



## Maryland Municipal League

*The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns*

# TESTIMONY

March 10, 2020

**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations

**Bill:** HB 1539 – Grant Applications and Reporting – Uniform Forms and Requirements

**Position:** Support with Amendment

**Reason for Position:**

The Maryland Municipal League supports HB 1539 which would create the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council to establish a streamlined grantmaking process in Maryland.

Maryland cities and towns both apply for and award a significant number of grants with State or federal funding. We recognize and appreciate the need to streamline the grantmaking process where it makes sense. Given our extensive interaction with these grants and having heard some concerns about unintended consequences from our sister organization in Illinois – where this concept originated – the League is asking for a seat on the Council.

The League therefore respectfully requests that this committee provide HB 1539 with a favorable report with the Senate amendments to SB 630.

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