



# Maryland Interagency Council on Homelessness

November 28, 2023

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# Welcome and Introductions

Secretary Jake R. Day, DHCD

# HUD Greeting and Updates

Matt Heckles, Regional Administrator for HUD Mid-Atlantic Region

# Overview of the ICH

Stuart Campbell, DHCD



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## ICH Purpose

- Coordinate state policy recommendations and working relationships among state, local, and nonprofit agencies concerning efforts to remedy and prevent homelessness across the state.
- Disseminate information and educate the public about the prevalence and causes of and responses to homelessness.
- Coordinate data sharing between local Continuums of Care (CoC) and make annual recommendations to the state legislature that are in compliance with federal policy initiatives and funding strategies.
- Analyze the need for and availability of affordable and accessible housing resources and recommend changes necessary to continue implementing a statewide housing first approach.
- Solicit input from the advocacy, business and faith communities as well as from consumers, regarding policy and program development for the homeless population and identify supportive services necessary to best serve special populations such as veterans, youth, families and individuals with behavioral health barriers to housing.

# ICH Membership & Meetings

## Council

- Membership
  - 13 Secretaries or their designees from State departments
  - 3 Continuums of Care
  - 1 person with lived experience of homelessness
  - 9 representatives from diverse geographical regions of the State engaged in homeless advocacy with a focus on housing, employment, and access to health care
- Chair appointed by Governor, rotates every 2 years
- Generally meets quarterly, but no specific schedule required by statute

## Workgroups

- Chaired by a member of the ICH or their designee if a state department
- Membership is open to anyone
- Meet regularly between full council meetings on a schedule determined by the workgroup

# State of the State on Homelessness

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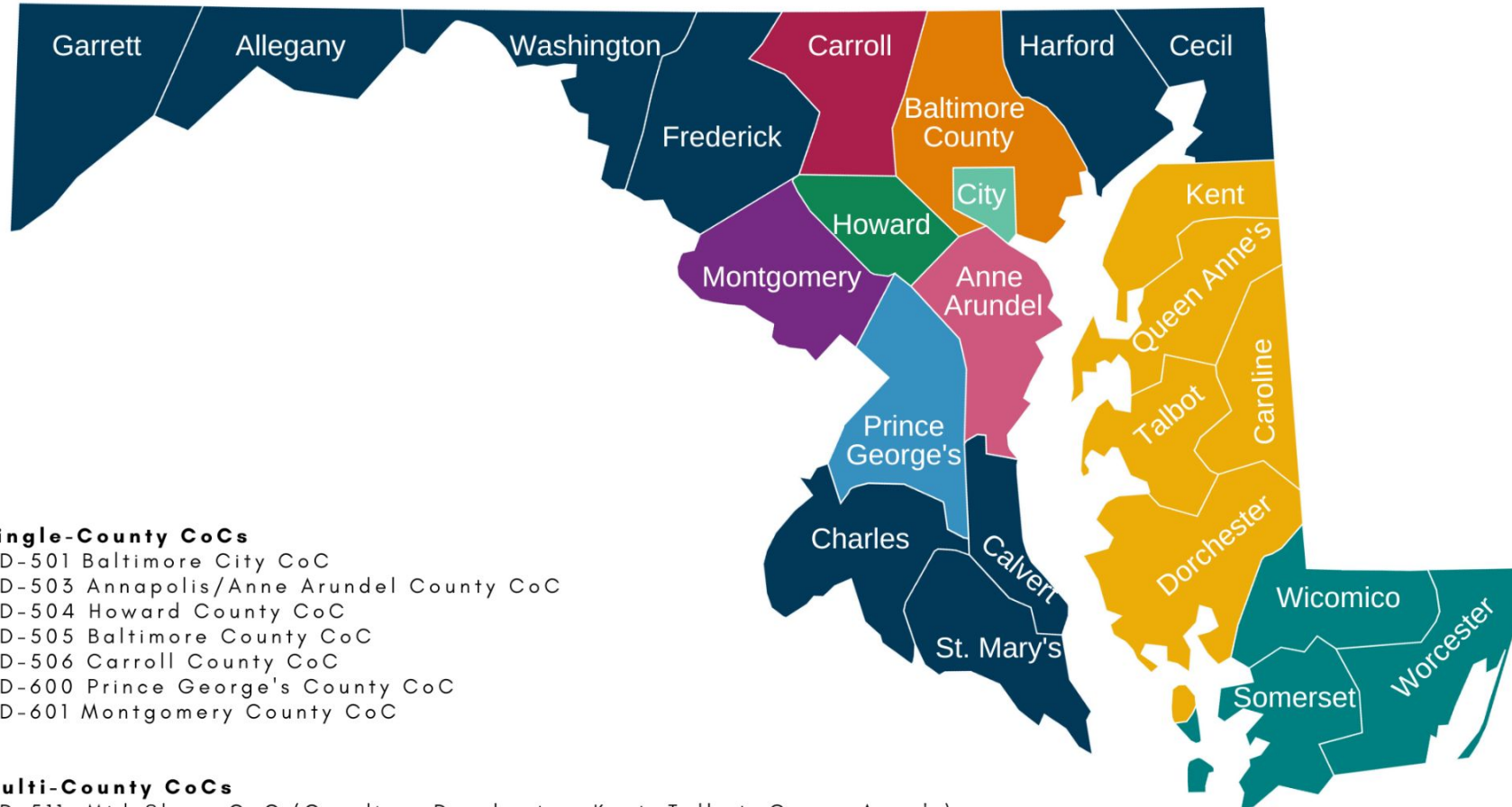
## Measuring Homelessness

**Point-In-Time Count (PIT):** HUD requires every Continuum of Care (CoC) to conduct a survey and count of people experiencing homelessness on one night during the last week of January each year. The count captures both people residing in emergency shelter and transitional housing, as well as those living unsheltered or in places not meant for human habitation.

