

OFFICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

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The Office of Local Government Technical Assistance administers the *Maryland Town Manager Circuit Rider Grant Program*. Through this program, professional managers serve several small communities at once, thereby providing these towns with an increased capability to meet their citizens' needs. The Office also is responsible for the *Rural Development Program*; the Joint Funding Committee, which identifies housing and community development needs and coordinates federal and State resources to meet those needs, and the *Small Urban Waterfront Development Program*, which addresses the needs of small waterfront communities by coordinating State and federal resources for community development. In addition, the Office carries out responsibilities related to implementation of the Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Program and provides technical assistance, including water and sewer rate analysis, to local jurisdictions.

To facilitate liaison and coordination with the three western counties, the Office maintains the Department's Western Maryland regional development office in Hagerstown.

SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM

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Maryland assumed administration of the Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Program in 1987. The Program was formerly under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Program funds eligible "nonentitlement" local governments to carry out comprehensive community development, including housing, economic development, commercial revitalization, and community infrastructure. The work must benefit low- and moderate-income families; help prevent or eliminate slums and blight; or meet urgent local community development needs. Funds for special projects, including imminent threat grants to communities, also are provided by the Program.

The Program uses funds in ways that complement and extend State assistance programs and public-private partnerships.

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAMS

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Housing and Community Services Programs provides technical assistance as well as grants and loans. This aid is available to local governments, small developers, and nonprofit organizations to help secure and preserve affordable housing and

provide community services to Marylanders of low and moderate income. The programs are administered through three Offices: Community Services; Housing Assistance; and Weatherization Assistance.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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The Office of Community Services administers the Community Services Block Grant Program. Formerly under the Department of Human Resources, the Program became part of the Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987. Block Grant funds are granted for administrative and program costs so local agencies may serve the poor of their communities. These funds are allocated to twelve community action agencies and four limited-purpose agencies operating in the State.

Agencies funded by the Community Services Block Grant Program include: Allegany County Human Resource Development Commission, Inc.; Anne Arundel County Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc.; Baltimore City Urban Services Agency; Human Resources Development Agency of Baltimore County, Inc.; Dorchester Community Development Corp.; Frederick Community Center; Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.; Howard County Community Action Council, Inc.; Montgomery County Community Action Agency; Washington County Community Action Council, Inc.; Shore Up!, Inc.; Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc.; United Communities Against Poverty; Maryland Food Committee; Maryland Rural Development Corp.; Spanish-Speaking Community of Maryland, Inc.

The Office also is responsible for the Division's work to aid the homeless. Through administration of the State's Comprehensive Homeless Assistance Plan as well as the *Emergency Shelter Grant Program* and the *Emergency Community Services Homeless Program* for local governments and community action agencies, shelter and services are provided to persons without a home.

OFFICE OF HOUSING ASSISTANCE

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With both financial and technical assistance, the Office of Housing Assistance helps nonprofit organizations and local governments develop and manage housing projects and programs for low-income persons. Among its programs are the *Maryland*