

HOUSE BILL 811

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By: Delegate Wolek

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Assigned to: Health

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.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



4 [(3)] (4) “Senior village” means a local, member–driven, nonprofit
5 organization that:

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

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

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

15 (1) expand and establish aging-in-place programs for seniors; AND

16 (2) SUPPORT SOCIAL CONNECTION FOR INDIVIDUALS IN 17 AGING-IN-PLACE PROGRAMS THROUGH EVENTS OR GATHERINGS AT 18 MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACES.

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

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

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

30 [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.