**Annual Services Data:** Each CoC operates a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), a database that collects HUD-required data on individuals served by homeless programs in their local community. It captures detailed information on household demographics, services provided, and housing outcomes at a client level.

CoCs provide aggregate data to DHCD and HUD annually for analysis and evaluation. CoCs also contribute client-level HMIS data to a state data warehouse administered by DHCD in partnership with University of Maryland.

# MARYLAND CONTINUUMS OF CARE



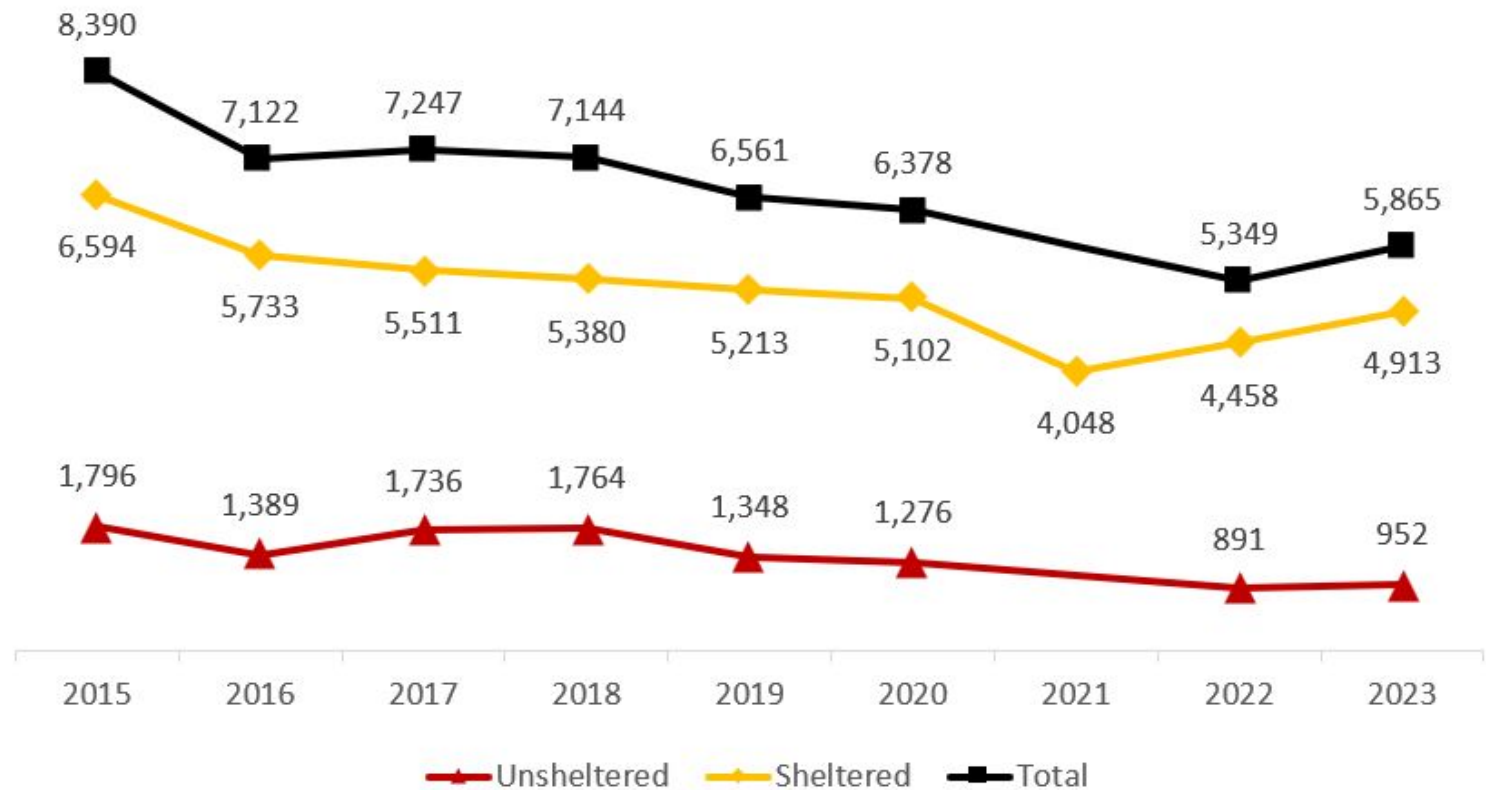
## Single-County CoCs

- MD-501 Baltimore City CoC
- MD-503 Annapolis/Anne Arundel County CoC
- MD-504 Howard County CoC
- MD-505 Baltimore County CoC
- MD-506 Carroll County CoC
- MD-600 Prince George's County CoC
- MD-601 Montgomery County CoC

## Multi-County CoCs

- MD-511 Mid-Shore CoC (Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Talbot, Queen Anne's)
- MD-513 Lower Shore CoC (Wicomico, Somerset, Worcester)
- MD-514 Balance of State CoC (Allegany, Calvert, Cecil, Charles, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, St. Mary's, Washington)

## Point-In-Time Estimates of People Experiencing Homelessness By Sheltered Status, 2015-2023



Note: Data for 2020 was collected in the last 10 days of January, prior to the U.S. Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) declaring the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak a public health emergency on January 31, 2020. The data for 2021 does not display the total count of people experiencing homelessness or the count of all people experiencing unsheltered homelessness due to pandemic-related disruptions to counts, as authorized by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Additionally, estimates of the number of people experiencing sheltered homelessness at a point in time in 2021 should be viewed with caution, as the number could be artificially depressed compared with non-pandemic times, reflecting reduced capacity in some communities or safety concerns regarding staying in shelters.

