

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

*Monday, December 9, 2024*

*5:30 - 7:30 p.m.*

*Independence Room  
2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD*

- I. Call to Order & Introductions  
*Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC*

***In Attendance:***

**Commission Members:**

Shawn Ashworth (Chair), Ahsun Powell, Theresa Wellman, Laurie Benner, Mike Woldemariam, Donald Whitehead, Joshua Freeman.

**Ex. Officio Members:**

Kathy Aytch, Beth Brush, Amber Barnett, Bekki Leonard.

**ACDS/County Staff:**

Hannah Dier (County Executive's Office, Roy Ennis (ACDS), Elish Harig-Blaine (ACDS), Erin Karpewicz (ACDS), Maggie Staudenmaier (ACDS),

**Community Members:**

Lynda Davis, Jesse Raudales, Nyah Jackson, Jonathan Hill, Stevie Fruehling, Christine Leonard, Toni Strong Pratt, Claudia Barber, Jasmine Brooks, Vicky Gipson, Chezda Jones.

- II. Review & Approval of November Minutes  
*Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC*

- Review and Approval of CRRC November Meeting Minutes
  - Moved: Theresa Wellman
  - Seconded: Ahsun Powell
  - Approved Unanimously

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III. Discussion on Purpose and Intent of State Law

*Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC*

*Amber Barnett, Office of Equity and Human Rights*

- Discussion of Toolkit guidance and alignment with previous CRRC decisions
- Discussion regarding CRRC leadership meetings
- Discussion of legality surrounding OSE guidance
  - Consideration of how to take a targeted approach to funding while remaining within the parameters of the law
- Discussion of identifying a 'Victim Group' who was targeted by War on Drug policies
- Discussion of expanding DIA zip codes to include additional areas in the county
- Emphasis on creating sustainable communities

IV. Discussion and Decision on FY 25 Funds

*Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC*

- Proposal to forgo FY25 funding cycle
- Discussion of the equity around the FY25 process
- Motion to not move forward with FY25 funding: Ahsun Powell
  - Vote to continue with FY25 funding: Brandon Davis
- Discussion of application process for FY25 funds
- Discussion of data provided by FY25 funding applicants
- Proposal of a tiered grant process: Erin Karpewicz
  - Fund for larger grants to organizations with capacity
  - Fund for medium size grants for all non-profit organizations
  - Fund for smaller, mini grants for non-501c3 organizations
- Estimate of April/May 2025 launch of FY26 funding cycle from ACDS
- Review of the County Executive's typical budget process in relation to CRRF funding timelines
- Discussion of the ability to accommodate non-501c3 grantees
  - Fiscal sponsorship
  - Alternative organization to administer these grants
- Motion to not move forward with the allocation for Fiscal Year 2025 funds: Ahsun Powell
  - Second: Mike Woldemariam
  - Votes in favor: Joshua Freeman, Donald Whitehead, Ahsun Powell, Shawn Ashworth, Mike Woldemariam, Theresa Wellman, Laurie Benner
  - Votes opposed: Brandon Davis
- Suggestion to request letters of intent from potential applicants ahead of opening application
  - Concern around requesting letters of intent without having established criteria

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V. Discussion and Decision on FY 26 Fund Process

*Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC*

- Concerns around the data set for the DIA zip codes
- Discussion of expanding data set to include additional parts of the county
- Discussion of completing a data analysis of convictions throughout the county during the period of the war on drugs to determine which communities were targeted and additional analysis of where members of those communities reside today
- Discussion of the Office of Social Equity's plans to re-evaluate its data
- Suggestion to invite Office of Social Equity to future CRRC meeting
  
- Motion to delay Fiscal Year 2026 application to be released in April/May of 2025: Ahsun Powell
  - Seconded: Theresa Wellman
  - Approved: Unanimously
- Emphasis that we will need criteria ahead of April/May application release

VI. Review Meeting Schedule & Adjourn

*Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC*

- Review of ethics and conflict of interest policies
  - Guidance from Ethics Commission
- Request for commission members to complete online conflict of interest training
- Review of upcoming meeting dates
  - *Monday, January 13, 5:30-7:30 in the Independence Room*
  - *Monday, February 10, 5:30-7:30 in the Independence Room*
  - *Monday, March 10, 5:30-7:30 in the Independence Room*