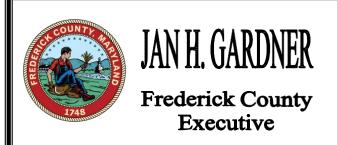
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Frederick County - Elderly or Disabled Renters - Grants

County Position: SUPPORT

Date: January 29, 2020 Committee: Appropriations

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner urges your **SUPPORT** for Senate Bill 264 – Frederick County – Elderly or Disabled Renters - Grants.

Completed and released in 2017 by United Ways throughout Maryland, The ALICE Report (an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed), revealed more than one third or 750,000 of Maryland households cannot afford the state's high cost of living. In Frederick County 32 percent – over 28,500 households – struggle to meet the costs of living. Affordable housing is often a barrier to financial stability for these individuals and households, and is a particular need for our most vulnerable citizens – seniors, families with children, and those with disabilities.

County Executive Gardner supports the provisions in the proposed legislation that:

- Adds Frederick County to State's Renters Tax Credit as delineated in the Tax Property Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, Section 9-402;
- Increases potential renters tax credit by approximately 50% to seniors, households with children and people with disabilities through local legislation;
- Provides for greater affordability for housing to seniors, households with children, and people with disabilities; and
- Does not duplicate or supplant other existing housing programs or housing that is subsidized in any way by government.

Frederick County Executive Gardner urges favorable **SUPPORT** for House Bill 264.