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COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION RELEASES FY 2016 CALL FOR PROPOSALS; PUBLIC INFORMATION CALL SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 18 AT 11:00 AM

Annapolis (November 10, 2015) The Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) issued today its Call for Proposals for this fiscal year to solicit grant proposals in support of three strategic priorities: 1) Expanding health care access for low-income and uninsured Marylanders; 2) Addressing minority health disparities and promoting health equity, and 3) Helping to reduce avoidable hospital utilization through increased community partnerships. Click here for the RFP: (<http://dhmh.maryland.gov/mchrc/SitePages/notices.aspx>).

“This year’s Call for Proposals continues the CHRC’s mission of expanding access in underserved communities,” commented John A. Hurson, CHRC Chair. “We will look to build the capacity of safety net providers and support financially sustainable projects.” Since its inception in 2005, the CHRC has awarded 154 grants, totaling \$52.3 million, supporting programs in all 24 jurisdictions. These grants have collectively provided access to health care services to more than 198,000 Marylanders. Initial grant funding provided by the CHRC has enabled its grantees to leverage \$18.6 million in additional federal and private/local resources.

“The grants from the Community Health Resources Commission are important investments in improving health outcomes in our neighborhoods,” commented Howard Haft, Health and Mental Hygiene's Deputy Secretary of Public Health Services. “Our department appreciates the Commission's continued focus on building the capacity of community-based providers, which we believe will promote population health and will reduce avoidable hospital stays.”

The CHRC will look to support projects in the following four areas this year:

- I. *Promoting comprehensive women’s health services and reducing infant mortality rates;*
- II. *Expanding access to dental care;*
- III. *Integrating behavioral health service delivery and addressing the heroin and opioid epidemic;* and
- IV. *Expanding access to primary and preventative care services and chronic disease management.*

A public conference call will be held to answer any questions from potential interested applicants on **Wednesday, November 18, at 11:00 AM**. The public may participate by calling **1.866.247.6034, Access Code: 4102607046**. Letters of Intent are due to CHRC on December 15, and full grant proposals are due to the CHRC on January 11, 2016. The CHRC expects to award approximately \$1 million in new grant funding in this round of grant-making.

The CHRC is an independent commission within the Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DHMH), and its 11 members are appointed by the Governor.

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