



Anne Arundel County Community Reinvestment & Repair Commission (CRRC)

Monday, April 14, 2025
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Independence Room
2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD
[Recording](#)

- I. Call to Order & Introductions
Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC (~ 5 minutes)

In Attendance:

Commission Members:

Dr. Shawn Ashworth (Chair), Laticia Hicks, Michael Woldemariam, Ahsun Powell, Joshua Freeman, Theresa Wellman.

Ex. Officio Members

Amber Barnett, Beth Brush.

ACDS & County Staff

Elisha Harig-Blaine (ACDS), Maggie Staudenmaier (ACDS).

Community Members

Michelle Peters, Lynda Davis, Vickie Gipson, Steven Waddy, Chuck Hurley, Linda Hanifin Bonner.

- II. Review of Meeting Norms & Approval of March Minutes and April Agenda
Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC (~ 5 minutes)
- Quorum not reached, no vote to accept minutes and agenda.
 - Clarification requested on March Minutes, voting outcome of motion to allocate funding by tier.
 - ACDS to provide updated minutes ahead of May meeting.
- III. Brainstorming How to Promote Grant Application
Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC (~ 15 minutes)
- Discussion of attendance at previous grant application trainings

IV. Discussion of Establishing Grant Review Committees

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC (~ 40 minutes)

- Screen shared results from Scoring Rubric Commissioner Feedback survey.
- Suggestion made to have commissioners select their top two categories for application review committees: Dr. Ashworth.
- Theresa Wellman requested to be added to the Housing and Homelessness Prevention review committee.
- Joshua Freeman, Amber Barnett, and Ahsun Powell volunteered to serve on mental health and substance abuse review committee if necessary.
- Michael Woldemariam requests to be on workforce development and employment training committee, and removed from education, youth enrichment, and after-school activities review committee.
- Suggestion to re-send survey for commissioners to request their top two application review committee's.

V. Discussion of Scoring Rubric

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC (~ 30 minutes)

- Recommendation for requirement that all organizations receiving CRRC funding must have at least 65% of their executive board composed of individuals from the harmed communities.
 - Discussion of the feasibility of collecting that information.
 - Suggestion to invite applicants to present following initial round of application review.
 - Concern around the role of the commission in verifying and justifying whether members of an organization's board were impacted by the harms of the war on drugs.
 - Suggestion to use this as a priority, not a requirement.
 - Decision to table discussion for next meeting due to lack of a quorum.
- Discussion of whether the commission will score applications that receive a low 'eligibility' score.
 - Discussion of whether a high application score would necessarily mean that an organization receives funding
 - Clarification that an applicants score on the rubric does not determine whether they receive funding
- Discussion of community awareness around harmed community impact eligibility requirement.
- Clarification on definition of low- to moderate-income as a technical term to describe households at 80% or below AMI.
- Discussion of intent to infuse equity into communities.
- Suggestion to incorporate 'harmed community impact' throughout all sections of the scoring rubric

VI. Public Hearing on Community Needs at May CRRC Meeting

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC (~ 10 minutes)

- Concern around whether there is time for this during the May meeting given the outstanding decisions and votes to be made by the commission.
 - Suggestion to dedicate the first hour of the meeting to completing commission business and then dedicating the second hour to a public hearing.
- Discussion of the purpose of this public hearing and whether it will be a space for members of the community to voice the needs they observe in the community or a technical assistance session for the application.
 - Concern around applicants participating in the public hearing to advocate for their proposal.
 - Decision to expand existing public comment period to 20 minutes in place of formal public hearing
- Concern around discussing the scoring rubric while potential applicants are present for the public hearing
 - Decision to hold public comment period at the beginning of the May meeting and then hold a closed session to discuss the rubric with the commission

VII. [Public Comment](#) Period

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC (~ 10 minutes)

Community Members

VIII. Review of Housekeeping Items & Next Meeting Date

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC (~ 5 minutes)

- Ethics Training
- Next Meeting Date

IX. Adjourn

- Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

Community Reinvestment and Repair Commission Norms and Agreements

- 1. Respect for all voices and intentionally inviting different opinions.**
- 2. Speak your truth – use “I” statements.**
- 3. Expect solutions, accept non-closure.**
- 4. Listen for understanding.**
- 5. Acknowledge intent, be accountable for impact**
- 6. Make space, take space.**
- 7. Show up prepared and ready to engage.**
- 8. Acknowledge that two things can be true at once.**