q. What documentation must be included to demonstrate that an organization qualifies as a community health resource?***

The applicant should submit documentation sufficient to demonstrate that it qualifies as a CHR under the regulations. If the information submitted is insufficient for the Commission to make a determination, the Commission may request additional information.

***Q. Can a for-profit organization apply for a grant?***

10.45.05.02. 02 Qualification under Health-General Article, §19-2101(c)1 Annotated Code of Maryland—Primary Health Care Services.A. Criteria. To qualify as a community health resource pursuant to this regulation and Health-General Article, §19-2101(c)1 Annotated Code of Maryland, a person shall demonstrate that the person:1) **Is a nonprofit or for-profit health care center or program;** 2) Provides primary health care services:. a) In accordance with a sliding scale fee schedule.

***Q. Can an organization submit multiple Letters of Intent?***

Yes, an applicant can submit multiple Letters of Intent. Each Letter of Intent must be submitted separately for each priority area.

***Q. Do you have to submit an audit with your Letter of Intent?***

Yes, a copy of a most recent audit must be submitted with your Letter of Intent.

***Q. What is the total amount and time period for each priority area?***

- Infant Mortality, Integrated Behavioral Health, and New Access are awarded on a multi-year basis with an amount totaling up to \$500,000.
- Dental is awarded on a multi-year basis with an amount totaling up to \$300,000.

The grant period will be considered for a multi-year period based on the discretion of the applicant.

***Q. What happens if our actual proposal varies slightly from the original letter of intent?***

Your Letter of Intent must serve as a basis for your full grant proposal.

***Q. Can my organization be considered for a grant if we don't provide any direct clinical health care services?***

Yes

***Q. Please clarify the 5% match?***

Preferences will be given to those Community Health Resources that can make at least an additional 5% financial commitment to this project from their own internal funds (operating funds or reserves). The 5% of the match can be in-kind as tangible assets, such as furniture or computers, not staff time.

***Can I submit a letter of Intent for Adult Dental care?***

Applicants should submit an application that proposes to create new or expanded sources of dental care services that will increase the number of Maryland **children** with access to a comprehensive and continual source of dental care.