



January 30, 2025

**House Bill 337**  
**State Lottery Fund - Laurel Race Course - Local Impact Aid**  
**House Ways and Means Committee**

**Position: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS**

Anne Arundel County **SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS** House Bill 337 – State Lottery Fund - Laurel Race Course - Local Impact Aid. This enabling Bill would direct \$500,000 annually in supplemental local impact aid to the community around the Laurel Race Course in Anne Arundel County, Howard County, and the City of Laurel.

For the past several years, Anne Arundel County has received \$357,143 annually in local impact aid to be used within the three mile radius of the Laurel Race Course. By executive order, Anne Arundel County created a Laurel Race Course Impact Advisory Committee (LRCIAC) to recommend to the County Executive the use of the funds each year. The LRCIAC is made up of nine county residents within the 3 mile radius, one representative of the Laurel Race Course, the County Councilmember representing Councilmanic District 4, and the Senator and three Delegates representing Maryland Legislative District 32.

The LRCIAC process ensures funding is distributed in an open and transparent process. All meetings are open to the public, the deliberation process includes an integrated public comment period, and funding decisions are posted on the LRCIAC webpage as well as in the annual County budget book.

The LRCIAC has been instrumental in guiding funding decisions within the three mile radius over many years. Thanks to the efforts of the committee, the 198 corridor has a landscaped median, fire and rescue equipment has been updated, and additional library services have been launched. Grants have supported local students and a heritage festival, and addressed food insecurity, security needs, road beautification.

Anne Arundel County is appreciative of the local impact aid we are able to invest in the communities around the Laurel Race Course each year. We support HB 337 to increase funding to a community with needs that undoubtedly exceed current funding availability. However, we respectfully request that the use requirements specific to Anne Arundel County for the supplemental local impact aid be streamlined to allow a distribution process parallel to the one already established. Streamlining of these requirements will avoid the need for duplicative administrative processes.

Anne Arundel County urges a **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT** report on HB 337.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stuart Pittman".

Stuart Pittman  
County Executive