

provides Maryland's local governments with an efficient and economic alternative means of access to capital markets and thereby reduces the interest and issuance costs. The Administration operates a bond pool to finance infrastructure projects. Each loan is a general obligation of the local government.

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.

**DIVISION OF HISTORICAL &
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The Division of Historical and Cultural Programs directs five Offices: Management and Planning; Research, Survey and Registration; Preservation Services; Cultural and Educational Services; and Museum Services. The Division Director serves as the designee of the Secretary of Housing and Community Development in all aspects of State cultural programs.

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The Office of Management and Planning was formed in 1989. The Office oversees the Maryland Historical Trust, the Archaeology Office, and all other programs of the Division.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

Howard A. Buchanan, *Chairperson*, 1993

Appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent: Louanne A. Cosimano-Bailey, 1991; Mary S. Johnson, 1991; Harrison E. Wetherill, Jr., 1991; Theresa M. Michel, 1992; Doris Thompson, 1992; Gale H. Yerges, 1992; Joseph M. McNamara, 1993; Charles D. Montgomery, 1993; Joseph M. Coale III, 1994; Thomas F. King, Ph.D., 1994; Thomas C. Williams, 1994.

Ex officio: Paul E. Schurick, designee of Governor; John A. Cade, designee of Senate President; Timothy F. Maloney, designee of House Speaker.

Area representatives appointed by Board of Trustees: G. Bernard Callan; W. Dickerson Charlton; Tim Dugan; Dr. Ralph E. Eshelman; Jayne Foard; Paul McKean; Douglass C. Reed; one vacancy.

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The Maryland Historical Trust was formed in 1961 to preserve, protect, and enhance districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in the prehistory, history, upland and underwater archaeology, architecture, engineering, and culture of the State (Chapter 620, Acts of 1961). The Trust also encourages others in the field and promotes interest in and study of such matters. In 1970, the Trust became an agency of the Department of Economic and Community Development. The Trust was placed under the Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987).

The Trust is authorized to acquire and maintain properties of historic or architectural merit by gift, grant, or purchase. Through an easement program, it holds partial interest in such properties in order to monitor their condition and appearance without the necessity of public ownership.

The Trust helps organizations, local governments, businesses, and individuals restore and acquire historic properties through State-funded grants-in-aid, and a revolving fund loan program. Matching grants-in-aid from the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service, are made through the Trust to support a variety of programs, including historic resource identification (i.e., survey), evaluation (i.e., registration), preservation planning, education, and "Certified Local Government" programs.