

Article - Health - General

19-2201.

(a) In this section, "Fund" means the Community Health Resources Commission Fund.

(b) There is a Community Health Resources Commission Fund.

(c) (1) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(2) The Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the Comptroller shall account for the Fund.

(d) The Fund consists of:

(1) Money collected from a nonprofit health service plan in accordance with § 14-106.1 of the Insurance Article;

(2) Interest earned on investments;

(3) Money donated to the Fund;

(4) Money awarded to the Fund through grants; and

(5) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the Fund.

(e) (1) The Fund may be used only to:

(i) Cover the administrative costs of the Commission;

(ii) Cover the actual documented direct costs of fulfilling the statutory and regulatory duties of the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle;

(iii) Provide operating grants to qualifying community health resources; and

(iv) Provide funding for the development, support, and monitoring of a unified data information system among primary and specialty care providers, hospitals, and other providers of services to community health resource members.

(2) The funding for a unified data information system under paragraph (1)(iv) of this subsection shall be limited to:

(i) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2006; and

(ii) \$1,700,000 in fiscal year 2007 and annually thereafter.

(f) The Commission shall adopt regulations that:

(1) Establish the criteria for a community health resource to qualify for a grant;