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DATE: March 23, 2023
COMMITTEE: House Ways & Means
BILL NO: Senate Bill 53
BILL TITLE: Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program- Nonprofit, Interest-Free, Micro Bridge Loan (NIMBL) Account--Funding Statement of Information
POSITION:

Senate Bill 53 as amended requires the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for either FY 2024 or FY 2025 an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program Fund within the Maryland Department of Commerce (Commerce) for the purpose of the Nonprofit, Interest-Free, Micro Bridge Loan (NIMBL) Account.

Commerce has administered the NIMBL program since its inception in 2017. Assistance through this program provides short-term bridge loans of up to \$25,000 while the nonprofit awaits a government grant or contract. This change would support up to 38 loans a year. Compared to fiscal year 2022, this would be an 29% increase in yearly NIMBL activity.

Since NIMBL's inception in 2017 through June 30, 2022, twenty-eight (28) loans have been approved and funded for a total of \$689,760. In fiscal year 2022 eleven (11) applications from nonprofit organizations were approved and funded for \$275,000. Twenty of the loans repaid for a total of \$444,460. In fiscal year 2022 a supplemental budget passed giving an additional \$150,000 in general funds and transferred \$350,000 in special funds into NIMBL. The appropriation was also increased. The fund was initially appropriated \$187,500 in fiscal year 2023. A recently approved Budget Amendment increased the appropriation to \$327,500 for fiscal year 2023. So far, in fiscal year 2023, thirteen transactions have been approved for \$325,000, and thirteen applicants are on the waiting list.