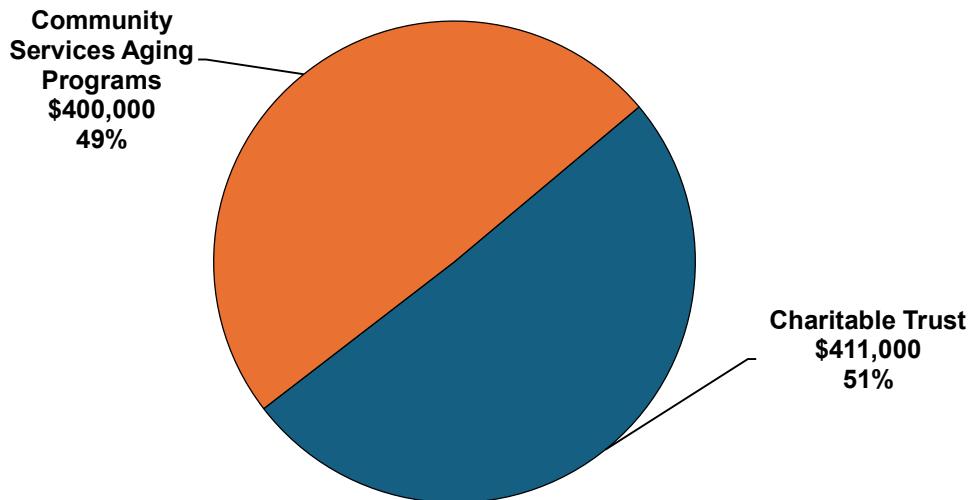


FISCAL YEAR 2026

Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund (CRRF)

The Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund (CRRF) is a Maryland state initiative established following the legalization of adult-use recreational cannabis in 2022. The fund allocates a portion of the tax revenue from cannabis sales to local jurisdictions to support community-based initiatives aimed at benefiting low-income communities and those disproportionately affected by past cannabis prohibition enforcement.

Total Operating Requested Budget: \$811,000



	FY2025 Adopted	FY2026 Proposed	Variance	% Change
Revenues:				
Operating Revenues	\$0	\$480,000	\$480,000	New
Fund Balance	0	331,000	331,000	New
Total Revenues:	\$0	\$811,000	\$811,000	New
Expenditures:				
Agency Funding - Charitable Trust	\$0	\$411,000	\$411,000	New
Operating Contingency - DCS Aging	0	400,000	400,000	New
Total Expenditures:	\$0	\$811,000	\$811,000	New
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$0	\$0	\$0	

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Agency Funding for The Charles County Charitable Trust to award grants to local non-profits through a grant program. These grants will support low-impact and disproportionately impacted communities in the Waldorf region of Charles County.

- Operating Contingency budget will provide funding for the the Department of Community Services, Aging Division programs in the Waldorf region of Charles County.

Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET

Description

The Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund (CRRF) provides funding to local jurisdictions to support community-based initiatives that benefit low-income communities and communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the enforcement of cannabis prohibition.

The CRRF is funded with money from taxes on adult-use cannabis. Maryland now imposes a 9 percent sales tax on legal adult-use of cannabis and a portion of these revenues are allocated to the counties for them to manage.

	ACTUALS		PRIOR ADOPTED		PROPOSED BUDGET			
	FY2024		FY2025		FY2026		\$ Change from FY2025	Variance
Expenses								
Agency Funding	–		–		\$411,000		\$411,000	–
Operating Contingency	–		–		\$400,000		\$400,000	–
EXPENSES TOTAL	–		–		\$811,000		\$811,000	–

Revenues and Funding Sources

	ACTUALS		PRIOR ADOPTED		PROPOSED BUDGET			
	FY2024		FY2025		FY2026		\$ Change from FY2025	% Change
Operating Revenues	\$1,631,263		\$0		\$480,000		\$480,000	–
Other Financing Sources	–		–		\$331,000		\$331,000	–
Total Revenues	\$1,631,263		\$0		\$811,000		–	–

What is in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

Agency Funding budget represents funding for The Charles County Charitable Trust to award grants to local non-profits through a grant program. These grants will support low-impact and disproportionately impacted communities in the Waldorf region of Charles County.

Operating Contingency budget will provide funding for The Department of Community Services, Aging Division programs in the Waldorf region of Charles County.

Goals of the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund

The Maryland's Office of Social Equity recommends each county engage in a diverse group of community stakeholders and staff to determine the most effective use of the CRRF funds to support initiatives that benefit low-income communities and communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the enforcement of cannabis prohibition in previous years. Funds may not be used for law enforcement agencies or activities, or to supplant funding for pre-existing local government programs. Funds may be distributed to community-based organizations with or without non-profit designation.

Based on a 20-year study performed by the Office of Social Equity, the Waldorf region of Charles County (zip codes 20601, 20602, 20603) was identified as being disproportionately impacted.

Charles County Government (CCG) is committed to ensuring that the CRRF funding is allocated in a timely manner to appropriate community organizations and members to positively impact individuals in need. CCG will facilitate community engagement that will influence the allocation of the funds and prioritize community needs and support initiatives that benefit marginalized and low-income communities to elevate opportunities and bridge gaps.

CCG plans to develop a CRRF community stakeholder's group. The group would meet monthly for the first six months and transition to quarterly meetings thereafter. The group would provide recommendations for the use of CRRF money and assist with community engagement efforts. CCG encourages participation from community stakeholders with experience in at least one of the following areas:

- Community Organizations
- Education
- Housing and Homeless Services
- Justice, Equity, and Diversity
- Public Health
- Re-Entry Services
- Social Work
- Workforce and Economic Development
- Aging
- Youth Services

One staff representative from the following areas would be encouraged to participate:

- Department of Fiscal and Administrative Services (DFAS)
- Department of Community Services (DCS)
- Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (ODEI)
- Media Services Division
- Economic Development Department (EDD)
- Health Department
- Department of Social Services (DSS)
- Charles County Public Schools (CCPS)
- Charles County Public Library (CCPL)