

# SENATE BILL 874

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By: **Senator M. Washington**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program and Fund – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program  
4 in the Department of Housing and Community Development; establishing the  
5 Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing  
6 fund to provide financial assistance in the form of grants under the provisions of the  
7 Program for certain eligible projects; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be  
8 credited to the Fund; and generally relating to the Community Health and Safety  
9 Works Grant Program and Fund.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Housing and Community Development  
12 Section 6–1101 through 6–1107 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11.  
13 Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program”  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

17 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
18 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)  
19 Annotated Code of Maryland  
20 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

22 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
23 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii) 170. and 171.  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

26 BY adding to

27 Article – State Finance and Procurement

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)172.  
2 Annotated Code of Maryland  
3 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
5 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

6 **Article – Housing and Community Development**

7 **SUBTITLE 11. COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY WORKS GRANT PROGRAM.**

8 **6–1101.**

9 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
10 INDICATED.

11 (B) “ELIGIBLE PROJECT” MEANS:

12 (1) A FACILITY AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AS  
13 DEFINED IN § 6–1104 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

14 (2) A BUSINESS DISTRICT AND NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY PROJECT  
15 AS DEFINED IN § 6–1105 OF THIS SUBTITLE; OR

16 (3) A COMMUNITY–CENTERED CRIME AND VIOLENCE INTERVENTION  
17 AND PREVENTION PROJECT AS DEFINED IN § 6–1106 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

18 (C) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY WORKS  
19 GRANT PROGRAM.

20 **6–1102.**

21 (A) THERE IS A COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY WORKS GRANT  
22 PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

23 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL  
24 ASSISTANCE IN THE FORM OF GRANTS FOR ELIGIBLE PROJECTS THAT IMPROVE THE  
25 QUALITY OF LIFE WITHIN AND ECONOMIC POTENTIAL OF MARYLAND COMMUNITIES  
26 BY MAKING TARGETED INVESTMENTS IN CRIME PREVENTION STRATEGIES TO  
27 ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL, HEALTH, OR SAFETY CONCERNS IN COMMERCIAL,  
28 PUBLIC, OR RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

29 **6–1103.**

**THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

**(1) ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM; AND**

**(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROGRAM.**

**6-1104.**

**(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

**(2) "ELIGIBLE APPLICANT" MEANS A TAX-EXEMPT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION.**

**(3) (I) "FACILITY AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT" MEANS A PHYSICAL PROJECT OR A COMMUNITY SERVICE THAT:**

**1. MAKES A FACILITY OR A COMMUNITY-MANAGED OPEN SPACE SAFER FOR RESIDENTS AND VISITORS;**

**2. ENCOURAGES THE LAWFUL USE OF A FACILITY OR A COMMUNITY-MANAGED OPEN SPACE BY INDIVIDUALS; OR**

**3. SUPPORTS COMMUNITY-LED EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE APPEARANCE OF A FACILITY OR A COMMUNITY-MANAGED OPEN SPACE.**

**(II) "FACILITY AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT" INCLUDES:**

**1. THE PURCHASE OR INSTALLATION OF:**

**A. EQUIPMENT THAT INCREASES THE VISIBILITY OF VULNERABLE SPACES, INCLUDING SURVEILLANCE TOOLS OR ADEQUATE LIGHTING FOR EXTERIOR DOORS, COMMON AREAS, OR HALLWAYS;**

**B. VEHICLE OR PEDESTRIAN CONTROL DEVICES; OR**

**C. LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN FEATURES, INCLUDING SIGNS, GARDENS, PAVING TREATMENTS, PLANTINGS, OR OTHER UPGRADES TO PUBLIC SPACES;**

**2. EFFORTS TO:**

1                   **A. IMPROVE SIGHT LINES WITHIN, INCREASE VISITATION**  
2 **TO, OR CLEAN PUBLIC SPACES; OR**

3                   **B. INTEGRATE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN**  
4 **FEATURES INTO A FACILITY OR A COMMUNITY-MANAGED OPEN SPACE IN A MANNER**  
5 **THAT GUIDES VISITORS TO DESIRED LOCATIONS AND AWAY FROM PRIVATE AREAS;**

