



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

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Committee: House Appropriations

Bill: SB 666 - Maryland Community Action Agencies - Funding

Position: Favorable

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) supports Senate Bill 666, which requires an appropriation in the annual budget to the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to use to support Community Action Agencies (CAAs).

CAAs are valuable non-profit organizations that work to reduce poverty and increase economic stability within communities. They provide a variety of services to low-income individuals and families, aiming to improve their quality of life. These services might include assistance with housing, employment, healthcare, education, nutrition, financial stability, and more.

Municipalities often work with CAAs to address local economic and social issues through joint initiatives, leading to a more comprehensive and responsive local infrastructure. CAAs are essential partners for Maryland municipalities, helping our members provide targeted support to reduce poverty, improve living conditions, and build stronger, more resilient communities.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests that the committee provide Senate Bill 666 with a favorable report. For more information, please contact Angelica Bailey Thupari, Director of Advocacy and Public Affairs, at angelicab@mdmunicipal.org or (443) 756-0071. Thank you for your consideration.

The Maryland Municipal League uses its collective voice to advocate, empower and protect the interests of our 160 local governments members and elevates local leadership, delivers impactful solutions for our communities, and builds an inclusive culture for the 2 million Marylanders we serve.