

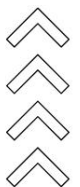


ANNUAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 2026

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AND REPAIR FUND

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Talbot County Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund

FY2026 Annual Report

September 2026

Overview

Maryland law established the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund (CRRF) in response to disproportionate enforcement of cannabis prohibition and its effects on impacted communities. In establishing the Fund, the General Assembly recognized that the consequences of this enforcement have contributed to economic, public health, and social conditions and have affected the resources available to children, families, and local communities. The law identifies repairing these consequences and addressing longstanding inequities in economic, educational, and health outcomes as part of the public interest served by the Fund.ⁱ

In 2025, the Talbot County Council adopted [Bill 1620](#) establishing the local CRRF and designated the Talbot Family Network (TFN) Board of Directors to serve as the County's Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund Commission. TFN is Talbot County's Local Management Board (LMB), with an established role in assessing community conditions, convening public and community partners, administering public funds, and monitoring outcomes for children and families. This role provides community-planning, grant administration, and performance-monitoring infrastructure for the local CRRF.

This inaugural annual report summarizes funds received by Talbot County, administrative expenses, the Commission's first grant solicitation and awards, and initial implementation and learning.

Funds Received and Administrative Expenses

Through June 30, 2026, Talbot County received \$854,706.08 from the Maryland Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund. That amount includes one-time medical cannabis license conversion fees.

Year	Amount
2024	\$506,835.62
2025	\$224,786.85
2026	\$123,083.61
TOTAL	\$854,706.08

Administrative expenses during FY2026 totaled \$3,315.03 for salaries and benefits associated with administration and distribution of CRRF funds. There were no other administrative expenses to date.

Inaugural Grant Solicitation and Review

The inaugural CRRF funding opportunity was released in January 2026, with applications due March 27, 2026. Two competitive pathways were offered: Small Community Grants of up to \$10,000 and Community Impact Grants. A pre-application meeting was attended by 32 participants representing 24 organizations and agencies.

Nineteen applications were received requesting a combined \$867,350, compared with \$200,000 offered. Small Community Grant requests totaled \$61,094 for the \$50,000 available, while Community Impact Grant requests totaled \$806,256 for the \$150,000 available.

Applications were reviewed through separate processes for each grant pathway by teams of Commission members. The Small Community Grant review team met once to evaluate applications and develop funding recommendations; the Community Impact Grant review team met twice. Community advisors also contributed perspective on community needs and project relevance during the Community Impact Grant review. Recommendations from both review teams were forwarded to the full Commission for approval.

The Commission took a measured approach to the inaugural funding round, making \$200,000 available for grants while retaining remaining funds for future investment. This approach provided an opportunity to learn from the first funding cycle before making larger investments and recognized that future CRRF revenue levels may vary from year to year.

Inaugural CRRF Awards

The Commission awarded \$200,000 across 10 projects through the inaugural funding round.

Organization	Project	Award
Bay Hundred Community Volunteers	Home Repairs / Accessibility – Easton	\$9,453
Mid-Shore Behavioral Health	Workplace Excellence Program	\$4,700
Mid-Shore Early Learning Center	Bridge Fund for Families: A Financial Aid Initiative	\$10,000
Polaris Village Early Learning Center	PVELC Playground Development Project	\$10,000
Tilghman Area Youth Association	Tilghman After School Kids (TASK)	\$7,063
Talbot County Public Schools	Expanding Career Pathways for Youth	\$8,784
Subtotal		\$50,000
Building African American Minds	Youth Workforce and Transition Success Initiative	\$36,000
Foundation of Hope	Economic Development and Empowerment Program – Easton Site	\$18,000
Talbot Mentors	Multiorganizational Effort to Increase Youth Literacy in Talbot County through Talbot Mentors/READ Alliance	\$42,350
Talbot County Department of Social Services	Building an Anti-Oppressive Child Welfare System	\$53,650
Subtotal		\$150,000
Total Awards		\$200,000

Implementation, Learning and Next Steps

As projects move into implementation, each grantee is establishing a small set of project-specific performance measures to support accountability and learning. Measures will track the reach and implementation of funded activities and the results experienced by participants and communities.

The inaugural funding round was intentionally designed as an opportunity for learning as Talbot County established its local CRRF program. The process provided useful insight into community needs, organizational readiness, and the types of projects local organizations are prepared to implement. It also identified opportunities for technical assistance around defining and measuring results and for strengthening coordination among organizations working to improve related community conditions.

Lessons from the inaugural funding cycle, together with Talbot-specific assessment data and stakeholder and public input, informed development of Talbot County's draft Initial CRRF Distribution Plan, which has been submitted to the County Council for consideration. The plan establishes priorities to guide future CRRF investments as available funding levels evolve, while allowing the Commission to continue learning from implementation and engagement with the communities the Fund is intended to benefit.

Reporting Requirement: Talbot County Council Bill 1620 requires the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund Commission to submit an annual report to the County Council by September 1 detailing funds received, grant awards, methods used to solicit, review and select grantees, and administrative expenses.

ⁱ Md. Code Ann., Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis §§ 1-3A-02–1-3A-03