Communications Announcement

The St Mary's County Health Department Local Behavioral Health Authority (LBHA) announces a call for Applications for the Community Health Resources Commission (CHRC) Coordinated Community Supports Partnership FY2026 Request for Applications (RFA). The full application can be found at the following CHRC link: RFA Consortium

St Mary's County Health Department LBHA is under **Track 1** and applications for SPOKES can submit their proposals to smchd.bhgrants@maryland.gov no later than January 20, 2025 by 5:00 p.m.. Any proposal received after that date and time will not be considered.

Track 1: Grants to Community Supports Partnerships. Community Supports Partnerships grants are available by invitation only. These grants will fund both behavioral health services for a geographic area, as well as the activities of a local coordinating agency, or Hub. Partnerships will be organized according to the Collective Impact model. Eligibility is limited to selected organizations that were awarded Hub pilot grants under the previous Call for Proposals, participated in a capacity-building curriculum led by the CHRC and NCSMH, were assessed as "ready" to become full Community Supports Partnerships, and have submitted a letter of intent to the CHRC prior to the issuance of this RFA. Service providers interested in grant funding for these parts of the state should contact the Hub pilot for more information – the CHRC will not consider independent applications from service providers for areas of the state that will be funded through full Community Supports Partnerships. A list of organizations eligible to apply as Community Supports Partnerships and the geographic areas covered by each is included in Appendix D of the RFA. Proposal requirements for Community Supports Partnerships grants can be found on pages 20-22.

An information session will be held on December 20, 2024 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please email smchd.bhgrants@maryland.gov to be added to the virtual meeting invite.