DORCHESTER COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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FY27 PATCH (F660N) Community Partner Funding

RFA Announcement

Dear Community Partner,

The Dorchester County Health Department (DCHD), through funding from the Maryland Department of Health, is inviting community organizations to apply for FY27 Pregnancy and Tobacco Cessation Help (PATCH) partner funding. DCHD is seeking trusted portals of care that already engage pregnant women and/or women of childbearing age in Dorchester County. Previous PATCH partners and new partners may apply.

> **Funding available:** DCHD anticipates funding five organizations with awards ranging from $2,500 to $4,000. The final number and amount of awards will depend on application quality, requested amounts, and available funds.

Funded partners will integrate tobacco, nicotine, vaping, and secondhand smoke education into their services; promote smoke-free, vape-free, and nicotine-free norms; and offer cessation support and Maryland Tobacco Quitline referrals. Activities may include community messaging, events, one-on-one or group education, and smoke-free home interventions appropriate to the partner's setting.

Key Dates	Date
RFA release	Friday, October 16, 2026
Pre-application webinar (optional but strongly encouraged)	Thursday, October 29, 2026, at 2:00 PM https://meet.google.com/yqp-rwmn-tvp
Applications due	Friday, November 13, 2026 by 5pm
Anticipated award notification	Monday, November 30, 2026
Final report due	Friday, May 28, 2027, at 5:00 PM

For questions or to request complete RFA Program Guidelines & Application Form.
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Thank you for helping build healthier, tobacco-free pregnancies, homes, and families in Dorchester County.