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# Maryland health group awards \$1M in grants

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A division of Maryland's health department said Wednesday it has given grants totaling just over \$1 million to 15 different health care organizations statewide.

The money, doled out by the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission, will be used in the fiscal year that began July 1 to address five of the state's leading priorities for improving health care in Maryland. Among them are: boosting primary care services; reducing infant mortality rates; improving behavioral health care options; investing in health information technology and increasing access to pediatric dental care.

Five of the 15 organizations that received grants are located in the Baltimore area. They received a total of about \$288,000. Here is that break down of awards:

- Harford County Health Department received \$54,903 for reducing infant mortality;
- Baltimore City Health Department was awarded \$14,174 to expand pediatric dental care;
- Catholic Charities in Baltimore received \$109,700 to expand overall access to care;
- Shepherd's Clinic in Baltimore won another \$60,000 grant to provide additional coverage; and,
- Omni House Behavioral Health System of Anne Arundel County received \$50,000 to improve its health IT capabilities.

In 2010, the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission [awarded \\$1.3 million to 14 health care groups statewide](#).

