



# Montgomery County

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**SB 85**

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**SPONSOR: Senator Ellis**

**ASSIGNED TO: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and  
Budget and Taxation**

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**POSITION: SUPPORT (Department of Housing and Community Development)**

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### **Maryland Neighborhood Revitalization Funding**

Senate Bill 85 requires the Governor to include at least \$235 million in the annual operating or capital budget for specified community development and revitalization programs for fiscal 2022 through 2031 for eligible programs which include: (1) the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program; (2) the Community Development Program; (3) projects funded by Continuing the Creating Opportunities for Renewal and Enterprise Partnership Fund; (4) the Main Street Improvement Program; (5) the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Program; (6) the Neighborhood Business Development Program; (7) projects funded by the Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund; and (8) projects funded by the Strategic Demolition and Smart Growth Impact Fund.

Montgomery County's Department of Housing and Community Affairs (DHCA) supports Senate Bill 85. During the 2019 Session, the General Assembly enacted legislation creating the National Capital Strategic Economic Development Program (NCSEDP) which will assist the Capital region with its efforts to expand affordable housing. Along with the other eligible programs included in the bill, NCSEDP will help the County as it expands its efforts to reduce housing cost burdens and work to increase the availability of affordable housing for its residents.

For the foregoing reasons, Montgomery County's DHCA supports Senate Bill 85.