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# How can health IT promote health equity?

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

# Maryland Community Health Resources Commission

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# CHRC Background & Mission

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Created by the Maryland General Assembly in 2005:

1. Expand access to health care in underserved communities;
2. Support projects that serve low-income Marylanders, regardless of insurance status;
3. Build capacity of safety-net providers.
4. Implement the Maryland Health Equity Resource Act (2021)
5. Staff Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports (2020)

# CHRC Commissioners

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**Edward J. Kasemeyer**, CHRC Chair,  
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# Impact of CHRC Grants

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- 648 grants totaling \$111.9 million.
- Projects funded in all **24 jurisdictions**.
- **517,000 Marylanders** have received services including those with complex health and social services needs.
- An additional 16,000 individuals have received services under the DDA Relief Act grants (2021).
- **75% of projects sustained after grant ends.**
- **\$31.8 million leveraged** in additional resources.

# CHRC & Health Equity

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- Longstanding commitment to addressing health disparities and promoting health equity.
- Health equity is strategic priority of annual RFP.
- Fund projects that address SDOH and remove barriers to accessing care.
- Examples of SDOH include:
  - Transportation challenges;
  - Lack of providers;
  - Food insecurity; and
  - Health literacy.

# CHRC & Health Equity (continued)

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## **Maryland Health Equity Resource Act - Policy Objectives (2021):**

1. Reduce health disparities
2. Improve health outcomes
3. Improve access to primary care
4. Promote primary and secondary prevention services
5. Reduce health care costs, hospital admissions and readmissions

# Pathways to Health Equity Grantees

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## Baltimore City

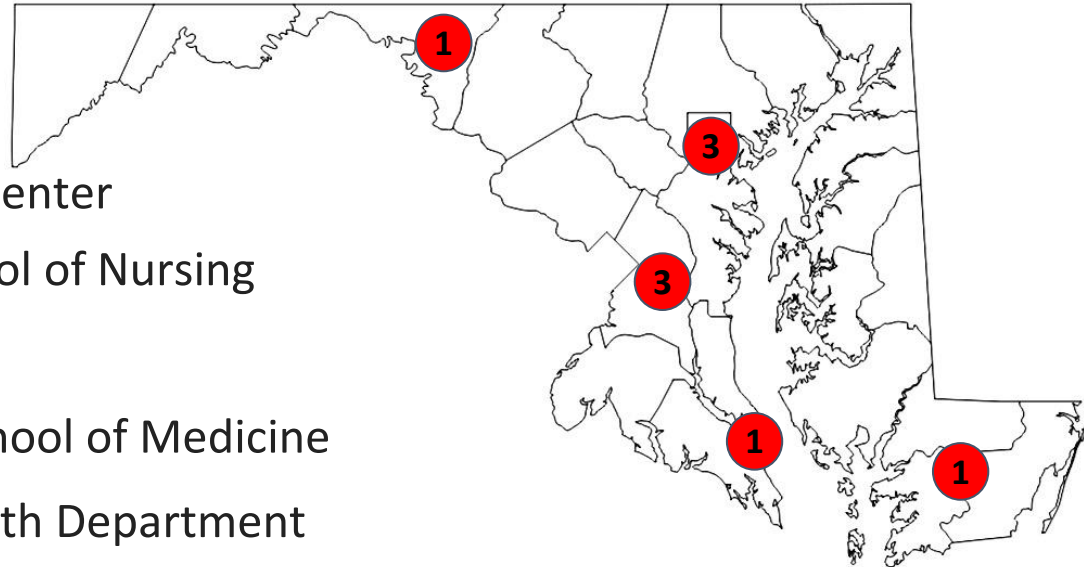
- Baltimore Healthy Start
- Greater Baltimore Medical Center
- University of Maryland School of Nursing

## Prince George's County

- Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
- Prince George's County Health Department
- La Clínica del Pueblo

## Rural Maryland

- Tidal Health (Somerset, Wicomico & Worcester Counties)
- St. Mary's County Health Department
- Horizon Goodwill Industries (Washington County)





# CHRC & CRISP Collaboration

## Ongoing Grants

- Encourage grantees to use CRISP Reporting Services.
- Assist in documenting program impact.
- Promote long-term sustainability.

## Pathways to Health Equity

- CRISP has central role.
- Prepared Public Use Data Files for Pathways Applicants.
- Provide TA to CHRC and 9 Pathways grantees during implementation.

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