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Tobacco Use Prevention Grants Available

Westminster, MD (September 19, 2016) The Carroll County Health Department's Cigarette Restitution Fund Program is offering grant funding up to \$4500 each for community organizations, businesses and other groups to implement tobacco use prevention projects.

Projects must fit into one of the following categories:

- 1) Implementation of a tobacco-free campus for a business or organization;
- 2) Engaging and empowering youth in anti-tobacco awareness campaigns;
- 3) Preventing secondhand smoke exposure in youth; or
- 4) Promoting smoking cessation in the community.

Community grants help fund non-traditional projects that benefit the whole community. They give community organizations, businesses and other groups an opportunity to have direct input and influence on improving the health of Carroll County residents. The mission of the Carroll County Health Department's Cigarette Restitution Fund is to prevent and reduce the use of tobacco products, and therefore reduce tobacco-related health problems and deaths in the county.

Applications are available by contacting Carol Wilson at 410-876-4963 or carol.wilson@maryland.gov. Applications are due by Friday, September 30, 2016, and grant monies must be spent between October, 2016 and June 30, 2017.

The health department also offers classes and clinics to help people quit using tobacco. For more information, call 410-876-4429 or 4443, email barbara.white@maryland.gov, or see cchd.maryland.gov/health-services-tobacco-prevention/. For phone counseling, web coaching, and Text2Quit, contact the Maryland Quit Line at **1-800-QUIT-NOW (784-6534)** or www.smokingstopshere.com.

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