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§5–1002.

(a) In this section, “fund” means the Maryland Drug and Alcohol Grants Program Fund.

(b) (1) There is a Maryland Drug and Alcohol Grants Program Fund.

(2) The fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to § 7–302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(3) The fund consists of money appropriated in the State budget to the fund, all earnings from investment of money in the fund, and other money accepted for the benefit of the fund from a governmental or private source.

(4) The State Treasurer shall hold the fund separately.

(5) The State Comptroller shall account for the fund.

(6) The fund shall be invested and reinvested in the same manner as other State funds.

(7) The Comptroller shall pay out money from the fund as directed by the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention or as approved in the State budget.

(8) The fund is subject to audit by the Office of Legislative Audits under § 2–1220 of the State Government Article.

(c) The purpose of the fund is to provide grant money for neighborhood crime prevention programs and drug and alcohol abuse education, prevention, treatment, and law enforcement programs under this subtitle.

(d) (1) Administrative expenditures under this section may be made only in accordance with the State budget.

(2) The Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall administer the fund in accordance with this section and all other applicable law.

(3) Disbursements from the fund shall supplement and may not substitute for money designated in the State budget for neighborhood crime prevention programs and drug and alcohol abuse education, prevention, treatment, and law enforcement programs.

(4) If the terms of a grant allow, a recipient may expend grant money beyond the fiscal year in which the grant is received.

(e) (1) This subsection does not apply to a program that has received funds from the Hotspot Communities Initiative administered by the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

(2) To the extent possible, the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall allocate at least 10% of the grants provided from the fund to programs that provide services in two or more counties of the State.

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