## Point-In-Time Change in People Experiencing Homelessness By Continuum of Care and Sheltered Status, 2015-2023

Continuum of Care	Pandemic Change 2020-2023						Historic Change 2015-2023					
	Unsheltered		Sheltered		All People		Unsheltered		Sheltered		All People	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Anne Arundel County	-16	-18%	-62	-27%	-78	-24%	26	54%	-120	-42%	-94	-28%
Baltimore City	-185	-62%	-381	-20%	-566	-26%	-224	-66%	-945	-38%	-1,169	-42%
Baltimore County	-84	-39%	-16	-3%	-100	-14%	-163	-55%	30	7%	-133	-18%
Carroll County	0	0%	-8	-7%	-8	-6%	12	109%	-30	-23%	-18	-13%
Howard County	-7	-18%	13	13%	6	4%	-10	-23%	-11	-9%	-21	-13%
Lower Shore	-9	-17%	28	11%	19	6%	-3	-6%	6	2%	3	1%
MD BoS	-29	-9%	-92	-10%	-121	-9%	-419	-58%	-419	-33%	-838	-42%
Mid Shore	-26	-93%	8	6%	-18	-11%	-33	-94%	14	11%	-19	-12%
Montgomery County	21	20%	203	36%	224	33%	21	20%	-227	-23%	-206	-19%
Prince George's County	11	12%	118	31%	129	28%	-51	-33%	21	4%	-30	-5%
<b>State wide</b>	<b>-324</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>-189</b>	<b>-4%</b>	<b>-513</b>	<b>-8%</b>	<b>-844</b>	<b>-47%</b>	<b>-1,681</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>-2,525</b>	<b>-30%</b>



## Annual Service Count of People Experiencing Homelessness By Continuum of Care and Sheltered Status, 2015-2023

	SFY13	SFY14	SFY15	SFY16	SFY17	SFY18	SFY19	SFY20	SFY21	SFY22	SFY23
Anne Arundel County	1,550	1,429	1,471	991	1,736	1,544	1,281	1,190	1,286	1,381	1,183
Baltimore City	11,668	10,436	11,144	11,807	12,868	12,226	11,798	9,420	6,967	8,027	11,440
Baltimore County	3,289	3,921	3,628	3,648	3,763	3,997	4,244	3,532	1,805	2,564	3,973
Carroll County	518	539	497	663	780	797	739	691	535	523	989
Frederick County	1,753	1,836	1,746	1,327	1,287	1,215	1,281	1,015	1,022	1,030	1,411
Howard County	505	729	909	875	620	978	751	513	478	565	773
Lower Shore	1,377	945	910	1,184	1,416	1,509	1,384	1,468	1,116	950	1,313
Maryland Balance of State	2,576	2,952	2,744	3,852	3,256	3,545	3,915	3,955	3,645	4,018	5,175
Mid Shore	201	180	263	604	580	642	888	1,645	1,574	654	686
Montgomery County	3,327	3,157	3,189	2,798	2,661	2,993	2,488	2,466	2,840	2,874	3,078
Prince George's County	1,498	1,578	1,263	1,921	2,128	1,872	1,858	1,893	1,975	2,265	2,071
<b>Maryland Total</b>	<b>28,262</b>	<b>27,702</b>	<b>27,764</b>	<b>29,670</b>	<b>31,095</b>	<b>31,318</b>	<b>30,627</b>	<b>27,788</b>	<b>23,243</b>	<b>24,851</b>	<b>32,092</b>

Data represents the unduplicated number of people receiving services for street outreach, shelter, transitional housing, or rapid re-housing over the course of the State Fiscal Year from a domestic violence service provider or a homeless services provider participating in HMIS.

