



SB630: Grant Applications and Reporting - Uniform Forms and Requirements
Position: Favorable

Imagination Stage is so grateful for the work of Senator Cheryl Kagan, who has collaborated closely with the nonprofit sector throughout her career, championing our various causes and seeking to create legislative opportunities that allow us to be even more effective in supporting our communities.

She has recently proposed a piece of legislation that will further support nonprofits, like ours, SB630. This bill will create a common grant application and reduce the complex and duplicative forms nonprofits are required to complete to be eligible for government grants while at the same time saving money for the state by eliminating redundancies.

Imagination Stage applies for nearly 100 grants each year including government grants from the state of Maryland. Government grants are notoriously some of the most labor intensive. While we appreciate the need for the government to obtain a significant amount of information to properly, ethically, scrutinize our application, we believe Senator Kagan's proposal will ensure this due diligence continues, yet in a way that simplifies the process for nonprofits like ours.

Imagination Stage is lucky to be a mid-size nonprofit with the staff resources to prepare government grant applications. However, we realize smaller nonprofits often struggle to compete for government funds due to the complexities of the application process. We believe this bill will assist those organizations, especially, in being more competitive for government grants. Therefore, our support of this bill is also a matter of equity among nonprofits of varying resources.

We strongly support Senator Kagan and her bill, SB630 and hope to see it passed into law.