

become members. Members must loan funds to the Corporation upon demand up to limits that are set by law and based on financial capacity. All such calls for funds are to be prorated among the members in the proportion that the maximum loan limit of each bears to the aggregate loan limits of all members. Individuals and domestic corporations may become stockholders, but financial institutions may be stockholders only if they are also members. The authorized capital stock consists of two million shares of common stock with a par value of one dollar each.

The fifteen member Board of Directors, representing the five economic regions, exercises the corporate powers of the Development Credit Corporation. There are five economic regions: the Central Region (Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, and Howard counties); the Eastern Shore Region (Caroline, Cecil, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties); the Southern Region (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties); the Western Region (Allegany, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery, and Washington counties); and the Baltimore City Region. Initially, the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates each made five appointments to the Board, one from each region. The President of the Senate designated the chairperson of this temporary board, and the chairperson called the first annual meeting. At this meeting held on February 16, 1961, and at each annual meeting thereafter, members of the Corporation from at least three of the five economic regions elect two directors from each region for one-year terms. These directors must be U.S. citizens and residents of the economic region from which they are appointed or must maintain a regular place of business there. The stockholders of the Corporation elect the remaining five directors, who must be U.S. citizens and residents of the State for one-year terms. The Board elects its own chairperson. The Corporation may borrow or lend money and buy, hold, or sell real or personal property, including industrial plants and other business establishments.

The Corporation has established Loan Committees of five members for each economic region. After a loan application has been received by the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, the loans are then discussed with the Regional Loan Committees who review the applications and join with the Chief Executive Officer in making recommendations to the Board of Directors or Executive Committee. Final decision lies with either of these bodies (Code 1957, Art. 23, secs. 412-429).

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The Community Development Administration, created by Chapter 527, Acts of 1970, is one of the line agencies in the Department of Economic and Community Development.

Within the Community Development Administration, the Development Finance Program is responsible for providing below market-rate interest construction loans and/or permanent financing to private, non-profit, and public sponsors to stimulate the production of rental housing to meet the needs of the citizens of Maryland, particularly families of limited income and the elderly. The Program is coordinated with the federal government in order to obtain subsidies required to make Development Finance Program housing feasible.

Projects financed by the Department of Economic and Community Development must be consistent with local priorities and must complement and supplement local community development programs and initiatives. Projects must meet eligibility criteria and financing requirements, and income limits are established as the guideline for persons served.

Additionally, the Community Development Administration administers the Maryland Home Financing Program, which was enacted by the General Assembly in the 1972 legislative session to provide direct mortgage loans at a preferred rate of interest for moderate and limited income citizens of the State who are unable to obtain mortgage financing from conventional financial institutions at affordable terms and interest rates. The applicants must meet all eligibility criteria standards and certain established income limits.

CDA also operates the Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program, which was enacted by the General Assembly in 1975. Through this program CDA participates with local subdivisions in providing direct loans to families of limited income. The homes must generally be located in "target areas." Owners of historic or architecturally significant property can borrow funds under this program regardless of their income (Code 1957, Art. 41, secs. 257L, 266DD-1 to 266DD-7 and 266FF-1 to 266FF-4).