

# HOUSE BILL 504

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By: **Delegate Watson**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Planning – Maryland Humanities Council – Appropriation to the**  
3 **Marilyn Hatza Memorial Strengthening the Humanities Investment in**  
4 **Nonprofits for Equity (SHINE) Grantmaking Initiative**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual  
6 budget bill each year to the Department of Planning to provide to the Maryland  
7 Humanities Council for the Marilyn Hatza Memorial Strengthening the Humanities  
8 Investment in Nonprofits for Equity (SHINE) Grantmaking Initiative; requiring the  
9 Council to select, award, and report on grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations  
10 under the SHINE Grantmaking Initiative; and generally relating to the Maryland  
11 Humanities Council and the SHINE Grantmaking Initiative.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
13 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
14 Section 5–101(a) and (b)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

17 BY adding to  
18 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
19 Section 5–205  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

25 5–101.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

2 (b) “Department” means the Department of Planning.

3 **5–205.**

4 (A) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE  
5 ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT TO  
6 PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL TO BE USED FOR THE  
7 MARILYN HATZA MEMORIAL STRENGTHENING THE HUMANITIES INVESTMENT IN  
8 NONPROFITS FOR EQUITY (SHINE) GRANTMAKING INITIATIVE.

9 (B) THE FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL  
10 BE USED BY THE MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL TO PROVIDE GENERAL  
11 OPERATING GRANTS TO SMALL AND MID–SIZE HUMANITIES, ARTS, CULTURAL, AND  
12 EDUCATIONAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.

13 (C) DURING THE GRANT SELECTION AND AWARD PROCESS, THE MARYLAND  
14 HUMANITIES COUNCIL SHALL:

15 (1) CONSIDER THE GEOGRAPHIC AND RACIAL DIVERSITY OF  
16 POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS; AND

17 (2) AWARD GRANTS ON A ONE–TIME OR MULTIYEAR BASIS.

18 (D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, THE MARYLAND  
19 HUMANITIES COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT  
20 THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR:

21 (1) THE NAMES OF THE GRANT RECIPIENTS;

22 (2) THE NUMBER OF GRANT RECIPIENTS BY JURISDICTION;

23 (3) THE AMOUNTS OF EACH GRANT AWARDED; AND

24 (4) INFORMATION FROM EACH GRANT RECIPIENT REGARDING THE  
25 PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE FUNDS WERE EXPENDED, INCLUDING HOW THE  
26 RECIPIENT USED THE FUNDS TO:

27 (I) CREATE OR PRESERVE JOBS;

28 (II) SUPPORT OR MAINTAIN GENERAL OPERATIONS; AND

29 (III) CREATE OR SUSTAIN HUMANITIES PROGRAMS.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
2   1, 2024.