COMMUNITY SERVICE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

CSP

Howard County Government is committed to ensuring the provision of **critical human services** to vulnerable and at-risk populations by nonprofit organizations in Howard County through the *Community Service Partnership (CSP) Program*. The County Executive's overarching goal is to partner with the nonprofit sector to create, enhance, and support the delivery of essential human services in the Howard County community.

GRANT TYPES

OPERATING GRANT

Operating Grants provide funding to support the delivery of critical human services, specifically those services which meet basic needs and provide greater opportunities for individuals and families to be self-sufficient. Operating grants may fund the following:

- Operating expenses to support the on-going administrative functions of an agency
- Project expenses to support the cost of a specific program or service
- Direct consumer assistance

ONE-TIME GRANT

One-time Grants provide funding to support one-time expenses such as equipment replacement, technology upgrades, or vehicle replacement. One-time Grants must be used for something that will directly serve Howard County residents.

PLAN TO END HOMELESSNESS GRANT

Plan to End Homelessness (PEH) Grants provide funding to support priority services under the Howard County Plan to End Homelessness.

HUMAN SERVICE TRANSPORTATION GRANT

Human Service Transportation (HST) Grants provide funding to nonprofit organizations to assist in meeting the transportation needs of adults (18 or older) with disabilities living in Howard County. This funding seeks to support independent living, decrease barriers to transportation services, and expand transportation mobility options available to this population

HST Grants fund services that are planned, designed, and carried out to meet the transportation needs of adults with a physical, cognitive, or emotional disability:

- who, because of their disability, are unable to transport themselves or use fixed route bus services and/or
- for whom transportation services are unavailable, inadequate, or inappropriate.

Eligible trip activities include transportation to and from:

- Employment – job interviews, work (including internship and apprenticeship), and work-related trainings
- Health Care – medical and dental appointments
- Social Services – human services provided to meet individual's basic needs

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ELIGIBILITY

To receive CSP Grant funds, applicants must meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) IRS tax exempt status,
- Be seeking funding for services provided to the residents of Howard County (if the agency serves a larger geographic area, funding may only be requested for those services that are offered within Howard County), and
- Be in compliance with all Federal, State and local housing and human rights laws.

SURVEY MONKEY APPLY

Survey Monkey Apply (SMA) is the online grants management software for the entire life of the grant process.

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING

Funding for CSP grants is made available through the County budgeting process and is dependent upon annual budget availability. Each fiscal year is a new grant term and funding is not guaranteed from one year to another.

STRONG GRANT APPLICANTS

Strong applicants will demonstrate:

- Alignment with the stated purpose of the funding and eligible activities.
- Organizational stability and capacity to sustain CSP funded services.
- Ability to measure outcomes and quality indicators.
- Efforts to make services easier to access across diverse needs and populations.
- Collaboration and effective partnership to enhance service delivery.
- Compliance with the terms of prior year CSP grant agreement.

FUNDING TIMELINE

November .... Application season opens
January .... Applications are due
January – March .... Grant Application Review Process
April..County Executive release proposed County Budget
May ....County Council approves final County Budget
May & June ....Award letters released, grant agreements executed
July-June... Grant term

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