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House Appropriations Committee

SB379 - Recovery Residence Grant Program – Funding

POSITION: FAVORABLE

The Recovery Housing & Treatment Center Coalition of Maryland (RHTC) respectfully submits this testimony in strong support of Senate Bill 379, which extends the requirement that the annual State budget include a dedicated appropriation for the Recovery Residence Grant Program through fiscal year 2030.

RHTC represents recovery housing and treatment providers across Maryland who deliver stable, safe, and supportive environments for individuals in recovery from substance use disorders. The Recovery Residence Grant Program plays a critical role in sustaining this continuum of care.

Recovery residences are a proven component of Maryland’s behavioral health and substance use disorder response. These programs provide structured, substance-free housing that supports long-term recovery, reduces relapse, and lowers the likelihood of costly emergency and criminal justice system involvement.

SB 379 does not create a new program or expand State spending beyond existing levels. Instead, it extends an established, modest, and targeted investment by continuing the \$500,000 annual appropriation for the Recovery Residence Grant Program through fiscal year 2030.

This predictability is essential. Recovery housing providers operate in a challenging financial environment, balancing rising operational costs with the need to maintain quality, compliance, and accessibility. Stable funding allows providers to plan responsibly, retain staff, and continue serving individuals who rely on these programs as a foundation for recovery.

The Recovery Residence Grant Program represents a cost-effective use of State resources. By supporting housing stability for individuals in recovery, the Program helps prevent more expensive downstream costs associated with hospitalization, emergency services, homelessness, and incarceration.



Extending the funding authorization through FY 2030 ensures Maryland maintains continuity in a program that complements treatment services and strengthens the overall behavioral health system.

SB 379 reflects sound fiscal policy. It maintains the current funding level, preserves legislative oversight through the budget process, and avoids disruption to a program that providers and communities have come to rely on.

Rather than revisiting this appropriation year after year, the bill provides stability while allowing the General Assembly to focus on broader system improvements and accountability measures.

For these reasons, RHTC respectfully urges the Committee to issue a Favorable Report on Senate Bill 379.

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