# Who Is Homeless in Maryland?



**Female**  
Rural: 46%, State: 40%

**Black/African American**  
Rural: 42%, State: 60%

**Children Under 18**  
Rural: 29%, State: 20%

**Chronically Homeless**  
Rural: 27%, State: 20%

**Veterans**  
Rural: 13%, State: 7% (of adults)

**Male**  
Rural: 53%, State: 59%

**White**  
Rural: 50%, State: 34%

**Older Adults (55+)**  
Rural: 18%, State: 21%

**Adult Survivor of DV**  
Rural: 10%, State: 8%



## Rural vs. Statewide Trends

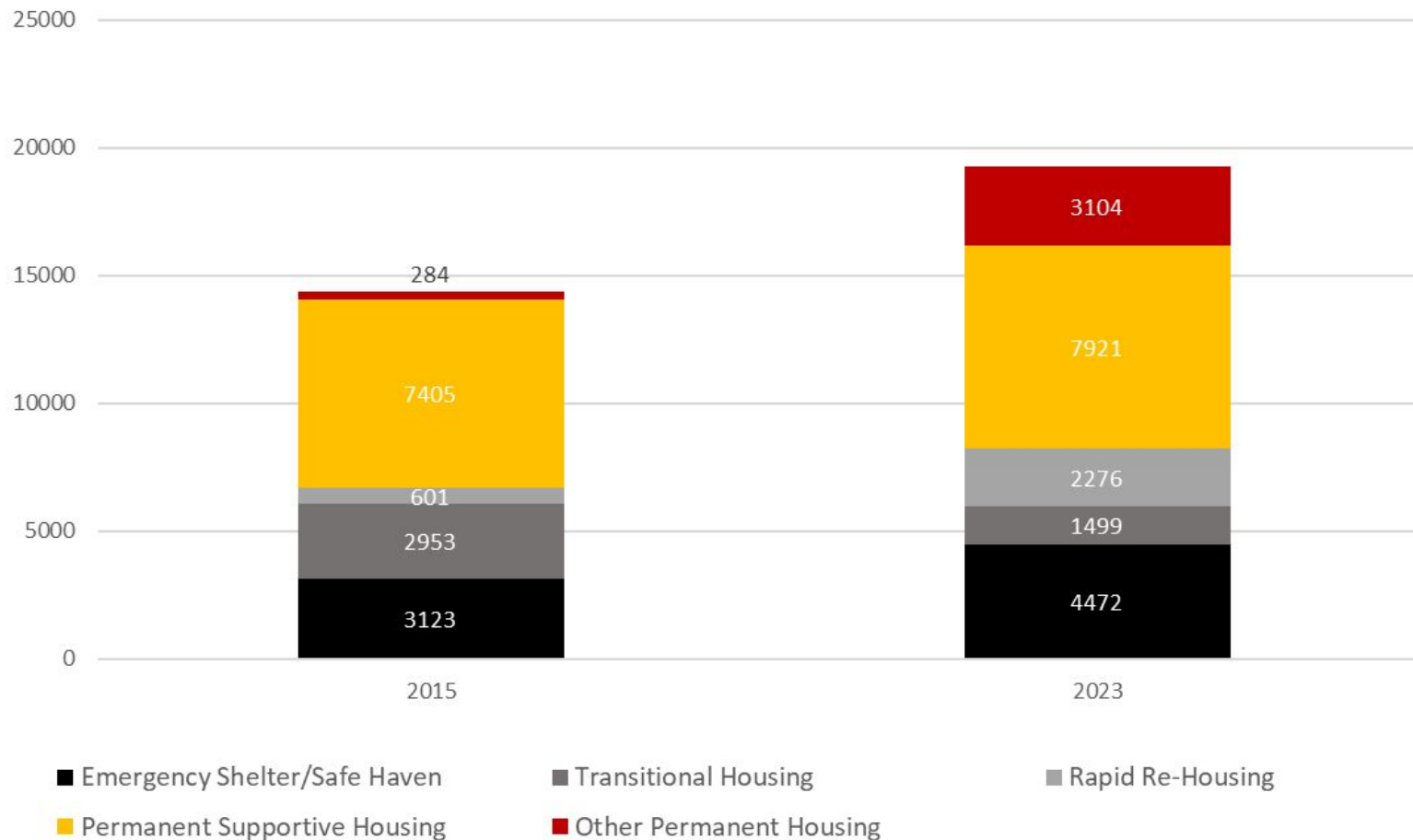
Compared to statewide averages, people experiencing homelessness in rural areas are more likely to be:

- A female
- A child under 18
- A veteran
- A survivor of domestic violence
- Experiencing chronic homelessness
- Experiencing homelessness as a family vs. as a single adult

### Racial Disparities

- *Balance of State:* 25% of the population is BIPOC, but 46% of people experiencing homelessness are BIPOC
- *Maryland:* 47% of the population is BIPOC, but 65% of people experiencing homelessness are BIPOC

