

## Chapter 31

**(House Bill 1400)**

AN ACT concerning

**Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; specifying certain eligibility criteria and a certain process for awarding grants and loans from the Fund; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; beginning in a certain fiscal year, requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of a certain amount to the Fund *for certain fiscal years*; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest on State money in special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund in the Department of Housing and Community Development.

BY adding to

Article – Housing and Community Development  
Section 4–508  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2006 Volume and 2015 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement  
Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement  
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85.  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – State Finance and Procurement  
Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)86.  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume)

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

**Article – Housing and Community Development**

**4–508.**

**(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

**(2) “ANCHOR INSTITUTION” MEANS:**

**(I) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE; OR**

**(II) A HOSPITAL INSTITUTION IN THE STATE THAT:**

**1. HAS A GROUP OF AT LEAST FIVE PHYSICIANS WHO ARE ORGANIZED AS A MEDICAL STAFF FOR THE INSTITUTION;**

**2. MAINTAINS FACILITIES TO PROVIDE, UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE MEDICAL STAFF, DIAGNOSTIC AND TREATMENT SERVICES FOR TWO OR MORE UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS; AND**

**3. ADMITS OR RETAINS THE INDIVIDUALS FOR OVERNIGHT CARE.**

**(3) “BLIGHTED AREA” MEANS AN AREA IN WHICH A MAJORITY OF BUILDINGS HAVE DECLINED IN PRODUCTIVITY BY REASON OF OBSOLESCENCE, DEPRECIATION, OR OTHER CAUSES TO AN EXTENT THAT THEY NO LONGER JUSTIFY FUNDAMENTAL REPAIRS AND ADEQUATE MAINTENANCE.**

**(4) “FUND” MEANS THE SEED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANCHOR INSTITUTION FUND.**

**(B) THERE IS A SEED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANCHOR INSTITUTION FUND.**

**(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS AND LOANS TO ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN BLIGHTED AREAS OF THE STATE.**

**(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.**

(E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

(1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;

(2) INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND

(3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

(G) (1) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE GRANTS AND LOANS TO ANCHOR INSTITUTIONS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN BLIGHTED AREAS OF THE STATE.

(2) TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GRANT OR LOAN, AN ANCHOR INSTITUTION SHALL PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF MATCHING FUNDS FROM A PRIVATE SOURCE.

(3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL AWARD GRANTS AND LOANS FROM THE FUND ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS.

(H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

(2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE FUND.

(I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

(J) FOR FISCAL ~~YEAR 2018 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER~~ YEARS 2018 THROUGH 2022, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF ~~\$10,000,000~~ \$5,000,000 TO THE FUND.

**Article – State Finance and Procurement**

6-226.

(a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the

terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General Fund of the State.

(ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply to the following funds:

84. the Economic Development Marketing Fund; [and]

85. the Military Personnel and Veteran–Owned Small Business No–Interest Loan Fund; AND

**86. THE SEED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANCHOR INSTITUTION FUND.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2016.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(b) of the Maryland Constitution, April 8, 2016.**