

governments in obtaining Departmental housing-related resources to complement local programs using Federal Block Grant funds.

The Division serves as the Department's liaison with the U. S. Department of Agriculture rural housing and development programs, which provide resources relevant to Maryland's local and regional development activities.

The Maryland Industrial and Commercial Redevelopment Fund (MICRF) became operational in July 1980. It is responsible for administration of state grants and loans to local governments in support of their business redevelopment efforts.

The Office of Historical and Cultural Liaison serves as the Department's policy and administrative link with the Maryland Historical Trust, the Maryland State Arts Council, the St. Mary's City Commission, the Commission on Afro-American History and Culture, the Commission on Indian Affairs, and the Commission on Ethnic Affairs.

The Office of Training and Management Assistance administers the local government program of the Federal Office of Personnel Management.

APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

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By Chapter 415, Acts of 1965, the Governor and the Board of Public Works were authorized to appoint a State member and an alternate to the Appalachian Regional Commission to implement the Federal Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. Commission membership, in addition, includes a regional representative select-

ed by the majority of the thirteen Appalachian states (Code 1957, Art. 78A, sec. 13A).

The Commission was created by the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965 (P.L. 89-4) to plan and coordinate projects and programs authorized by the Act for the development of the thirteen-state Appalachian Region, which includes the Western Maryland counties of Washington, Allegany, and Garrett. The Commission consists of a federal co-chairperson appointed by the President and one member from each participating state who must be the Governor or his alternate. A state co-chairperson is elected annually by the governors.

Programs for Appalachian development authorized by the Act include the construction of a developmental highway system, access roads, health centers, vocational educational schools, and sewage treatment works; the development of land, timber, and water resources; the rehabilitation of areas damaged by strip and surface mining; and the establishment of local development districts to support economic development efforts at the local level. The Act provides authority for the Appalachian Regional Developmental Highway System, a network of 2,700 miles of development highways and 1,600 miles of access roads. The Maryland portion of the highway system consists of 79.8 miles. Non-highway funds authorized for the 1978 Fiscal Year amounted to \$113,000,000.

The Commission is not an operating agency. Its major function is the planning and coordination of programs and projects to be carried out under the Act by the appropriate federal and State departments and agencies. The Commission can act only on those programs and projects that are submitted to it by State members. Its decisions require the affirmative vote of the federal co-chairperson and of a majority of State members (Code 1957, Art. 78A, sec. 13).

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