# Homeless Housing Inventory





# Partnership Highlight: ICH Workforce Symposium

Casey Tiefenwerth, Department of Labor



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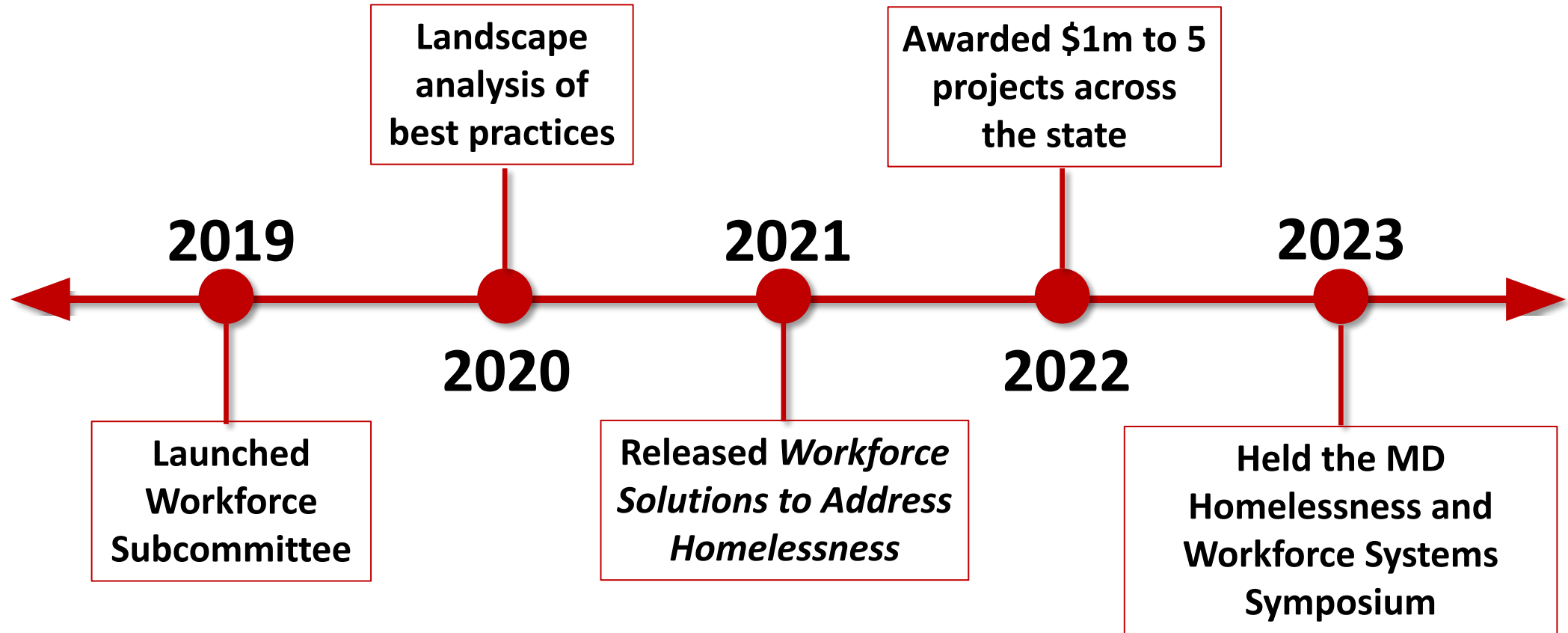
# Maryland Interagency Council on Homelessness: Workforce Subcommittee

## Goal

Reduce or eliminate workforce barriers, increase training opportunities, sustainable employment options and earning potential to ensure those experiencing homelessness can become self-sufficient.

- >35 members
- Quarterly, virtual meetings
- Systems/Sectors represented:
  - 27% Workforce Development
  - 22% Housing
  - 14% “Both”
  - 36% “Other” (CAC, Healthcare, Higher Ed., DHS, Public Safety, Non-profits)

