

# HOUSE BILL 811

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By: **Delegate Wolek**

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Assigned to: Health

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Aging-in-Place Programs – Grants – Multigenerational Third Places**  
3 **(The Village Multigenerational Third Places Act)**

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

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Human Services  
11 Section 10–1201  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Human Services**

17 10–1201.

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

19 (2) “Aging-in-place program” means a program or service that enables an  
20 individual to live in the individual’s own home and participate in a community safely,  
21 independently, and comfortably, regardless of age, income, or ability level.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



**(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;

1            ~~[(5)] (V)~~ affordable transportation;

2            ~~[(6)] (VI)~~ assistance making in-home modifications or repairs to improve  
3 safety, mobility, and accessibility; or

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

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

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

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

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

16            (1) all eligible applicants;

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

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

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

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

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

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

29            **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**  
30 **1, 2026.**