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By: **Delegate Wolek**
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CHAPTER _____

AN ACT concerning

Aging–in–Place Programs – Grants – Multigenerational Third Places (The Village Multigenerational Third Places Act)

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Aging to make grants to nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging to support social connection for individuals in aging–in–place programs through events or gatherings at multigenerational third places; and generally relating to grants for aging–in–place programs for multigenerational third places.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Human Services
Section 10–1201
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

Article – Human Services

10–1201.

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

EXPLANATION: **CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.**
[Brackets**]** indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

(2) "Aging–in–place program" means a program or service that enables an individual to live in the individual's own home and participate in a community safely, independently, and comfortably, regardless of age, income, or ability level.

(3) "MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACE" MEANS A COMMUNITY SPACE OTHER THAN A PERSONAL HOME OR WORKPLACE THAT SUPPORTS SOCIAL CONNECTION, EVENTS, OR GATHERING AMONG INDIVIDUALS OF DIFFERENT AGES.

[(3)**] (4)** "Senior village" means a local, member–driven, nonprofit organization that:

(i) supports community members who choose to age in place by:

1. fostering social connections through activities and events; and

2. coordinating volunteer help at home using a neighbor–helping–neighbor model; and

(ii) is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

(b) The Department may make grants to nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging to**:**

(1) expand and establish aging–in–place programs for seniors**; AND**

(2) SUPPORT SOCIAL CONNECTION FOR INDIVIDUALS IN AGING–IN–PLACE PROGRAMS THROUGH EVENTS OR GATHERINGS AT MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACES.

(c) Any nonprofit organization or area agency on aging may apply to the Department for a State grant to be applied toward**:**

(1) the cost of expanding or establishing an aging–in–place program that provides to seniors:

[(1)**] (I)** assistance with the costs of in–home personal care services for activities of daily living, including bathing, personal hygiene and grooming, dressing, toileting, functional mobility, food preparation, laundry, and house cleaning;

[(2)**] (II)** psychological, economic, or functional assistance to enable successful health management, access to medical care, or compliance with treatment recommendations;

[(3)**]** **(III)** awareness of and access to resources, services, and benefits;

[(4)**]** **(IV)** support services and care coordination;

[(5)**]** **(V)** affordable transportation;

[(6)**]** **(VI)** assistance making in–home modifications or repairs to improve safety, mobility, and accessibility; or

[(7)**]** **(VII)** the opportunity to live in a senior village**; OR**

(2) OPERATIONAL COSTS, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OR SHORT–TERM OR LONG–TERM LEASES OR RENTAL COSTS, FOR A SENIOR VILLAGE TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACES.

(d) To be eligible for a State grant to expand an existing aging–in–place program under this section, a nonprofit organization or area agency on aging shall demonstrate an equal match for funds requested.

(e) The Department shall publicize the availability of grant opportunities under the aging–in–place program to eligible organizations at least 6 weeks before grant applications are due.

(f) The amount of the State grant for an aging–in–place program shall be determined after consideration of:

(1) all eligible applicants;

(2) the total amount of State funds available for grants; and

(3) the priorities of area need as may be established by the Department in consultation with area agencies on aging and in alignment with area plans on aging.

(g) (1) For each fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least $100,000 for the purpose of making the State grants under this section.

(2) At least 20% of the funding appropriated under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be used to support senior villages.

(h) The Department shall notify an area agency on aging within 2 weeks after a grant award to a nonprofit located within the jurisdiction of the area agency on aging.

(i) The Department may adopt regulations for receiving and considering applications and for disbursing funds to applicants.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.