

Chapter 82

(House Bill 108)

AN ACT concerning

Housing and Community Development – Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program – Project Proposals

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum sum of contributions for certain projects under the Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program that are eligible for a certain tax credit; authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to give preference to a proposal for a certain project that benefits a certain neighborhood conservation district; and generally relating to project proposals under the Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Housing and Community Development
Section 6–405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2006 Volume and 2012 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Housing and Community Development

6–405.

(a) (1) For each fiscal year, a nonprofit organization may submit to the Department, for approval under the Neighborhood and Community Assistance Program, a proposal for a project to provide services to a priority funding area.

(2) The project may include:

(i) community services, including child care and recreational services;

(ii) redevelopment assistance;

(iii) job training for individuals whose incomes do not exceed the upper income limits that the Secretary sets under § 4–212 of this article;

(iv) education; and

(v) crime prevention.

(b) A proposal under this section shall include:

- (1) the project to be conducted;
- (2) the priority funding area that will benefit from the project;
- (3) a description of the applicant's experience and capabilities;
- (4) the estimated costs of the project;
- (5) a description of the plans for implementing the project; and
- (6) any other information that the Department determines is necessary.

(c) (1) The Department may not approve a proposal submitted under this section unless the proposal is approved by the governing body or authorized designee of:

(i) each county that includes any of the priority funding area that benefits from the project, if the project is not in a municipal corporation;

(ii) each municipal corporation that includes any of the priority funding area that benefits from the project; or

(iii) each political subdivision that includes any of the priority funding area that benefits from the project, if the priority funding area is partly within and partly outside of any municipal corporation.

(2) An approval shall:

(i) be in writing; and

(ii) state the maximum amount of contributions to the approved project that are eligible for a tax credit under § 6–404 of this subtitle.

(3) The sum of contributions eligible for a tax credit under § 6–404 of this subtitle for all approved projects for a fiscal year may not exceed **[\$2,000,000] \$3,500,000**.

(d) In approving or disapproving a proposal and in determining the maximum amount of contributions eligible for tax credits under § 6–404 of this subtitle, the Department:

- (1) shall consider:
 - (i) the need for the project in relation to the need for other proposed projects;
 - (ii) the anticipated benefit to the priority funding area;
 - (iii) the capacity of the applicant to raise money for the project;
 - (iv) the readiness of the applicant to proceed with the project;
 - (v) the ability of the applicant to complete the project as proposed;
 - (vi) the geographic distribution of projects; and
 - (vii) any other relevant factors;
- (2) may give preference to a proposal that benefits:
 - (I) a sustainable community under § 6-305 of this title; OR
 - (II) A NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DISTRICT DESIGNATED UNDER THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT'S NEIGHBORHOOD STABILIZATION PROGRAM; THAT IS LOCALLY DESIGNATED IN COORDINATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S NEIGHBORHOOD AND COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM;
- (3) may request data and assistance from other units of the State; and
- (4) shall apportion among all approved projects the limit imposed by subsection (c)(3) of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2013.

Approved by the Governor, April 9, 2013.