6                   **3. TIMELY REMOVAL OF GRAFFITI TO PRESENT A**  
7 **VIBRANT, MAINTAINED SPACE;**

8                   **4. CONTRACTED CLEANING SERVICES TO MAINTAIN OR**  
9 **CLEAN IMPROVED OPEN SPACES; AND**

10                   **5. OTHER EFFORTS CONSISTENT WITH SUBPARAGRAPH**  
11 **(I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.**

12           **(B) AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE**  
13 **PROGRAM FOR A FACILITY AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT.**

14           **(C) IF AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT**  
15 **UNDER THE PROGRAM FOR A FACILITY AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**  
16 **TO PURCHASE OR INSTALL A NETWORK OF CAMERAS OR LICENSE READERS, THE**  
17 **ELIGIBLE APPLICANT SHALL INCLUDE WITH THE APPLICATION:**

18                   **(1) A MONITORING PLAN; AND**

19                   **(2) EVIDENCE OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LAW**  
20 **ENFORCEMENT, THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAFFIC**  
21 **ENFORCEMENT FOR THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT**  
22 **PUBLIC AGENCIES.**

23           **(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT WHO SUBMITS**  
24 **A COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PROGRAM FOR**  
25 **A FACILITY AND COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT A GRANT THAT:**

26                   **(1) IS AT LEAST \$25,000; AND**

27                   **(2) DOES NOT EXCEED \$50,000.**

28 **6-1105.**

29           **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
30 **INDICATED.**

1           **(2) (I) “BUSINESS DISTRICT AND NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY**  
2 **PROJECT” MEANS A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR ENHANCING THE CAPACITY OF**  
3 **PUBLIC SAFETY AND COMFORT SYSTEMS ALONG COMMERCIAL CORRIDORS AND**  
4 **ADJACENT AREAS.**

5           **(II) “BUSINESS DISTRICT AND NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY**  
6 **PROJECT” INCLUDES:**

7           **1. THE PURCHASE OR INSTALLATION OF:**

8           **A. EQUIPMENT THAT INCREASES THE VISIBILITY OF**  
9 **VULNERABLE SPACES, INCLUDING SURVEILLANCE TOOLS, ADEQUATE LIGHTING**  
10 **FOR EXTERIOR DOORS, COMMON AREAS, OR HALLWAYS, OR PEDESTRIAN–SCALE**  
11 **STREET LIGHTING IN HIGH–PEDESTRIAN–TRAFFIC AREAS;**

12           **B. VEHICLE OR PEDESTRIAN CONTROL DEVICES;**

13           **C. EQUIPMENT TO LOCK OR CONCEAL DUMPSTERS FROM**  
14 **PUBLIC ACCESS; OR**

15           **D. SIGNS, GARDENS, LITTER REMOVAL EQUIPMENT,**  
16 **PLANTINGS, OR OTHER UPGRADES TO PUBLIC SPACES;**

17           **2. EFFORTS TO:**

18           **A. IMPROVE SIGHT LINES WITHIN, INCREASE VISITATION**  
19 **TO, OR CLEAN ELIGIBLE SPACES; OR**

20           **B. INCREASE CITIZEN AND MERCHANT STEWARDSHIP**  
21 **THROUGH ORGANIZING, EDUCATION, AND OUTREACH ACTIVITIES THAT SEEK TO**  
22 **ENGAGE RESIDENTS AND OTHER COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO ACTIVELY**  
23 **PARTICIPATE IN THE UPKEEP AND IMPROVEMENT OF RESIDENTIAL AREAS AND**  
24 **PUBLIC SPACES;**

25           **3. CONTRACTED CLEANING OR LANDSCAPING SERVICES**  
26 **TO MAINTAIN OR CLEAN IMPROVED OPEN SPACES;**

27           **4. CONTRACTED SECURITY SERVICES OR SIMILAR**  
28 **COMMUNITY–BASED PROGRAMS; AND**

29           **5. OTHER EFFORTS CONSISTENT WITH SUBPARAGRAPH**  
30 **(I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.**

1           **(3) “ELIGIBLE APPLICANT” MEANS:**

2                   **(I) A TAX-EXEMPT NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION;**

3                   **(II) A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT FOR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; OR**

4                   **(III) AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

