

# SENATE BILL 666

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By: **Senator Guzzone**

Introduced and read first time: January 26, 2025

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Community Action Agencies – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor, in certain fiscal years, to include an  
4 appropriation in the annual budget bill to the Department of Housing and  
5 Community Development to be used as an operating grant to community action  
6 agencies in the State; and generally relating to funding for community action  
7 agencies in the State.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article – Housing and Community Development  
10 Section 8–101(a) and (b) and 8–107(c)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article – Housing and Community Development  
15 Section 8–110  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Housing and Community Development**

21 8–101.

22 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

23 (b) “Community action agency” means:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (1) a governmental unit in a political subdivision;
- 2 (2) a governmental unit created by a combination of political subdivisions;
- 3 (3) an agency designated as a community action agency under the  
4 Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 as amended by the Community Services Block Grant  
5 Program, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9901 through 9926; or
- 6 (4) a private, nonprofit organization that meets the requirements for  
7 designation as a community action agency.

8 8–107.

9 (c) A community action agency shall actively supplement local efforts to combat  
10 poverty by:

- 11 (1) focusing resources on the most needy;
- 12 (2) providing employment opportunities for low-income persons;
- 13 (3) closing service gaps; and
- 14 (4) enabling low-income persons to participate in community action  
15 programs and projects.

16 8–110.

17 **FOR FISCAL YEARS 2027 THROUGH 2032, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN**  
18 **THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT:**

19 **(1) TO BE USED SOLELY AS AN OPERATING GRANT TO ELIGIBLE**  
20 **COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCIES; AND**

21 **(2) TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FOR THE**  
22 **FOLLOWING YEARS:**

23 **(I) \$500,000 FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028;**

24 **(II) \$1,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2029;**

25 **(III) \$3,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2030;**

26 **(IV) \$5,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2031; AND**

27 **(V) \$7,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2032.**

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
2 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 years, and, at the end of June 30, 2032,  
3 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and  
4 of no further force and effect.