# Timeline of Work



Horizon Goodwill Industries

Amount Requested: \$199,000

Number Served: 65

Baltimore County Department of Economic and Workforce Development

Amount Requested: \$200,000

Number Served: 75

Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training

Amount Requested: \$200,000

Number Served: 54

Allegany College

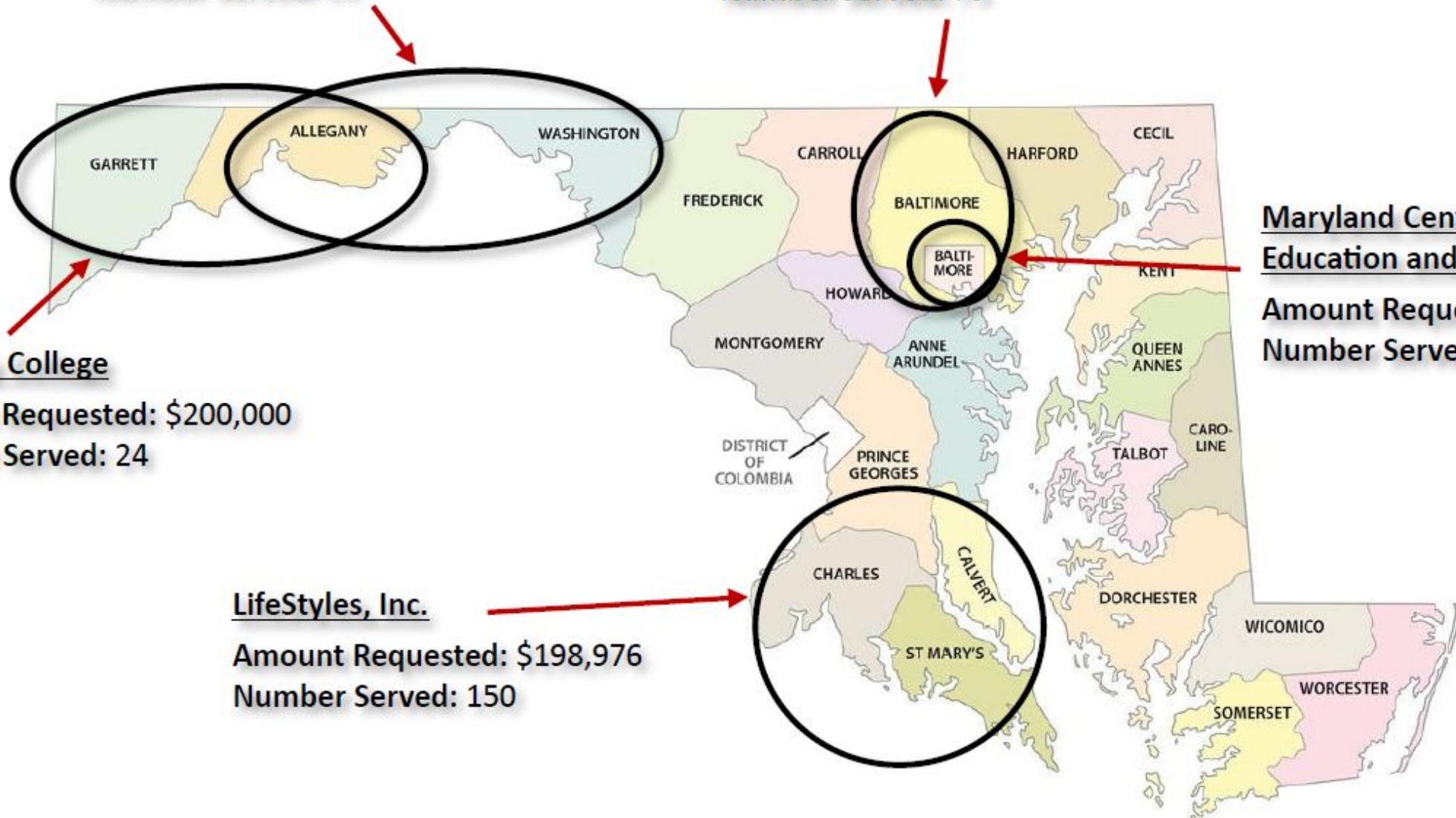
Amount Requested: \$200,000

Number Served: 24

LifeStyles, Inc.

Amount Requested: \$198,976

Number Served: 150



# Workforce Solutions Outcomes as of 10/23

Activity	Outcome
# of Participants Placed into Training	29
# of Participants to Receive Work-Related Credentials	12
# of Participants to Enter Unsubsidized Employment	43
# of Participants to Obtain Housing	26

# Lessons Learned (So Far)



- Ongoing, clear communication across systems and between partners is key
- Focus on shared goals
- Address basic needs first
- Be nimble
- Co-location of services is a best practice



# Horizon Goodwill Industries





# The Maryland Interagency Council on Homelessness

The Maryland Homelessness and Workforce Systems Symposium

*Connecting Systems for Better Service*

- 150 attendees representing the homeless services system, workforce system, social services, and higher education in attendance.
- Secretaries from the MD Departments of Labor, Housing and Community Development, and Disabilities participated.
- Featured a panel of individuals with lived experience of homelessness and income insecurity.







# Thank you!

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# New Interagency Opportunities and Collaborations



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## Maryland Eviction Data Dashboard

- MGA passed legislation in 2022 requiring the collection and publication of certain case-level data related to warrants of restitution and writs of possession
  - The Maryland Judiciary collects and compiles the case-level data from local courts, and provides the data monthly to DHCD
  - DHCD processes the data and publishes a dashboard monthly for public viewing and analysis of the eviction data
  - DHCD is the custodian of the data and must make it available to local governments and Maryland universities upon request
- Judiciary began collecting case-level data January 1, 2023 and DHCD launched a dashboard in May 2023
- Dashboard can be accessed online at <https://dhcd.maryland.gov/maps/Pages/default.aspx>. Via the dashboard, users can access data visualizations, maps, and a downloadable dataset.



## Older Adult Aging-in-Place Collaboration

- **Goal:** MDOA, DHCD, and MDOD are collaborating to increase resources available to help older adults maintain their independence, age in place safely, and prevent/delay the need for hospitalization or long-term care in an institutional setting
- **Connection to Homelessness:** Prevents older adults from becoming homeless by increasing housing stability, and provides critical support to older adults who were chronically homeless and now live in permanent supportive housing to age in place safely.
- **Grant Opportunities:**
  - [HUD Older Adult Home Modification Program](#) - Submitted preliminary application to implement the [Johns Hopkins CAPABLE home mod program](#) in the Lower Shore, Southern Maryland, and expand the existing model in Garrett County.
  - [Enterprise THOME Aging Well Grant](#) - Intend to apply for private funding to support the same program model or implement if HUD grant is not awarded.



Housing and Services  
Resource Center

## Housing and Services Partnership Accelerator

- In November, [HHS and HUD announced](#) the launch of the Housing and Services Partnership Accelerator, which will support states in developing or expanding innovative housing-related supports and services for Medicaid-eligible people with disabilities and older adults who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness.
- Initiative provides in-depth federal technical assistance to states to expand or improve their ability to provide housing-related services under Medicaid:
  - Home accessibility modifications
  - One-time community transition costs
  - Housing and tenancy supports
- MDH is leading the application process and working closely with multiple state agencies, including MDOD, MDOA, and DHCD
- HHS and HUD will announce the 4 states selected to participate by end of December



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# MARYLAND PARTNERSHIP FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING

## Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program



# History

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- The Section 811 Project Rental Assistance (PRA) Program, authorized by the Frank Melville Supportive Housing Investment Act of 2010 and first implemented as a demonstration program in FY 2012.
- The goal of the program was to expand the supply of **supportive housing that promotes community integration** for low-income people with disabilities by leveraging mainstream affordable housing, Medicaid, and other community-based supportive service resources.



# Eligibility Criteria

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- The Section 811 PRA Program awards funds to state housing agencies who:
  - a) partner with state Medicaid and/or health and human services agencies that have developed methods for the identification, outreach, and referral of extremely low-income people with disabilities who need PRA-funded units; and
  - b) allocate rental assistance to housing units set aside in affordable housing projects whose capital costs are funded through federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC), federal HOME funds, or other federal, state, and local funding sources for eligible individuals.

