SENATE BILL 367

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By: Senator McCray

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2 3	Housing and Community Development – Neighborhood Revitalization Programs – Application Requirements
4 5 6 7 8 9 10	FOR the purpose of requiring an application for the Community Legacy Program, the Neighborhood Business Development Program, and the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program within the Department of Housing and Community Development to include a letter of support from the legislative district in which a certain project or plan is proposed; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to application requirements for certain neighborhood revitalization programs.
11 12 13 14 15	BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments, Article – Housing and Community Development Section 6–202(a), 6–204(a), 6–303(a), and 6–502(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
16 17 18 19 20	BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – Housing and Community Development Section 6–204(b), 6–305(a), and 6–505(a) Annotated Code of Maryland (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)
$\begin{array}{c} 21 \\ 22 \end{array}$	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
23	Article - Housing and Community Development
24	6–202.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

There is a Community Legacy Program.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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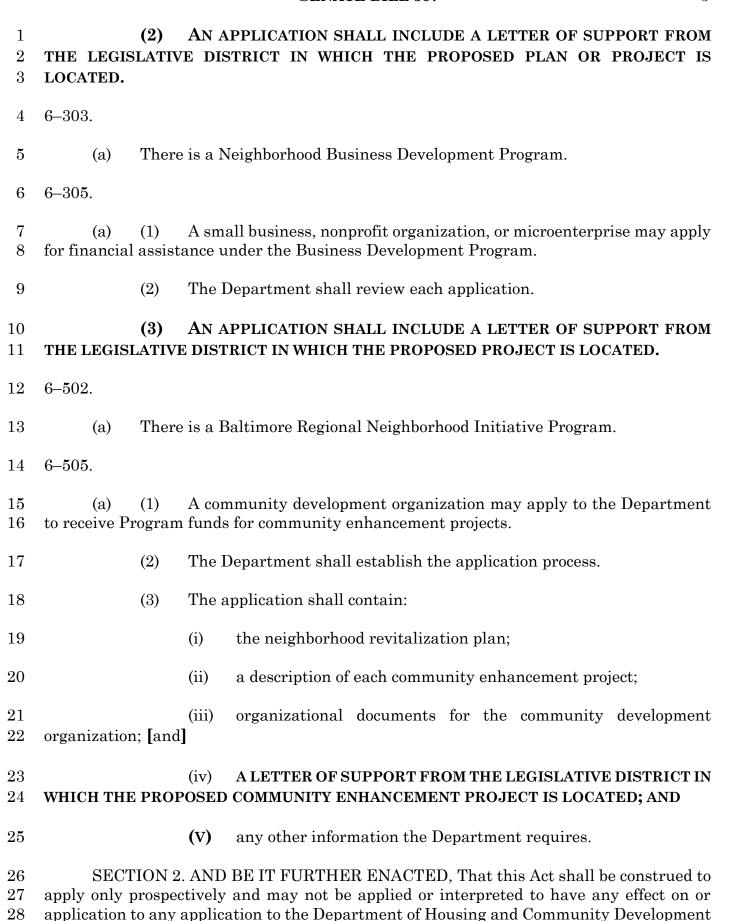
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of public support or opposition.

1	6-204.
2 3	(a) A sponsor may file one or more applications in accordance with the schedules that the Department establishes.
4	(b) (1) An application shall set forth:
5 6 7	[(1)] (I) a description of one or more sustainable communities where the sponsor proposes to develop a sustainable community plan or to carry out a community legacy project using the standards listed in § 6–205 of this subtitle;
8 9	[(2)] (II) a detailed description of the proposed sustainable community plan or proposed community legacy project;
10	[(3)] (III) the amount and type of financial assistance sought;
11 12	[(4)] (IV) the ability of the sponsor to carry out the proposed sustainable community plan or community legacy project;
13 14 15 16	[(5)] (V) the strength and quality of partnerships created among the federal government, the State government, political subdivisions, community development organizations, and other private organizations to develop the sustainable community plan or carry out the community legacy project, including:
17	[(i)] 1. financial support;
18	[(ii)] 2. dedication of staff and resources; and
19 20	[(iii)] 3. commitment to and development of local smart growth policies;
21 22 23	[(6)] (VI) proposed benchmarks for evaluating whether the proposed sustainable community plan or community legacy project results in a desired outcome for a proposed sustainable community, such as:
24	[(i)] 1. stabilizing it;
25	[(ii)] 2. reversing its social, economic, or physical decline; or
26	[(iii)] 3. encouraging growth in it; and
27 28	[(7)] (VII) the process used to seek and receive public input on the proposed sustainable community plan or community legacy project, including the nature and extent



- 1 under the Community Legacy Program, the Neighborhood Business Development Program,
- 2 or the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program submitted before the effective
- 3 date of this Act.
- 4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
- 5 1, 2021.