

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administration
Departments

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(A) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(1) "COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY" MEANS:

(I) A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT IN A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE;

(II) A GOVERNMENTAL UNIT CREATED BY A COMBINATION OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS;

(III) AN AGENCY DESIGNATED AS A COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY UNDER RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 1964 AS AMENDED BY THE COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM; OR

(IV) A PRIVATE, NONPROFIT COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR DESIGNATION AS A COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY.

(2) "DESIGNATION" MEANS---

~~(i)~~ THE SELECTION OF A PROPOSED COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION; OR

~~(ii) --THE--REVOCATION--OR--CHANGE--OF--A PREVIOUS-SELECTION.~~

(3) "GOVERNING BODY" MEANS THE COUNTY COUNCIL, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, OR OTHER LEGISLATIVE BODY OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT COLLECTIVELY POSSESSES THE POWER TO ADOPT AND CARRY OUT LOCAL LAWS AND ORDINANCES; IN BALTIMORE CITY "GOVERNING BODY" MEANS THE BOARD OF ESTIMATES.

(4) "POVERTY LEVEL POPULATION" MEANS THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHOSE HOUSEHOLD INCOME LEVEL IS BELOW THE POVERTY LINE SET BY THE ~~UNITED-STATES-DEPARTMENT-OF-COMMERCE, BUREAU OF-SENSUS~~ OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET.

(5) "LOCAL INITIATIVE" MEANS THE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED BY A COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY FOR CONDUCT, ADMINISTRATION, AND GENERAL COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING.

(B) (1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND RECOGNIZES THAT THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELL-BEING OF THE CITIZENS OF THE STATE IS INTRINSIC TO THE STRENGTH AND VIABILITY OF THE STATE AS A WHOLE.