# Unit Allocation and Eligible Populations

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- To ensure community integration of PRA units, **no more than 25 percent of the total units in eligible multifamily properties** can:
  - 1) be provided Section 811 PRA funds;
  - 2) be used for supportive housing for persons with disabilities; or
  - 3) have any occupancy preference for persons with disabilities.
- For PRA-funded units, tenants must be extremely low-income (at or below 30 percent of Area Median Income (AMI)) and at least one adult member of the household must have a disability.
- The person with the disability must be eligible for: community-based, long-term services as provided under the state's plan for medical assistance under Title XIX of the Social Security Act (Medicaid), state funded services, or other appropriate services defined in the written partnership agreement.

# Eligible Properties

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- Properties eligible for the Section 811 PRA Program may be new construction, rehabilitation, or existing properties and owned by a nonprofit, public, or a private entity.
- Properties must also meet the following requirements:
  - Have a minimum of five housing units
  - Have financing or capital investment from a federal, state, or local program such as the LIHTC, HOME Program, National Housing Trust Fund (HTF), Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Rural Housing, state bond funds, or other capital funding sources
  - Eligible units in the property cannot already have project-based operating housing subsidy, or had a long-term subsidy attached
  - Properties with existing use restrictions for people with disabilities may not be eligible
  - Projects restricted to persons 62 years and older are not eligible

# Interagency Partnership Requirement

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- The Section 811 PRA Program requires that the DHCD (Applicant) have an Inter-agency Agreement with the State agency responsible for health and human services programs and the State agency designated to administer or supervise the administration of the State plan for medical assistance under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C 1396, et seq), i.e. Medicaid.
- The Inter-agency Partnership Agreement outlines the partnership between DHCD and the state Health and Human Services/Medicaid agencies.  
Also outlined in the Inter-Agency Partnership Agreement are the following:
  - Detailed description of the target population(s) to be served.
  - Methods for outreach and referral.
  - Commitments to make appropriate services available for residents in Section 811 PRA assisted units in multifamily properties.
  - Description of available state administered services and other appropriate services and description of how such service will be made available to tenants

# Awarding PRA Funds

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- DHCD is responsible for awarding PRA funds and conducting all reviews and underwriting tasks including financial feasibility reviews to meet PRA requirements. DHCD has the lead responsibility for selecting projects and units for PRA funding. DHCD consults with MDH and MDOD regarding the types, sizes, and locations of housing units to ensure the selected PRA units meet the needs of the target population.
- **Total existing funding (cumulative):** \$27.9 million
- DHCD has been awarded three previous awards (figures include HAP amounts and admin costs): FY2012 Section 811 PRA Demonstration, in the amount of **\$11,229,308**; FY2013 Section 811 PRA, in the amount of **\$908,531**; and FY2022 Section 811 PRA, awarded **\$698,579**

Funding Year	Amount Awarded	Units Created
FY2012	\$11,229,308	166
FY2013	\$908,531	147
FY2022	\$698,579	39 units identified 54 remaining to be identified

# FY24 Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)

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- Under the FY2024 Notice of Funding Opportunity of approximately \$106,000,000 available through this NOFO. HUD expects to make approximately 13 awards from the available funds. The maximum award amount is \$8,000,000. DHCD is planning to request the maximum amount.
- Key Changes from previous NOFO are as follows:
  - Strategic Goal - Integrate Health and Housing. Applicants should align their PRA programs to reflect housing's essential role to the health and welfare of individuals served by the program.
  - Narrative responses on Advancing Racial Equity, Affirmative Marketing, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing, and Experience Promoting Racial Equity having been added or modified.



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# HUD Youth Homelessness System Improvement Grants

- **Grants will focus on systemic change to either improve or create response systems for youth homelessness by funding projects that:**
  - *Improve the capacity of youth in the community:* Developing peer support models, including training, project design, and implementation; creating Youth Action Board training, including government rules, leadership, and other skills; community training and outreach on how to work with youth and integrate youth leadership in an authentic way.
  - *Establish partnerships:* Bringing together system partners who also work with youth who are living in unstable housing. This could include partnerships with Tribes and cultural organizations in the community, K-12 schools, higher education, juvenile justice, child welfare, employment services, etc.
  - Improve the centralized or coordinated assessment system also known as the Coordinated Entry Systems (CES).
  - Improve data collection and use between systems that work with youth at-risk of and experiencing homelessness.
  - Assess, address, and improve equity in youth homeless response systems.
- **Total funding available:** \$50 million, approximately 35 awards
- **Grant application deadline:** February 15, 2024
- DHCD will be reaching in the coming weeks to state agencies and key partners supporting youth to discuss the opportunity



# Member Updates and Initiatives

DHCD

## Homelessness Solutions Program Shelter Assessment and Improvement Process

All Maryland CoCs and LHCs were required to complete a comprehensive review of all Emergency Shelters receiving HSP funds. The Shelter Review Toolkit assesses the following indicators of shelter quality and effectiveness:

- Staffing and staff training
- Services
- Funding, all sources
- Low barrier practices
- ADA accessibility
- Performance metrics
- Compliance
- Resident feedback via digital survey

Each Maryland CoC and LHC lead has submitted an action plan with a performance improvement plan and recommendations around future funding.

**WE WANT YOUR FEEDBACK**

### SHELTER RESIDENT SURVEY

The State of Maryland is conducting a survey to learn more about the experiences of people residing at homeless shelters and transitional housing to identify opportunities to improve services and shelter conditions.

