

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

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The Administration shall have the following functions and responsibilities:

(14) (I) PARTICIPATE WITH MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS, COUNTIES, REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT, FINANCING, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO BUILD THE MANAGEMENT CAPABILITIES OF MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENTS BY SUPPLYING NEEDED MANAGERIAL EXPERTISE THROUGH CIRCUIT-RIDING MANAGERS TO MUNICIPALITIES WHICH MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. AN INABILITY TO AFFORD FULL-TIME QUALIFIED STAFF;

2. A WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO CONTRIBUTE PRO RATA SHARES OF THE CASH AND IN-KIND MATCHING REQUIREMENTS OF THE SPECIFIC PROJECT.

(II) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COORDINATE THE ADMINISTRATION OF EACH CIRCUIT-RIDER PROJECT, TRAIN THE CIRCUIT-RIDERS, CONVENE MEETINGS FOR PURPOSES OF IDENTIFYING NEEDS AND RECEIVING RECOMMENDATIONS, AND DEVELOP AND COORDINATE TRAINING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT STAFFS. FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION IN SUCH PROJECTS AND THE PROGRAM IN ITS ENTIRETY SHALL BE SUBJECT AND SUBSEQUENT TO ANNUAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DO THOSE THINGS NECESSARY TO INSURE THAT AVAILABLE FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS AND CASH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES, AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE COMBINED TO OFFSET THE COST TO THE STATE OF OPERATING THE PROGRAM. SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE CIRCUIT-RIDERS SHALL INCLUDE ALL ASPECTS OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON ASSISTANCE, COACHING AND TRAINING IN FISCAL MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, PERSONNEL SYSTEMS, GRANTSMANSHIP AND GRANT MANAGEMENT, AND ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1981.

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