

February 8, 2024

Testimony on House Bill 660
Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program and Fund
House Economic Matters Committee

Position: Favorable

Apra Maryland is the professional development and networking resource for Maryland-area fundraising professionals who harness information and data to drive philanthropy. We support House Bill 660, a crucial step towards advancing the use of green and renewable energy in nonprofit organizations within the state of Maryland.

Maryland's 34,000 charitable nonprofits drive economic development as some of the largest private employers in Maryland, employing 13% of the state's private sector workforce according to the latest Bureau of Labor Statistics research. Apra Maryland recognizes the importance of these organizations in our community, and we are deeply committed to advocating for policies that benefit these vital entities.

The proposed Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program and special, nonlapsing Fund will provide much-needed financial assistance to nonprofit organizations for the planning, purchase, and installation of qualifying energy systems. This support is essential as nonprofit organizations often face budget constraints that can hinder their ability to adopt sustainable energy solutions.

We urge you to give House Bill 660 a **favorable report**.