



**Anne Arundel County
Community Reinvestment & Repair Commission (CRRC)**

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Cabinet Room

44 Calvert Street, Annapolis, MD

[Meeting Recording](#)

I. Call to Order & Introductions

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC

In Attendance:

Dr. Shawn Ashworth (Chair), Ahsun Powell (Voting member), Michael Woldemariam (Voting member), Amber Barnett (Ex. Officio), Joshua Freeman (Voting member), Hannah Dier (CE), Pam Brown (PCYF), Mario Berninzoni (AHH), Beth Brush (Ex. Officio), Theresa Wellman (Voting member), Joshua Hatch (CAA), Charlestine Fairley (CAA), Elisha Harig-Blaine (ACDS), Erin Karpewicz (ACDS), Maggie Staudenmaier (ACDS), Laurietta Jones (Voting member), Sandy Jones (Ex. Officio), Laurie Benner (Voting member), Bekki Leonard (Ex. Officio)

II. Review of Agenda & Approval of October Minutes

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC

- Review of proposed agenda
 - Motion by Joshua Freeman
 - Second by Theresa Wellman
 - Unanimously approved
- Review and approval of CRRC October meeting minutes
 - Motion by Joshua Freeman
 - Second by Mike Woldemariam

III. Presentation on HIP HOP Program for FY25 CRRC Funds

Pam Brown, Executive Director, Partnership for Children, Youth and Families

- HIP HOP program – Housing In Place, Home Our Priority
- Requesting \$200,000 for one year or \$400,000 for two years for expansion of transitional housing for youth experiencing homelessness in the Brooklyn Park area.

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- IV. Presentation on Community Action Agency for FY25 CRRC Funds
*Dr. Charlestine Fairley, CEO and Joshua Hatch, Vice President
Community Action Agency of Anne Arundel County*
- Next Step Housing – Expansion of transitional housing for individuals who have been justice involved
 - Requesting \$300,000 to sustain program for three years (\$100,000 operating costs per year)
- V. Presentation on Arundel House of Hope
Mario Berninzoni, Executive Director, Arundel House of Hope
- Community Housing Program – Permanent Supportive housing for chronically homeless individuals with disabilities
 - Requesting \$300,000 to acquire and preserve a home for program participants
- VI. Discussion of Presentations
CRRC Commissioners
- \$1 million available for Fiscal Year 25 one-time grants
 - Consideration for bringing in additional organizations to present at the next CRRC meeting and petition for a portion of the FY25 funds
 - Asked for information on how individuals served through presented programs align with the intention of the State legislation. The Community Action Agency relayed that the individuals in their programming had substance use issues and/or were incarcerated for drugs. Arundel House of Hope shared that the majority of individuals they serve had substance use disorders and had been involved with the justice system. Partnership for Children, Youth and Families were not present when this conversation occurred and staff relayed they would get information
 - Discussion of retaining FY25 funds in the general CRRF for inclusion in future grant cycles
 - Decision to delay vote on use of FY25 funds until December meeting of CRRC to give members a chance to think about an accelerated award
- VII. Presentation & Discussion of Draft Application
Elisha Harig-Blaine, ACDS
- In response to previous conversations, provided an option to add additional question to the risk assessment section of the application regarding need for capacity building support and the establishment of a cohort of grant recipients to receive additional individualized support from the Maryland nonprofit center
 - Discussion of the ability of groups who are not nonprofit, recognized organizations to access this funding

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- Concerns around locking groups out of the application who have been historically locked out
 - Discussion of application's required documents and the ability of smaller, non-501c3 organizations to meet these requirements
 - Discussion of fiscal sponsors and the inclusion of the Nonprofit Center
 - Decision that this is a topic that needs to be discussed and explored further
 - Decision to have leadership and staff research specifics of state and county law and meet to discuss and bring back to the full Commission in December

VIII. Schedule of next meeting & Adjourn

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC

- Next full meeting of CRRC will be on Monday, December 9, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Independence Room at 2664 Riva Road, Annapolis.
- Additional meeting will be scheduled ASAP in coordination with the chair, commission members and ACDS.