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By: **Delegate Lierman**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Arts Capital Grant Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Arts Capital Grant Program; requiring the  
4 Maryland State Arts Council to administer the Program and hire a certain  
5 coordinator; requiring the Governor, for certain fiscal years, to include in the State  
6 operating or capital budget an annual appropriation of at least a certain amount for  
7 the Program; authorizing certain organizations to apply for certain grants;  
8 prohibiting certain organizations from receiving from the Council, in any fiscal year,  
9 a grant for a single project that exceeds a certain amount; requiring certain  
10 organizations, under certain circumstances, to match a certain amount of the grant  
11 awarded; authorizing the Council, under certain circumstances, to waive the match  
12 requirement; requiring the Council to establish a competitive application process for  
13 the Program; providing for the contents of the application; requiring the Department  
14 of Commerce to establish, by regulation, a quantitative system to evaluate each  
15 application that takes into account certain information; requiring the Council and a  
16 grant recipient to execute a certain program agreement; stating the intent of the  
17 General Assembly; and generally relating to the Maryland Arts Capital Grant  
18 Program.

19 BY adding to

20 Article - Economic Development

21 Section 4-514

22 Annotated Code of Maryland

23 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

24 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

25 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

26 **Article - Economic Development**

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1 4-514.

2 (A) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION MAY BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT AN  
3 ORGANIZATION FROM RECEIVING FUNDS FROM A GOVERNMENT SOURCE OTHER  
4 THAN THE MARYLAND ARTS CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM.

5 (B) (1) THERE IS A MARYLAND ARTS CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM.

6 (2) THE COUNCIL SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM AND HIRE AT  
7 LEAST ONE FULL-TIME COORDINATOR FOR THE PROGRAM.

8 (C) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2023 THROUGH 2028, THE GOVERNOR  
9 SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE OPERATING OR CAPITAL BUDGET AN ANNUAL  
10 APPROPRIATION OF \$3,000,000 FOR THE MARYLAND ARTS CAPITAL GRANT  
11 PROGRAM.

12 (D) (1) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE COUNCIL SHALL AWARD THE  
13 ENTIRE APPROPRIATION UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION IN GRANTS  
14 UNDER THIS SECTION.

15 (2) AN ORGANIZATION MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS  
16 SECTION IF THE ORGANIZATION :

(I) HAS AN OPERATING BUDGET THAT IS LESS THAN  
17 \$3,000,000 ; AND

(II) 1. PARTICIPATES IN THE COUNCIL'S GRANTS FOR ORGANIZATIONS  
18 PROGRAM OR COMMUNITY ARTS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ; OR

2. IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PROVIDES CULTURAL EDUCATION  
OR EXPERIENCES.

19 (3) THE COUNCIL MAY AWARD A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION FOR  
20 THE EXPANSION OF, THE RENOVATION OF, OR MAJOR REPAIRS TO A FACILITY OR INFRASTRUCTURE  
21 OPERATED BY AN ORGANIZATION ELIGIBLE UNDER PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
22 SUBSECTION TO APPLY FOR A GRANT.

23 (4) FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR, AN ORGANIZATION MAY NOT RECEIVE  
24 FROM THE COUNCIL A GRANT FOR A SINGLE PROJECT THAT EXCEEDS \$1,000,000.

25 (5) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS  
26 PARAGRAPH, AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS AWARDED A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION  
27 SHALL MATCH AT LEAST 25% OF THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARDED.

(II) FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, THE COUNCIL MAY WAIVE THE  
28 REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A MATCH UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH.  
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30 (E) (1) THE COUNCIL, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIVISION OF  
31 NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND  
32 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL ESTABLISH A

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1 **COMPETITIVE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE GRANTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS**  
 2 **SECTION.**

3 **(2) THE APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN:**

4 **(I) THE PROJECT PLAN AND FULL BUDGET, INCLUDING THE**  
 5 **USE OF THE MATCHING FUNDS;**

6 **(II) A DESCRIPTION OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD OR AREA WHERE**  
 7 **THE PROJECT WILL BE LOCATED;**

8 **(III) A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY**  
 9 **REPRESENTING THE AREA IN WHICH THE PROJECT WILL BE LOCATED;**

10 **(IV) ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS FOR THE ORGANIZATION;**  
 11 ~~**AND**~~

12 **(V) A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM A MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND OR THE HOUSE OF**  
**DELEGATES WHO REPRESENTS THE AREA WHERE THE PROJECT WILL BE LOCATED; AND**

**(VI) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE COUNCIL REQUIRES.**

13 **(F) THE DEPARTMENT, BY REGULATION, SHALL ESTABLISH A**  
 14 **QUANTITATIVE SYSTEM TO EVALUATE EACH APPLICATION THAT TAKES INTO**  
 15 **ACCOUNT:**

16 **(1) THE FULL PROJECT PLAN AND HOW THE PLAN RELATES TO:**

17 **(I) FULFILLING THE MISSION OF THE ORGANIZATION; AND**

18 **(II) ENHANCING THE COUNTY AND THE COMMUNITIES**  
 19 **SURROUNDING THE PROJECT;**

20 **(2) THE CAPACITY OF THE APPLICANT OR PARTNERS OF THE**  
 21 **APPLICANT TO COMPLETE THE PROJECT AND LEVERAGE NON-STATE FUNDING;**

22 **(3) THE ABILITY OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT TO ADDRESS**  
 23 **IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES AT THE ORGANIZATION;**

24 **(4) A DESCRIPTION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S INCLUSIONARY HIRING**  
 25 **PRACTICES THAT INCREASE LOCAL WORKFORCE OPPORTUNITIES; AND**

26 **(5) A PLAN TO MAKE THE PROJECT AVAILABLE FOR USE BY PEOPLE**  
 27 **OF COLOR AND BY INDIVIDUALS LIVING BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.**

28 **(G) (1) THE COUNCIL AND A GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL EXECUTE A**  
 29 **PROGRAM AGREEMENT.**

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1           **(2) THE GRANT RECIPIENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE TERMS OF THE**  
2 **PROGRAM AGREEMENT.**

3           **(3) THE PROGRAM AGREEMENT MAY NOT ALLOW FOR MORE THAN**  
4 **15% OF THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT TO BE USED FOR OPERATING EXPENSES.**

5           **(4) THE COUNCIL MAY EXERCISE ANY REMEDY AUTHORIZED BY LAW**  
6 **IF THE GRANT RECIPIENT:**

7                   **(I) VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT; OR**

8                   **(II) DOES NOT MEET ANY REQUIREMENT UNDER THIS SECTION.**

9           **(H) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT, BEFORE A**  
10 **LEGISLATIVE BOND INITIATIVE IS SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF AN ORGANIZATION**  
11 **FOR A PROJECT THAT IS ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION, THE**  
12 **ORGANIZATION:**

13                   **(1) APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION;**

14                   **(2) RECEIVE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
15 **OF THE COUNCIL STATING THAT:**

16                           **(I) THE PROJECT IS URGENT AND ANY FUNDING THE**  
17 **ORGANIZATION RECEIVES WILL BE SPENT IN THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR; AND**

18                           **(II) THE ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN AWARDED A GRANT UNDER**  
19 **THIS SECTION; AND**

20                   **(3) IS AUTHORIZED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE**  
21 **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE TO REQUEST A LEGISLATIVE BOND INITIATIVE.**

22           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
23 1, 2021.