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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 345 (Delegate D. Barnes, *et al.*)  
 Appropriations

**Baltimore City and Prince George's County - Grant Funding - Violence  
 Prevention and Community Service**

This bill requires the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office and \$500,000 to the Prince George’s County State’s Attorney’s Office for each to provide grants to nonprofit organizations to fund violence prevention and community service initiatives. The funds must be used solely to supplement, and not supplant, funds otherwise available for community service organizations in Baltimore City and Prince George’s County. In addition, the bill establishes duties and requirements for the Baltimore City State’s Attorney’s Office, the Prince George’s County State’s Attorney’s Office, and nonprofit organizations that apply for and receive grants pursuant to the bill.

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures increase by \$1.0 million annually beginning in FY 2024 due to the bill’s mandated appropriation. Revenues are not affected. **This bill establishes a mandated appropriation beginning in FY 2024.**

(in dollars)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
Net Effect	\$0	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)	(\$1,000,000)

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

**Local Effect:** Grant revenues and expenditures in Baltimore City and Prince George’s County each increase by \$500,000 annually beginning in FY 2024.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

## Analysis

**Bill Summary:** The Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office and the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office must (1) establish procedures for nonprofit organizations to use in applying for grants and (2) enhance coordination of existing antiviolence programs and nonprofit grant funds to minimize duplication of services.

A nonprofit organization applying for grant funding must provide in the application clearly defined and measurable objectives and a description of how the organization proposes to use the funding to improve community outcomes or reduce rates of violence. A nonprofit organization that receives funding may only use the funding in accordance with the bill's provisions and, as a condition of funding, must comply with any data sharing and reporting requirements established by the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOCPYVS).

**Current Law:** GOCPYVS plans, promotes, and funds efforts with government entities, private organizations, and the community to advance public policy, enhance public safety, reduce crime and juvenile delinquency, and serve victims.

Chapter 738 of 2019 established the Markell Hendricks Youth Crime Prevention and Diversion Parole Fund, administered by the Executive Director of GOCPYVS, to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies to administer a diversion program for juveniles, as specified, or a youth engagement program or event in a high-crime area. The Governor must annually appropriate at least \$50,000 for the fund. The Governor's proposed fiscal 2023 budget includes \$50,000 for the fund.

The fund may only be used to provide grant assistance to local law enforcement agencies to administer a diversion program for juveniles, as specified, or a youth engagement program or event in a high-crime area. Priority for grant funding must be given to those jurisdictions with the highest number of offenders. A local law enforcement agency that applies for a grant from the fund must provide the executive director with any information the executive director deems necessary.

In addition to the Markell Hendricks Youth Crime Prevention and Diversion Parole Fund, the State provides regular and supplemental grants to local government police operations through various programs and funds administered by GOCPYVS. The Local Law Enforcement Grants, administered by GOCPYVS, support enforcement, prevention, and victims services, especially at the local level. The Governor's proposed fiscal 2023 budget for Local Law Enforcement Grants includes \$1.76 million for the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, \$3.6 million for Baltimore City Safe Streets, \$1.15 million for the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office, and \$2.29 million for the Prince George's County Violent Crime Grant.

Other examples of grants administered by GOCPYVS include the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund, the Community Program Fund, the State Aid for Police Protection Fund, and the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program in Baltimore City. Chapter 148 of 2018 requires, for fiscal 2020 through 2023, the Governor each year to appropriate \$425,000 in the annual State budget to Baltimore City for the LEAD Program. The Governor's proposed fiscal 2023 budget includes \$425,000 for the program.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Grant revenues and expenditures in Baltimore City and Prince George's County each increase by \$500,000 annually beginning in fiscal 2024. The bill may have a minimal operational impact on both the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office and the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office to (1) establish procedures for nonprofit organizations to use in applying for grants and (2) enhance coordination of existing antiviolenace programs and nonprofit grant funds in order to minimize duplication of services, as required by the bill.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** SB 106 (Senator Washington) - Judicial Proceedings.

**Information Source(s):** Baltimore City; Prince George's County; Department of Budget and Management; Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; Maryland State's Attorneys' Association; Department of Legislative Services

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