

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed House Bill 1037.

This bill repeals the June 30, 1997 sunset provision for the operating assistance grants project in the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The bill expands the definition of operating assistance grants to include assistance with predevelopment costs. The bill also specifies that in addition to operating assistance grants made from up to 1% of the aggregate amount of budgeted monies in the Rental Housing Program Fund, Home Ownership Programs Fund, and Special Loan Programs Fund, as under current law, grants may also be made from any funds appropriated from any other source.

Senate Bill 737, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me on May 8, 1997, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1037.

Sincerely,
Parris N. Glendening
Governor

House Bill No. 1037

AN ACT concerning

Nonprofit Organizations – Operating Assistance and Performance Funding Grants

FOR the purpose of ~~altering provisions and establishing new provisions that relate to operating assistance and performance funding grants for housing assistance; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to award performance funding grants to certain nonprofit organizations for certain purposes; establishing certain criteria for eligibility for a performance funding grant; requiring a nonprofit organization receiving a performance funding grant to provide certain matching funds; authorizing a nonprofit organization to use funding grants under this Act for certain purposes; altering the maximum percentage of certain funds from which grants are made; authorizing the use of certain operating assistance grants for housing assistance for certain purposes; repealing the abrogation provision for and demonstration status of a certain housing assistance grants programs program; defining certain terms; altering a certain definition; altering a certain provision relating to funding for operating assistance grants; making certain stylistic changes; and generally relating to low-income housing funding grants for nonprofit organizations.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article 83B – Department of Housing and Community Development
Section 2-1201 through 2-1204
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)