

# SENATE BILL 918

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By: **Senator King**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program –**  
3 **Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of grants the Maryland Higher Education  
5 Commission may make under the Community College Facilities Renewal Grant  
6 Program in each fiscal year; repealing certain limitations on the number and amount  
7 of grants a community college may receive under the Program; altering the required  
8 appropriation to the Program beginning in a certain fiscal year; and generally  
9 relating to the Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Education  
12 Section 16–320  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2022 Replacement Volume)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 16–320.

19 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

20 (2) “Community college” includes Baltimore City Community College.

21 (3) “Eligible project” means a facility renewal project, including  
22 improvements, repairs, and deferred maintenance, that has a total estimated cost of not  
23 more than \$1,000,000 and has been submitted to the Commission as part of an annual  
24 master plan or a 10–year master plan.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) "Program" means the Community College Facilities Renewal Grant  
2 Program.

3 (b) (1) There is a Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program that  
4 shall provide State funds to community colleges for improvements, repairs, and deferred  
5 maintenance projects in accordance with this section.

6 (2) The Commission shall administer the Program.

7 (c) (1) (i) In fiscal years 2019 through 2021, the Governor shall annually  
8 appropriate in the operating budget of the Commission an amount equal to 5% of the  
9 appropriation to the Community College Construction Grant Program in the same fiscal  
10 year.

11 (ii) In fiscal [year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter] **YEARS 2022**  
12 **AND 2023**, the Governor shall annually appropriate in the operating or capital budget of  
13 the Commission an amount equal to 5% of the appropriation to the Community College  
14 Construction Grant Program in the same fiscal year.

15 **(III) IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,**  
16 **THE GOVERNOR SHALL ANNUALLY APPROPRIATE IN THE OPERATING OR CAPITAL**  
17 **BUDGET OF THE COMMISSION AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO 10% OF THE APPROPRIATION**  
18 **TO THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM IN THE SAME**  
19 **FISCAL YEAR.**

20 (2) The appropriation required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall  
21 be in addition to and may not supplant the amount appropriated to the Community College  
22 Construction Grant Program in the State budget.

23 (d) (1) On or before September 1 of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year of  
24 the grant award, a community college shall provide to the Commission information about  
25 the eligible project for which the community college is requesting a grant.

26 (2) (i) The Commission may make up to [eight] **16** grants in each fiscal  
27 year.

28 (ii) [1. Subject to subparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, a  
29 community college may not receive a grant in 2 consecutive fiscal years.

30 2. If a community college does not request funds in a fiscal  
31 year, the community college may not receive a grant until the second following fiscal year.

32 (iii) 1. Subject to subparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, a  
33 community college may not receive more than \$500,000 in a fiscal year under the Program.

1                                   2.     If the appropriation provided under subsection (c) of this  
2 section is less than \$4,000,000 in a fiscal year, the appropriation shall be awarded equally  
3 to each community college that is eligible for a grant in that fiscal year.

4                                   3.     Subject to the limitation established in subsubparagraph  
5 1 of this subparagraph, a] **A** community college may receive funding for more than one  
6 eligible project in a fiscal year.

7                                   [(iv)] **(III)**    The Commission shall consult with each community  
8 college to determine which community colleges will receive a grant for eligible projects  
9 under the Program in each fiscal year.

10                               (e)    The Commission, in collaboration with the community colleges, shall adopt  
11 any regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

12                               SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
13 1, 2023, and shall be applicable beginning in fiscal year 2024.