

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

Monday, February 10, 2025

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Independence Room

2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD

Recording: <https://youtu.be/qDwmwbm23ow>

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

In Attendance:

Commission Members:

Dr. Shawn Ashworth (Chair), Laurie Benner, Joshua Freeman, Laurietta Jones, Ahsun Powell, Randall Stites, Therese Wellman, Donald Whitehead, Michael Woldemariam, Brandon Davis, Laticia Hicks.

Ex. Officio Members

Sandy Jones, Kathy Aytch, Amber Barnett, Beth Brush, Tonii Gedin.

ACDS & County Staff

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

Community Members

Jonathan Hill, Nyia Curtis, CBAC Inc, Lynda Davis, Kevin Lundin, Steven Waddy, Linda Mundy.

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

- Motion to approve January meeting minutes: Donald Whitehead
- Seconded: Laticia Hicks
- Approved unanimously

III. Discussion on Establishing Community Norms and Agreements
Amber Barnett, Office of Equity and Human Rights

The following topics related to norms and agreements were proposed and discussed:

- Set clear goals and roles.
- Staying on topic and focused.
- Clear moderation.
- Making clear what everyone's roles are.
- Discuss the mission and establish goals for the commission as a body.
- Establish a form of consensus.
- Respect for all voices, and intentionally inviting different opinions.
- Speak your truth – use “I” statements.
- Invite in different opinions.
- Expect solutions, accept non-closure (flexibility/adaptability).
- Assume good intentions and good faith.
- Timed agendas.
- Listen for understanding.
- Acknowledge intent, be accountable for impact.
- Make space, take space.
- Show up prepared and ready to engage.
- Lean into discomfort.
- Maximize our time – respect.
- Shared access and knowledge in preparation for meetings.
- Legislative review.
- Parking lot.
- Acknowledge that two things can be true at once.

The following were agreed upon as the norms and agreements of the Community Reinvestment and Repair Commission

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IV. Update on CRRF Fund Balance

Hannah Dier, County Executive's Office

- Total revenue in the fund: \$4,918,412.
 - One time revenue from license conversion fees: \$3,143,267.
 - Ongoing revenue from cannabis sales and use tax: \$1,775,145.
- Update to the fund since October 2024: \$281,943 deposit in November 2024.
- Discussion of the allocation of funds for a grant program, already reflected in the budget.
 - Discussion of returning funds allocated for a grant program into the undesignated balance.
 - Discussion of the County budget process.

V. Discussion of Total Funding Amount for Fiscal Year 2026

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC

- Added to the agenda for the March meeting of the CRRC.

VI. [Public Comment](#) Period

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC

Community Members

- Dr. Ashworth: guidelines for public comment -
 - 2 minutes per comment or question.
 - Complete the google form posted on the website by 2:00 p.m. the day of the meeting.
 - Public comments will be accepted from those who have not filled out the google form if no submissions have been received, time permitting.
 - Presentations will not be allowed during the public comment period.
- Jonathan Hill, Rising Hills Family Services – What is the period that the application will be open for?
 - Elisha Harig-Blaine – the application is with our software developers, and we hope to have a demonstration at the March meeting. We are on track for a public launch date of April 7. We anticipate that it will be open for 6 weeks.
 - Jonathan Hill – How many applications will you be accepting?
 - Dr. Ashworth – that is to be determined.
 - Elisha Harig-Blaine – we will accept as many applications as come in.

VII. Review of Housekeeping Items & Next Meeting Dates

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC

- Ethics Training and SharePoint Access
- Meeting Schedule
 - Monday, March 10, 5:30-7:30 in the Independence Room
 - Monday, April 14, 5:30-7:30 in the Independence Room

VIII. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn: Theresa Wellman
- Seconded: Laurietta Jones
- Adjourned