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Maryland General Assembly
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader - Revised

House Bill 504
Appropriations

(Delegate Watson)

Budget and Taxation

Department of Planning - Maryland Humanities Council - Appropriation to the
Marilyn Hatza Memorial Strengthening the Humanities Investment in
Nonprofits for Equity (SHINE) Grantmaking Initiative

This bill authorizes the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1.0 million to the Maryland Department of Planning (MDP) to provide a grant to the Maryland Humanities Council (MHC) to be used for the Marilyn Hatza Memorial Strengthening The Humanities Investment in Nonprofits for Equity (MHM-SHINE) Grantmaking Initiative. The funds must be used by the council to provide general operating grants to small and mid-size humanities, arts, cultural, and educational nonprofit organizations. The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund expenditures for MDP increase by \$1.0 million annually beginning in FY 2025. MDP can implement the bill with existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Table with 7 columns: (\$ in millions), FY 2025, FY 2026, FY 2027, FY 2028, FY 2029. Rows include Revenues, GF Expenditure, and Net Effect.

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect local government operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: During the grant selection and award process, MHC must consider the geographic and racial diversity of potential recipients and award grants on a one-time or multi-year basis. By December 31, 2024, and annually thereafter, MHC must submit a report to MDP that includes for the calendar year (1) the names of grant recipients; (2) the number of grant recipients by jurisdiction; (3) the amount of each grant awarded; and (4) specified information from each grant recipient regarding the purposes for which the funds were used.

Current Law/State Expenditures: MHM-SHINE is a grantmaking initiative associated with MHC to provide operating resources to humanities organizations in the State. The enacted fiscal 2023 operating budget included \$500,000 in general funds for MHM-SHINE, and the fiscal 2024 budget, as enacted, included \$1.0 million in general funds for MHM-SHINE. The fiscal 2025 budget as introduced does not include any funding for MHM-SHINE.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See SB 928 of 2022.

Designated Cross File: SB 596 (Senator Guzzone) - Budget and Taxation.

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