



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

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Committee: Senate Budget and Taxation

Bill: SB 549 - Economic Development – Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program and Fund (Innovation Economy Infrastructure Act of 2023)

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports Senate Bill 549 as it provides grant opportunities to municipal governments to facilitate business development in their jurisdiction. Specifically, local governments are eligible to apply for grants from the newly created Build Our Future Grant Fund.

Municipalities are often the economic, population, and cultural hubs of their region and the grant opportunities provided in this bill will allow for business growth in municipalities to continue. Our members are constantly seeking new grant opportunities to better serve their constituents and are generally well situated to capitalize on these opportunities. Local governments specialize in quality of life issues and promoting business development through infrastructure improvements is something municipalities address regularly.

MML appreciates the Administration for identifying this as a priority and the role local governments play in building a community. As such the League supports the passage of SB 549 and asks for a favorable report.

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