5           **(B) AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE**  
6 **PROGRAM FOR A BUSINESS DISTRICT AND NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY PROJECT.**

7           **(C) IF AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT SUBMITS AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT**  
8 **UNDER THE PROGRAM FOR A BUSINESS DISTRICT AND NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY**  
9 **PROJECT TO PURCHASE OR INSTALL A NETWORK OF CAMERAS OR LICENSE**  
10 **READERS, THE ELIGIBLE APPLICANT SHALL INCLUDE WITH THE APPLICATION:**

11                   **(1) A MONITORING PLAN; AND**

12                   **(2) EVIDENCE OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH LAW**  
13 **ENFORCEMENT, THE GOVERNMENTAL UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR TRAFFIC**  
14 **ENFORCEMENT FOR THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT**  
15 **PUBLIC AGENCIES.**

16           **(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT WHO SUBMITS**  
17 **A COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PROGRAM FOR**  
18 **A BUSINESS DISTRICT AND NEIGHBORHOOD SECURITY PROJECT A GRANT THAT:**

19                   **(1) IS AT LEAST \$75,000; AND**

20                   **(2) DOES NOT EXCEED \$150,000.**

21 **6-1106.**

22           **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**  
23 **INDICATED.**

24                   **(2) “COMMUNITY-CENTERED CRIME AND VIOLENCE INTERVENTION**  
25 **AND PREVENTION PROJECT” MEANS A COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGY THAT**  
26 **INTEGRATES PARTNERSHIPS AND COORDINATED ACTIVITIES THAT:**

1           **(I) DIRECTLY ENGAGE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AT RISK OF**  
2 **BECOMING INVOLVED WITH OR AFFECTED BY VIOLENCE AND CRIME USING**  
3 **EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS; AND**

4           **(II) REDUCE CRIME AND DISORDER BY CAREFULLY EXAMINING**  
5 **THE CHARACTERISTICS OF PROBLEMS IN NEIGHBORHOODS AND APPLYING**  
6 **APPROPRIATE PROBLEM-SOLVING REMEDIES.**

7           **(3) "ELIGIBLE APPLICANT" MEANS A TAX-EXEMPT, NONPROFIT**  
8 **ORGANIZATION.**

9           **(B) AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT MAY APPLY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE**  
10 **PROGRAM FOR A COMMUNITY-CENTERED CRIME AND VIOLENCE INTERVENTION**  
11 **AND PREVENTION PROJECT.**

12           **(C) THE DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD AN ELIGIBLE APPLICANT WHO SUBMITS**  
13 **A COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE PROGRAM FOR**  
14 **A COMMUNITY-CENTERED CRIME AND VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION**  
15 **PROJECT A GRANT THAT DOES NOT EXCEED \$250,000.**

16 **6-1107.**

17           **(A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUND" MEANS THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND**  
18 **SAFETY WORKS GRANT PROGRAM FUND.**

19           **(B) THERE IS A COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY WORKS GRANT**  
20 **PROGRAM FUND.**

21           **(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN**  
22 **THE FORM OF GRANTS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROGRAM FOR ELIGIBLE**  
23 **PROJECTS.**

24           **(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.**

25           **(E) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT**  
26 **SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

27           **(2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,**  
28 **AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.**

29           **(F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:**

30           **(1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;**

1           **(2) EARNINGS FROM THE INVESTMENT OF MONEY IN THE FUND;**

2           **(3) INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND**

3           **(4) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR**  
4 **THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.**

5           **(G) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**  
6 **IN THE FORM OF GRANTS UNDER THE PROGRAM.**

7           **(H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND**  
8 **IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.**

9           **(2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO**  
10 **THE FUND.**

11           **(I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE**  
12 **WITH THE STATE BUDGET.**

13           **(J) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**  
14 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF**  
15 **\$10,000,000 TO THE FUND.**

16                           **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

17 6–226.

18           (a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless  
19 inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the  
20 terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the  
21 State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to  
22 receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General  
23 Fund of the State.

24                           (ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply  
25 to the following funds:

26   170. the Cannabis Public Health Fund; [and]

27   171. the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund; AND

28   **172. THE COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY WORKS**  
29 **GRANT PROGRAM FUND.**



1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2023.