The 5-minute survey is completely anonymous and does not collect your name or any identifying information. Your shelter will not know whether or not you responded and will not receive your information.

**SCAN ME**

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!**

## FY24 Continuum of Care Bonus Funds for Diversion and Rapid Re-Housing

In SFY 2024, DHCD allocated an additional \$7.1m as “bonus funds” to expand rapid re-housing programs and prevention/diversion programs in order to reduce homelessness and accelerate housing outcomes:

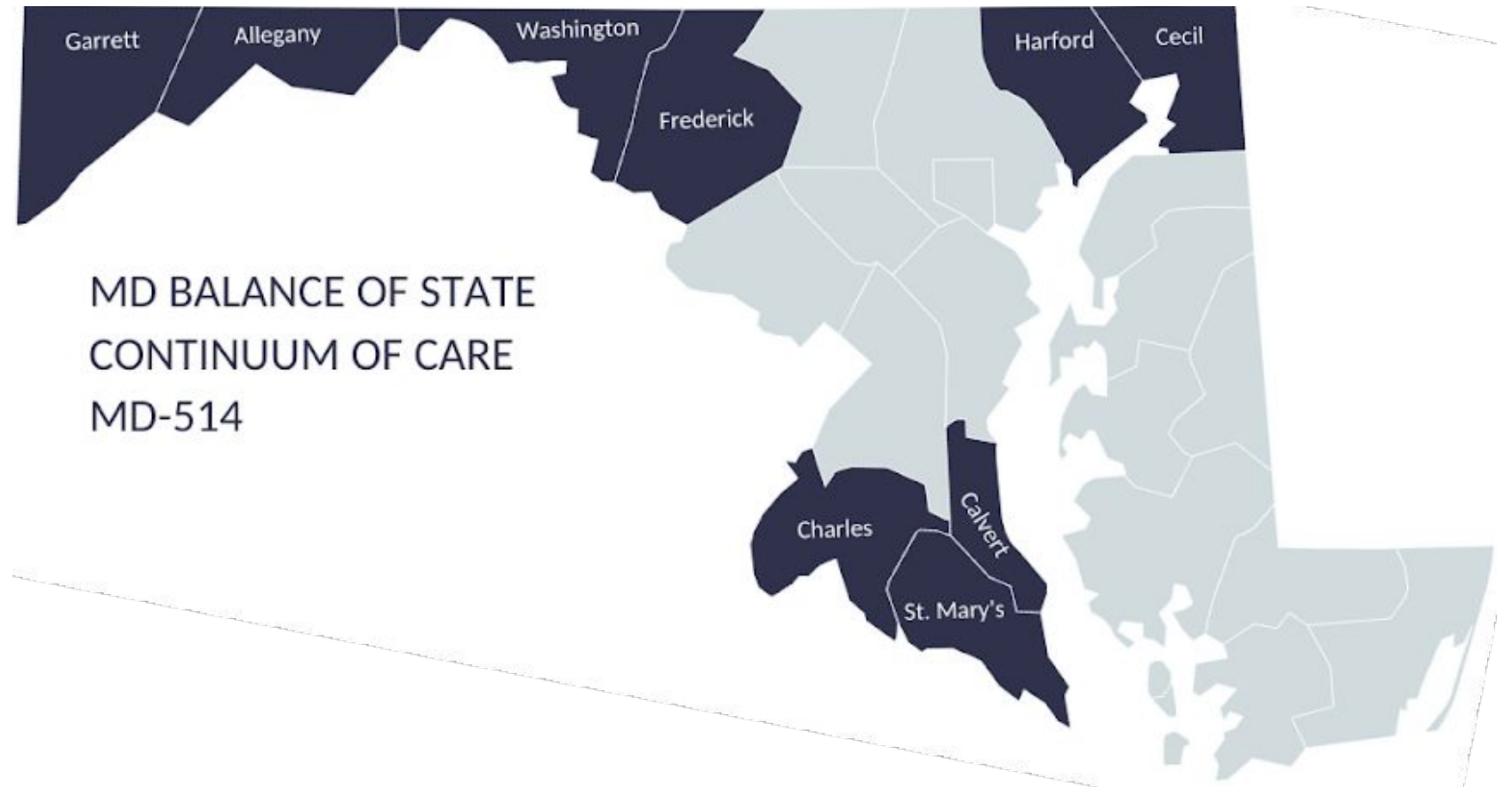
- \$2,000,000 in State rental assistance funds
- \$5,127,466 in Federal ERAP 2 funds

## Maryland State Data Warehouse Expansion

In SFY 2024, DHCD expanded the data in the State Data Warehouse to require all HMIS data to be directly imported from all Maryland CoCs. The data is exported to a de-identified warehouse, and the team is working with the University of Maryland Baltimore to review data quality, and assess feasibility for project level performance monitoring, system performance analysis and data matching with other state systems data.

## Balance of State CoC Expansion Update

Frederick County CoC merged with the Maryland Balance of State in 2023, bringing the Maryland Balance of State coverage up to nine counties, and seven former CoCs.



# Other Member Updates and Initiatives



# ICH Workgroup Discussion

# Program Highlight: Sojourner Place

Dan McCarthy and Shannon Snow, Episcopal Housing  
Kevin Lindamood, Health Care for the Homeless

# Public Comment

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# Adjournment

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**Next ICH Meeting:**

February 28, 1-3pm

Virtual Only

Invitation forthcoming