

(9) Receive appropriations as provided in the State budget;

(10) Lease and maintain an office at a place within the State that the Foundation designates;

(11) Adopt bylaws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business;

(12) Take any other action necessary to carry out the purposes of the Foundation; and

(13) Report annually to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, on its activities during the preceding year, including an evaluation of the effectiveness of funded programs, together with any recommendations or requests deemed appropriate to further the purposes of the Foundation.

20-507.

(a) In developing the criteria for awarding grants to health care delivery programs, ~~PROGRAMS ADDRESSING HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES~~, insurance coverage programs, or corporate sponsorship programs, the Foundation may consider activities that:

(1) Provide primary, preventive, and specialty health care services to uninsured Marylanders in a more timely and cost-effective manner;

(2) Provide assistance to community programming for improving health status by enhancing access to health care services for uninsured individuals ~~AND FOR ELIMINATING REDUCING HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES~~;

(3) Publish or produce educational materials on the [problem] ~~PROBLEMS~~ of uninsured individuals ~~AND HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES~~;

(4) Provide educational scholarships or training; or

(5) Foster the creation of additional health care delivery programs to meet the health care needs of uninsured individuals ~~AND ADDRESS HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES~~.

20-508.

(A) [To the extent feasible, the] THE Foundation shall consider geographical balance ~~BY COUNTY AND REGION~~ in providing grants and developing programs.

(B) THE GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE SHALL INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING FACTORS:

(1) THE PERCENTAGE OF UNINSURED INDIVIDUALS;

(2) THE EXTENT OF HEALTH DISPARITIES; AND