

SENATE BILL 367

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By: **Senator McCray**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Housing and Community Development – Neighborhood Revitalization Programs**
3 **– Application Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring an application for the Community Legacy Program, the
5 Neighborhood Business Development Program, and the Baltimore Regional
6 Neighborhood Initiative Program within the Department of Housing and
7 Community Development to include a letter of support from the legislative district
8 in which a certain project or plan is proposed; providing for the application of this
9 Act; and generally relating to application requirements for certain neighborhood
10 revitalization programs.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Housing and Community Development
13 Section 6–202(a), 6–204(a), 6–303(a), and 6–502(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Housing and Community Development
18 Section 6–204(b), 6–305(a), and 6–505(a)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

23 **Article – Housing and Community Development**

24 6–202.

25 (a) There is a Community Legacy Program.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 6–204.

2 (a) A sponsor may file one or more applications in accordance with the schedules
3 that the Department establishes.

4 (b) (1) An application shall set forth:

5 [(1)] (I) a description of one or more sustainable communities where the
6 sponsor proposes to develop a sustainable community plan or to carry out a community
7 legacy project using the standards listed in § 6–205 of this subtitle;

8 [(2)] (II) a detailed description of the proposed sustainable community
9 plan or proposed community legacy project;

10 [(3)] (III) the amount and type of financial assistance sought;

11 [(4)] (IV) the ability of the sponsor to carry out the proposed sustainable
12 community plan or community legacy project;

13 [(5)] (V) the strength and quality of partnerships created among the
14 federal government, the State government, political subdivisions, community development
15 organizations, and other private organizations to develop the sustainable community plan
16 or carry out the community legacy project, including:

17 [(i)] 1. financial support;

18 [(ii)] 2. dedication of staff and resources; and

19 [(iii)] 3. commitment to and development of local smart growth
20 policies;

21 [(6)] (VI) proposed benchmarks for evaluating whether the proposed
22 sustainable community plan or community legacy project results in a desired outcome for
23 a proposed sustainable community, such as:

24 [(i)] 1. stabilizing it;

25 [(ii)] 2. reversing its social, economic, or physical decline; or

26 [(iii)] 3. encouraging growth in it; and

27 [(7)] (VII) the process used to seek and receive public input on the proposed
28 sustainable community plan or community legacy project, including the nature and extent
29 of public support or opposition.

1 **(2) AN APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM**
2 **THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE PROPOSED PLAN OR PROJECT IS**
3 **LOCATED.**

4 6-303.

5 (a) There is a Neighborhood Business Development Program.

6 6-305.

7 (a) (1) A small business, nonprofit organization, or microenterprise may apply
8 for financial assistance under the Business Development Program.

9 (2) The Department shall review each application.

10 **(3) AN APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM**
11 **THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE PROPOSED PROJECT IS LOCATED.**

12 6-502.

13 (a) There is a Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program.

14 6-505.

15 (a) (1) A community development organization may apply to the Department
16 to receive Program funds for community enhancement projects.

17 (2) The Department shall establish the application process.

18 (3) The application shall contain:

19 (i) the neighborhood revitalization plan;

20 (ii) a description of each community enhancement project;

21 (iii) organizational documents for the community development
22 organization; [and]

23 (iv) **A LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN**
24 **WHICH THE PROPOSED COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT PROJECT IS LOCATED; AND**

25 (v) any other information the Department requires.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to
27 apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or
28 application to any application to the Department of Housing and Community Development

1 under the Community Legacy Program, the Neighborhood Business Development Program,
2 or the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program submitted before the effective
3 date of this Act.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2021.