

(G) "NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION" MEANS ANY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION PERFORMING COMMUNITY SERVICES AND OFFERING NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE.

(H) "COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT CORPORATION" MEANS ANY CORPORATION OR FOUNDATION WHOSE NET EARNINGS ARE REINVESTED IN ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS, OR PROGRAMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FOSTERING, ENCOURAGING, ASSISTING IN, OR CARRYING OUT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS, OR PROGRAMS.

(I) "MUNICIPALITY" MEANS A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THIS STATE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISION OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION.

(J) "COUNTY" MEANS ONE OF THE 23 COUNTIES OF MARYLAND, AND THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE.

(K) "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE" MEANS ANY FORM OF ASSURANCE, GUARANTEE, GRANT, PAYMENT, OR OTHER ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING A LOAN, LOAN GUARANTEE, OR REDUCTION IN THE PRINCIPAL OBLIGATIONS OF OR RATE OF INTEREST PAYABLE ON A LOAN OR PORTION OF A LOAN.

(L) "TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE" MEANS THE PROVISION OF ADVISORY, CONSULTATIVE, TRAINING, INFORMATION, DESIGN, ARCHITECTURAL, ORGANIZATION, OR MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, TO ANY MUNICIPALITY, COUNTY, REGIONAL ORGANIZATION, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY, OR NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION IN ORDER TO ASSIST OR CARRY OUT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES, PROJECTS, OR PROGRAMS.

SUBTITLE 2. FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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(A) THE DIVISION OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE SHALL HAVE THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

(1) ENCOURAGE AND ASSIST THE EFFORTS OF COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP MUTUAL AND COOPERATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THEIR COMMON PROBLEMS;

(2) SERVE AS A CLEARINGHOUSE FOR INFORMATION, DATA, AND OTHER MATERIALS WHICH MAY BE PERTINENT TO SOUND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING INFORMATION ON AVAILABLE FEDERAL, STATE, AND PRIVATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE;

(3) IMPLEMENT MODEL OR DEMONSTRATION PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS OR OTHERWISE PROVIDE A PROGRAM OF PRACTICAL RESEARCH IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT;