



Maryland Municipal League
The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

January 23, 2025

Committee: House Ways & Means

Bill: HB 90 - Housing and Community Development - Project Restore Program - Establishment

Position: Favorable

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) supports House Bill 90, which codifies the existing Project Restore Program with a goal of supporting local economic development.

The fund is designed to assist qualified businesses and organizations whose mission and work contribute to the economic development or historic preservation of local business districts, and whose activities support the small businesses within the jurisdictions they serve. Funding recipients can use their award to renovate and improve properties, reducing vacants and encouraging local businesses, which in turn improves our local communities. Local governments are also eligible to apply for and receive portions of the funding.

For these reasons, the Maryland Municipal League respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 90. For more information, please contact Angelica Bailey Thupari, Director of Advocacy and Public Affairs, at angelicab@mdmunicipal.org or (443) 756-0071. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

The Maryland Municipal League uses its collective voice to advocate, empower and protect the interests of our 160 local governments members and elevates local leadership, delivers impactful solutions for our communities, and builds an inclusive culture for the 2 million Marylanders we serve.