

## Chapter 508

**(Senate Bill 596)**

AN ACT concerning

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

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill each year to the Department of Planning to provide to the Maryland Humanities Council for the Marilyn Hatza Memorial Strengthening the Humanities Investment in Nonprofits for Equity (SHINE) Grantmaking Initiative; requiring the Council to select, award, and report on grants to qualifying nonprofit organizations under the SHINE Grantmaking Initiative; and generally relating to the Maryland Humanities Council and the SHINE Grantmaking Initiative.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
 Section 5–101(a) and (b)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

BY adding to  
 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
 Section 5–205  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

**Article – State Finance and Procurement**

5–101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Department” means the Department of Planning.

**5–205.**

**(A) FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,000,000 TO THE DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE A GRANT TO THE MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL TO BE USED FOR THE MARILYN**

**HATZA MEMORIAL STRENGTHENING THE HUMANITIES INVESTMENT IN NONPROFITS FOR EQUITY (SHINE) GRANTMAKING INITIATIVE.**

**(B) THE FUNDS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE USED BY THE MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL TO PROVIDE GENERAL OPERATING GRANTS TO SMALL AND MID-SIZE HUMANITIES, ARTS, CULTURAL, AND EDUCATIONAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.**

**(C) DURING THE GRANT SELECTION AND AWARD PROCESS, THE MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL SHALL:**

**(1) CONSIDER THE GEOGRAPHIC AND RACIAL DIVERSITY OF POTENTIAL RECIPIENTS; AND**

**(2) AWARD GRANTS ON A ONE-TIME OR MULTIYEAR BASIS.**

**(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31 EACH YEAR, THE MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR:**

**(1) THE NAMES OF THE GRANT RECIPIENTS;**

**(2) THE NUMBER OF GRANT RECIPIENTS BY JURISDICTION;**

**(3) THE AMOUNTS OF EACH GRANT AWARDED; AND**

**(4) INFORMATION FROM EACH GRANT RECIPIENT REGARDING THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH THE FUNDS WERE EXPENDED, INCLUDING HOW THE RECIPIENT USED THE FUNDS TO:**

**(I) CREATE OR PRESERVE JOBS;**

**(II) SUPPORT OR MAINTAIN GENERAL OPERATIONS; AND**

**(III) CREATE OR SUSTAIN HUMANITIES PROGRAMS.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

**Approved by the Governor, May 9, 2024.**