Worcester County Reinvestment and Repair Grant Program

Purpose

The Worcester County Reinvestment and Repair Grant Program aims to distribute funds from the Worcester County Reinvestment and Repair Special Revenue Fund to support initiatives that benefit low-income communities or serve disproportionately impacted areas as identified on the Office of Social Equity website, <u>Licensing & Eligibility</u>. The program will fund community-based projects in economic development, public health, and community improvement.

Funding Source

The program will utilize Worcester County's allocated share of the state's Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund (CRRF), which receives 35% of the state's 9% adult-use cannabis sales tax revenue and license conversion fees. Worcester County's specific allocation will depend on the Office of Social Equity's distribution formula, based on historical enforcement data.

Eligibility

- **Applicants**: Nonprofit organizations, community groups, small businesses, and local government entities operating in Worcester County, Maryland.
- **Restrictions**: Funds cannot be used for law enforcement activities, per state guidelines.

Application Process

- Require a concise proposal outlining project goals, target community, budget, and measurable outcomes.
- Include a section for applicants to demonstrate alignment with CRRF goals (e.g., serving historically impacted areas). Project must benefit a low-income community or a disproportionally impacted area.
- Include letters of support from community organizations located within Worcester County.

Funding Allocation

- **Total Budget**: Based on Worcester County's CRRF allocation, there is \$1,084,316 available.
- Maximum Award: There is no maximum award. Scalable or smaller grants are
 encouraged to maximize reach. All awards are at the sole discretion of the County
 Commissioners of Worcester County and are subject to all applicable law and
 funding being available.
- **Disbursement**: Funds will be reimbursed with proper documentation.

Estimated Timeline

- Application Period: July August 2025
- Review and Award Decisions: September 2025
- Grant Award Announcements: October 2025

Evaluation and Reporting

 An annual report will be submitted to the Office of Social Equity and published on the county website, detailing funds allocated, projects funded, and community outcomes.

Completed applications can be submitted by mail or delivered on or before August 31, 2025.

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WORCESTER COUNTY REINVESTMENT AND REPAIR GRANT APPLICATION FISCAL YEAR 2026

Section 1. Applicant Information						
Name of Applicant Organization:						
Mailing Address:						
City, State, Zip Code:						
Project/Service Contact Person:						
Phone Number	Email Address:					
Applicant's Federal Identification Numb	er:					
Please check one: Profit	☐ Non-profit					
Non-profit status: 501c3	Other					
FY2026 Grant Amount Requested from `	Worcester County Government: \$					
This grant request covers July 1, 2025 – .	June 30, 2026.					
Are you seeking other sources of funding	g other than Worcester County Government? Yes No					
If yes, approximately what percentage of	the project's funding does the County grant represent?%					
Please check your type of Grant Funding	Request (choose all that apply)					
Project Funding Purchase of property Matching grant * (grantee's required cas Other						
No. of volunteers:	No. of paid employees:					
Please indicate your organization type: Health Culture and the Arts Education Municipality	Human Services Community Affairs Historic Preservation Other:					
Primary age group to be served by this gr Up to 5 years of age 5-18-year-old Adults Other (please describe):	rant:					

The number of people who this grant will serve:						
☐ Less than 10 ☐ 11-25 ☐ 26-50	50-100 100+					
Section II. Grant Request Budget Form (must use this form)						
A. Program Funding Sources: (identify ALL sources of funding applied to this program, not entire organization revenue if not applicable to request). Attach additional pages, if needed:						
FY2026 Estimate	Cash (A)	<u>In Kind (B)</u>				
Worcester County Request	\$	\$				
2	\$	\$				
3	\$	\$				
4	\$	\$				
5	\$	\$				
6	\$	\$				
Total Cash (A) = \$ Total in Kind (B) = \$						
B. Project / Program Expenses: (Please enter the total projected budget for the program (not entire organization expense if not applicable to request).						
Program Expense Estimate	<u>Total Amount</u>	Source of Estimate				
1. Salary/Wages/Benefits	\$					
2. Professional Fees	\$					
4. Operations	\$					
5. Supplies	\$					
6. Equipment	\$					
7. Other	\$					
8. Other	\$					
9. Other	\$					
10	\$					
Total project expenses: (C) = \$						
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Section III. Program / Project Goals Form (must use this form)

PROGRAM GOAL(S) & STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE STATED PROGRAM GOALS- Please identify the specific goals and strategies that will enable your organization to achieve the goals. Please list activities, start and end dates and frequency of activities (ex. One-time event, weekly activity, etc.) Please limit to 3 goals.

GOAL 1:		
GOAL 2:		
GOAL 3:		

Section IV. GRANT PROPOSAL/NEED (Limit two type-written pages)

1.	Briefly describe the purpose of the grant proposal and identify the specific low-income community it will serve. Explain how the initiative will address the identified community needs.
2.	Briefly describe and provide evidence of the community need for this grant
3.	Are there any other agencies/organizations in the area doing this or similar work? If so, please describe.
4.	Does the use of this requested funding involve coordination/cooperation/collaboration with other organizations?
5.	Provide a timeline of activities that indicates when, where and how often activities will happen. This can be a narrative or chart.

Section V. PROJECT/PROGRAM MANAGEMENT CAPACITY (Limit one page)

1.	Describe how this project/program complements or enhances your organization's alignment with the community reinvestment and repair funds in this area.
2.	Describe the plan for evaluating this project/program; please include details such as methods, dates, data sources and who will be responsible for project/program evaluation.
3.	Who will be responsible for carrying out and supervising this project/program?
4.	Describe the extent to which volunteers are included in this project/program.
5.	Provide a timeline for implementation of the program/project for which your organization is requesting funding. Include a start date, end date and milestones in between.
6.	Describe the written financial management policies that your organization has in place to ensure the responsible use of grant funds.

Section VI. Supplemental Attachments – attach copies of the following documents

- 1. Letters of support from community organizations within the county.
- 2. 501c (3) IRS determination letter, if applicable.
- 3. Listing of current board of directors (or governing body).
- 4. Copy of most recent available board (or governing body) meeting minutes or meeting minutes at which the project or operational funding request was discussed.
- 5. Copy of most recent audit or financial statement.

Application must contain:

- Complete all sections (pages 1-5) of the requested attachment for projects and operating request.
- Please provide supplemental attachment documents per Section VI.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, the information reported is correct at accurate.		
Name	Date	
Title		

Distribution of Funds:

The County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland reserves the right to award grants in their sole discretion. Grantees should not assume that approval of a grant implies commitment of ongoing future support. If grant funding is awarded, reporting on use of grant funds will be required.

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