

HOUSE BILL 983

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Housing and Community Development – Expansion of Affordable Housing –**
3 **County Grants**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to
5 provide one–time grants to certain counties, to be used to expand affordable housing;
6 and generally relating to affordable housing.

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
8 That:

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

10 (2) “County” means a county of the State or Baltimore City.

11 (3) “Department” means the Department of Housing and Community
12 Development.

13 (b) For fiscal year 2024, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an
14 appropriation of \$60,000,000 to the Department, to provide one–time grants to the three
15 counties with the highest cost of living.

16 (c) The Department shall develop a formula to allocate the funds to the selected
17 counties based on the relative percentage difference between the cost of living in the
18 selected counties.

19 (d) Counties shall use the funds provided under this Act to:

20 (1) expand and supplement existing housing programs;

21 (2) increase affordability along targeted corridors;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1 (3) build new affordable housing for low and moderate income households;

2 (4) fund down payment and first-time buyer assistance programs; or

3 (5) fund any other housing program selected by the county.

4 (e) (1) On or before December 1, 2024, the counties receiving funds under this
5 Act shall report to the Department and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
6 Government Article, the General Assembly on the use and expected impact of the allocated
7 funds.

8 (2) The Department shall make the reports publicly available on the
9 Department's website.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2022.