

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

*Monday, March 10, 2025
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Independence Room
2664 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD
[Recording](#)*

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

In Attendance:

Commission Members:

Dr. Shawn Ashworth, Laurie Benner, Ahsun Powell, Randall Stites, Theresa Wellman, Michael Woldemariam, Brandon Davis.

Ex. Officio Members

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

ACDS & County Staff

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

Community Members

Jacquie Cohen Roth, Linda Mundy, Lisa Kovacs, Andy Schindling, Lynda Davis, Cynthia Carter, Gabrielle Nyingcho, Sharee Ahmed.

- II. Review of Meeting Norms & Approval of [February Minutes](#) and March Agenda
Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC
- Motion to accept the February meeting minutes: Theresa Wellman
 - Seconded: Michael Woldemariam
 - Approved: Unanimously
- III. Application Review and Timeline
- IV. Funding Amount Decisions for Fiscal Year 2026
Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC
- Total funding amount for FY26

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- Discussion of total fund balance:
 - Allocated funds for FY25: \$1,143,600.
 - Undesignated funds: \$3,774,812.
 - Discussion of the impacts of the County and State budgets on the fund
 - As this is a special fund, the CRRF will not be impacted by issues with the County and State budgets.
 - It is possible that the State could re-purpose these funds in the future, but they will not reclaim funds that have already been allocated to the County.
 - Discussion of differences between tiers and inclusion of Tier 3.
 - Motion to allocate the full amount that is available (\$4,774,812) for a grant program in Fiscal Year 2026: Theresa Wellman.
 - Motion fails.
 - Motion to allocate \$1,000,000 for a grant program in Fiscal Year 2026: Ahsun Powell.
 - Motion fails.
 - Motion to allocate the funds from the ongoing revenue (\$1,775,145): Michael Woldemariam.
 - Seconded: Randall Stites
 - In favor:
 - Brandon Davis
 - Shawn Ashworth
 - Laurie Benner
 - Randall Stites
 - Theresa Wellman
 - Michael Woldemariam
 - Opposed:
 - Ahsun Powell
 - Motion Passes.
 - Discussion of allocating \$1,775,145 as the total grant program or on top of the already allocated \$1,000,000.
 - Motion to have a total allocation for the FY26 grant cycle of \$1,775,145: Michael Woldemariam
 - Seconded: Randall Stites
 - In favor:
 - Brandon Davis
 - Randall Stites
 - Michael Woldemariam
 - Dr. Shawn Ashworth
 - Ahsun Powell
 - Opposed:
 - Therese Wellman
 - Laurie Benner
 - Motion Passes.

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- Funding amount by tier
 - Tier 1
 - Tier 2
 - Motion to allocate \$1.2 million to tier 1 and the remaining \$575,145 to tier 2: Theresa Wellman
 - Seconded: Brandon Davis
 - Discussion continued with no formal vote
 - Discussion of not allocating funding by tier to allow for flexibility with the application review and selection process
 - Decision to move forward without allocating funding by tier

V. Grant Review Process

- Suggestion to form grant review committees rather than the entire commission reviewing each application
- Discussion of timeline for grant review process
 - Likely taking place in May/June
- Discussion of including commissioner feedback in the application review scoring rubric
- The first commission meeting after the application closes will take place on Monday, June 9
 - Suggestion of having an additional meeting at the end of June to make decisions prior to July 1, 2025

VI. [Public Comment](#) Period

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC

Community Members

- No public comments

VII. Review of Housekeeping Items & Next Meeting Date

Dr. Ashworth, Chair, CRRC

- Ethics Training
- Next Meeting Date
 - Monday, April 14
 - Agenda items for next meeting
 - Grant application review committees
 - Grant application review scoring rubric

VIII. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn: Laurie Benner
- Seconded: Theresa Wellman