

Article 44A - Housing Authorities
Section 23A
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

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3.

The following terms, wherever used or referred to in this article, shall have the following respective meanings, unless a different meaning clearly appears from the context:

(a) "Authority" or "housing authority" shall mean any of the public corporations created [by § 4 or § 24 of] UNDER this article.

23A.

(A) ANY INDIAN TRIBE MAY ESTABLISH A HOUSING AUTHORITY UPON APPROVAL BY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOCALITY WHERE THE AUTHORITY IS LOCATED.

(B) THE AUTHORITY:

(1) MAY PARTICIPATE IN A FEDERAL PROGRAM OF LOW INCOME HOUSING ASSISTANCE AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT; AND

(2) FOR THIS PURPOSE, MAY:

(I) ENTER INTO AND PERFORM A CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES OR A FEDERAL AGENCY;

(II) DEVELOP OR OPERATE A LOW INCOME HOUSING PROJECT IF APPROVAL BY ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION IS OBTAINED FROM THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOCALITY WHERE THE PROJECT IS LOCATED;

(III) ACT AS A PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE FEDERAL LAW AND AS AN AUTHORITY WITHIN THE MEANING OF STATE LAW; AND

(IV) DO ANYTHING NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT FOR ITS PARTICIPATION.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OR A LOCAL HOUSING AUTHORITY MAY ACT ON BEHALF OF NATIVE AMERICAN AN INDIAN OR INDIANS OR AN INDIAN TRIBE IN THIS STATE, GENERALLY AS A LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY OF PUBLIC HOUSING AGENCY AND DO ANYTHING NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT FOR THIS PURPOSE.