

**Department of Legislative Services**  
 Maryland General Assembly  
 2024 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 596

(Senator Guzzone)

Budget and Taxation

Appropriations

**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.

(\$ in millions)	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Net Effect	(\$1.0)	(\$1.0)	(\$1.0)	(\$1.0)	(\$1.0)

*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.

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### Additional Information

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

**Designated Cross File:** HB 504 (Delegate Watson) - Appropriations.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Budget and Management; Maryland Department of Planning; Department of Legislative Services

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