

HOUSE BILL 251

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Aging – Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs**
3 **(Nonprofits for our Aging Neighbors Act – “NANA”)**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Aging to make grants to certain
5 nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging to expand and establish certain
6 aging-in-place programs for seniors; authorizing certain nonprofit organizations
7 and area agencies on aging to apply to the Department for a certain State grant;
8 requiring the Department to publicize the availability of certain State grants to
9 eligible organizations at least a certain time period before the applications are due;
10 establishing a certain eligibility requirement for a certain nonprofit organization or
11 area agency on aging to receive a certain State grant; providing that the funding for
12 certain State grants shall be as provided by the Governor in the State budget;
13 requiring the Department to notify a certain area agency on aging within a certain
14 period of time after a grant is awarded to a nonprofit within the agency’s jurisdiction;
15 authorizing the Department to adopt certain regulations; defining a certain term;
16 and generally relating to State grants to nonprofit organizations for aging-in-place
17 programs.

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Human Services

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Section 10–1201 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 12. Miscellaneous Grant
2 Programs”
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2007 Volume and 2018 Supplement)

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
6 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

7 **Article – Human Services**

8 **SUBTITLE 12. MISCELLANEOUS GRANT PROGRAMS.**

9 **10–1201.**

10 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “AGING–IN–PLACE PROGRAM” MEANS A PROGRAM OR
11 SERVICE THAT ENABLES AN INDIVIDUAL TO LIVE IN THE INDIVIDUAL’S OWN HOME
12 AND COMMUNITY SAFELY, INDEPENDENTLY, AND COMFORTABLY, REGARDLESS OF
13 AGE, INCOME, OR ABILITY LEVEL.

14 (B) THE DEPARTMENT MAY MAKE GRANTS TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
15 AND AREA AGENCIES ON AGING TO EXPAND AND ESTABLISH AGING–IN–PLACE
16 PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS.

17 (C) ANY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OR AREA AGENCY ON AGING MAY
18 APPLY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR A STATE GRANT TO BE APPLIED TOWARD THE
19 COST OF EXPANDING OR ESTABLISHING AN AGING–IN–PLACE PROGRAM THAT
20 PROVIDES TO SENIORS:

21 (1) ASSISTANCE WITH THE COSTS OF IN–HOME PERSONAL CARE
22 SERVICES FOR ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING, INCLUDING BATHING, PERSONAL
23 HYGIENE AND GROOMING, DRESSING, TOILETING, FUNCTIONAL MOBILITY, FOOD
24 PREPARATION, LAUNDRY, AND HOUSE CLEANING;

25 (2) PSYCHOLOGICAL, ECONOMIC, OR FUNCTIONAL ASSISTANCE TO
26 ENABLE SUCCESSFUL HEALTH MANAGEMENT, ACCESS TO MEDICAL CARE, OR
27 COMPLIANCE WITH TREATMENT RECOMMENDATIONS;

28 (3) AWARENESS OF AND ACCESS TO RESOURCES, SERVICES, AND
29 BENEFITS;

30 (4) SUPPORT SERVICES AND CARE COORDINATION;

31 (5) AFFORDABLE TRANSPORTATION; OR

1 **(6)** ASSISTANCE MAKING IN-HOME MODIFICATIONS OR REPAIRS TO
2 IMPROVE SAFETY, MOBILITY, AND ACCESSIBILITY.

3 **(D)** TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR A STATE GRANT TO EXPAND AN EXISTING
4 AGING-IN-PLACE PROGRAM UNDER THIS SECTION, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OR
5 AREA AGENCY ON AGING SHALL DEMONSTRATE AN EQUAL MATCH FOR FUNDS
6 REQUESTED.

7 **(E)** THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF GRANT
8 OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE AGING-IN-PLACE PROGRAM TO ELIGIBLE
9 ORGANIZATIONS AT LEAST 6 WEEKS BEFORE GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE DUE.

10 ~~**(F)**~~ **(F)** THE AMOUNT OF THE STATE GRANT FOR AN AGING-IN-PLACE
11 PROGRAM SHALL BE DETERMINED AFTER CONSIDERATION OF:

12 **(1)** ALL ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS;

13 **(2)** THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF STATE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR GRANTS;

14 AND

15 **(3)** THE PRIORITIES OF AREA NEED AS MAY BE ESTABLISHED BY THE
16 DEPARTMENT IN CONSULTATION WITH AREA AGENCIES ON AGING AND IN
17 ALIGNMENT WITH AREA PLANS ON AGING.

18 ~~**(G)**~~ **(G)** FUNDING FOR THE STATE GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL
19 BE AS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET.

20 **(H)** THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY AN AREA AGENCY ON AGING WITHIN
21 2 WEEKS AFTER A GRANT AWARD TO A NONPROFIT LOCATED WITHIN THE
22 JURISDICTION OF THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING.

23 ~~**(I)**~~ **(I)** THE DEPARTMENT MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR RECEIVING
24 AND CONSIDERING APPLICATIONS AND FOR DISBURSING FUNDS TO APPLICANTS.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
26 1, 2019.