

(a) (1) [The Council may receive State financial support to assist in carrying out its activities.] (I) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE COUNCIL SHALL RECEIVE ANNUAL FUNDING BY APPROPRIATION IN THE MARYLAND STATE BUDGET.

(II) MARYLAND'S STATE ALLOCATION SHALL BE CONTINGENT, BEGINNING WITH FISCAL YEAR 1989, AND CONTINUING ON A YEAR-TO-YEAR BASIS THEREAFTER, ON THE COMMITMENT OF THE PARTICIPATING MARYLAND COUNTIES TO CONTRIBUTE 1 DOLLAR OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR EACH DOLLAR OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT DISBURSED FROM THE FUNDS AVAILABLE IN THE STATE'S BUDGET FOR THE COUNCIL.

(III) ~~FOR--PURPOSES--OF--REVIEW,--APPROVAL,--AND CONFIRMATION--THAT--THE--COUNTIES'--COMMITMENTS--ARE--MET,--THE DEPARTMENT--OF--HOUSING--AND--COMMUNITY--DEVELOPMENT--IS--MARYLAND'S "COGNIZANT-STATE-AGENCY"~~ THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SHALL REVIEW, APPROVE, AND CONFIRM THAT THE COUNTIES' COMMITMENTS ARE MET AND SHALL INCLUDE A BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE COUNCIL WITH ITS BUDGET REQUEST.

(2) (i) On or before August 1 of each year, the Council shall submit to the Department of Housing and Community Development its proposed work programs and operating budget for the following fiscal year, together with supporting schedules to show that the budget is financed, and to provide for review and recommendations.

(ii) The proposed operating budget shall then be forwarded to the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning for consideration.

(3) (i) Provision shall be made in the State budget for the ensuing fiscal year for an appropriation to partially support the Council.

(ii) The State's contribution under this section is subject to annual review by the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1988.

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