



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

Monday, January 13, 2025

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Independence Room

2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD

Recording: <https://youtu.be/cytnOcOVrqU>

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

In Attendance:

Commission Members:

Dr. Shawn Ashworth (Chair), Theresa Wellman, Ahsun Powell, Mike Woldemariam, Laurie Benner, Donald Whitehead, Laticia Hicks, Laurietta Jones, Joshua Freeman

Ex. Officio Members

Kathy Aytch, Amber Barnett, Beth Brush, Bekki Leonard, Tonii Gedin

ACDS/County Staff:

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

Community Members

Lynda Davis, Nyah Jackson, Jonathan Hill, Claudia Barber, Dawn Paige, Michelle Jasmine Brooks, Barbara Palmer, Ebony Barksdale Smith, Dr. Griffin

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

- Motion to accept the minutes: Ahsun Powell
- Seconded: Theresa Wellman
- Approved Unanimously

III. [Public Comment](#) Period

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC

Community Members

- Ebony Barksdale Smith, Community School Program Manager at Millersville Elementary: Is there an opportunity for this funding to go to organizations who will serve students by bringing programming into the school?
 - Dr. Ashworth: Yes, there will be a grant process for organizations to apply for funding.
 - Ebony Barksdale Smith: Can you consider organizations that might do apprenticeships for parents who have economic deficiencies?
 - Dr. Ashworth: Yes, but will be determined by who applies for the funding.
- Claudia Barber, Concerned Black Citizens: We are interested in the grant administrator role.
 - Dr. Ashworth: Thank you, we will discuss that later in our agenda.
- Dawn Paige, President of Concerned Black American Citizens, Inc.: We provide grant administration, program management, and fiscal sponsorship services, specializing in non-housing related, project-based capacity grants and unregistered community group cohort management. We would like to be a resource to the CRRC and Anne Arundel County.

IV. Census Tract Data [Presentation](#)

Elisha Harig-Blaine and Maggie Staudenmaier, ACDS

Amber Barnett, Office of Equity and Human Rights

- Discussion of the data set and the inclusion of low-moderate income households versus low-income households and conviction data.
- Discussion of how to identify the group that was harmed without using income data and whether further study is necessary to identify the harmed groups.
- Discussion of the prioritizing of Disproportionately Impacted Areas (DIA)
- Suggestion to add two additional Priority Areas.

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- Suggestion to prioritize on a census block/ block group level.
 - Motion to include the zip codes 20724 and 20755 as Priority Areas: Theresa Wellman
 - Seconded: Mike Woldemariam
 - Votes in favor:
 - Donald Whitehead
 - Laurietta Jones
 - Laticia Hicks
 - Shawn Ashworth
 - Joshua Freeman
 - Mike Woldemariam
 - Theresa Wellman
 - Votes opposed:
 - Ahsun Powell
 - Approved by majority vote.
 - Discussion of exploring a new grant administrator for these funds.
 - Presentation by Dawn Paige, Concerned Black American Citizens, Inc.
 - Additional recommended grant administrators:
 - Fusion Partnership
 - Kingdom Kare
 - Discussion of the impacts on timeline.
 - Discussion of criteria for selecting a grant administrator.
 - Discussion of an equitable public solicitation process.

V. Discussion of [Timeline and Decision Points](#)

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC

ACDS Staff

- Discussion of tiered grant process.
- Discussion of funding amounts for each tier
 - Tier 1 for larger multi-year grants.
 - Tier 2 for one-year \$20,000-75,000 grants for 501c3 or non-501c3 with a fiscal sponsor.
 - Tier 3 for one-year \$20,000-75,000 for unregistered organizations.
- Discussion of fencing off a portion of the funds for the tier 3 grants for when an administering organization is selected.

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- Discussion of fiscal sponsorship versus finding an additional administering agency.
 - Motion to accept tiered process
 - Approved unanimously
 - Discussion of allowing unregistered organizations with a fiscal sponsor.
 - Motion to not require unregistered organizations to have a fiscal sponsor in order to receive funding from the CRRC: Ahsun Powell
 - Seconded: Laticia Hicks
 - Votes in favor:
 - Ahsun Powell
 - Laticia Hicks
 - Votes opposed
 - Theresa Wellman
 - Laurie Benner
 - Joshua Freeman
 - Motion to allow for unregistered organizations to apply for CRRC funding: Ahsun Powell
 - Seconded: Laticia Hicks
 - Approved unanimously
 - Motion to not accept current proposal to allocate a portion of the funds to The Nonprofit Center for capacity building: Ahsun Powell
 - Seconded: Laticia Hicks
 - Approved unanimously
 - Decision to postpone discussion of funding amounts for different priority areas (mental health and substance abuse, housing and homelessness prevention, etc.) until February meeting

VI. Review of Housekeeping Items & Next Meeting Dates

- Posting Minutes/Meeting Recordings
- Ethics Training
- Meeting Schedule

Monday, February 10, 5:30-7:30 in the Independence Room

Monday, March 10, 5:30-7:30 in the Independence Room

Monday, April 14, 5:30-7:30 in the Independence Room

VII. Adjourn