

ties with no building code at all must comply by 1997, and those that adopted the Standard Building Code of the Southern Building Code Congress, Inc., must comply by 1999. Local jurisdictions may amend the Maryland Building Performance Standards to meet local needs. The Department of Housing and Community Development is to establish and maintain a central, automated data base that includes the Maryland Building Performance Standards, local amendments, the State Fire Prevention Code, local fire codes, all fire code amendments, and proposed State or federal legislation that directly affects the building industry.

Provisions to promote energy conservation in building construction were established by the Maryland Energy Conservation Building Standards Act in 1981 (Code 1957, Art. 78, sec. 54J).

The Building Codes Administration administers the Safety Glazing Law (Chapter 116, Acts of 1973). The law requires the use of safety glazing in certain locations in new buildings (Code 1957, Art. 83B, secs. 6-301 through 6-306).

HOUSING & 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 four offices: Community Services; Special Projects; Weatherization Assistance; and Program Services.

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

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The Office of Community Services administers the *Community Services Block Grant Program*. Formerly in the Department of Human Resources, the Program came under the Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987. Block Grant funds are awarded for administrative and program costs to local agencies that serve the poor. These funds are allocated to twelve community action agencies and seven 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; Community Assistance Network of Baltimore County, Inc.; Human Services Program of Carroll County,

Inc.; Dorchester Community Development Corp.; Frederick Community Center; Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc.; Harford Interfaith Community Services; Howard County Community Action Council, Inc.; Montgomery County Community Action Agency; Washington County Community Action Council, Inc.; Maryland Food Committee; Maryland Rural Development Corp.; Neighborhood Service Center, Inc.; Shore Up!, Inc.; Southern Maryland Tri-County Community Action Committee, Inc.; Spanish-Speaking Community of Maryland, Inc.; United Communities Against Poverty.

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, the Office provides funds for emergency shelters and services are provided to persons without a home.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL PROJECTS

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The Office of Special Projects originated as the Office of Housing Assistance, was renamed the Office of Housing Development Assistance in 1990, and received its present name in 1991.

With both financial and technical assistance, the Office of Special Projects helps nonprofit organizations and local governments develop and manage housing projects and programs for low-income persons. Among its programs are the *Maryland Appalachian Housing Fund*, the *Housing Development Assistance Program*, the *Maryland Capacity Assistance Program*, and the *Home Seed Money Program*. The Office also provides local neighborhood groups with operating assistance under the *Neighborhood Housing Services Program*.

For local governments and other providers of housing, the Office publishes a bi-monthly newsletter, *Talk About Housing*. The Office also sponsors training on housing development and other housing issues.

OFFICE OF WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE

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The Office of Weatherization Assistance administers the *Weatherization Assistance Program*. Formerly under the Department of Human Resources, the Program became part of the Department of Housing and Community Development in 1987 (Chapter 311, Acts of 1987). The Program funds local, community-based service organizations to help low-income, elderly, and disabled or handicapped persons conserve energy. The Program contracts with seventeen local administering agencies (county governments, community action agencies,