

Amendment 1 to Council Bill No. 58- 2026

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Amendment No. 1

(This Amendment clarifies the minimum amount of time a nonprofit agency must be in operation in order to be eligible for a County grant award; clarifies the date this legislation applies; clarifies the information required to be included in a grant application; clarifies the information to be included in a grant agreement; clarifies the information to be included in a grant agreement for the purchase, construction of improvements, development, or redevelopment of real property; clarifies information required to be posted on publicly accessible grants database; and requires the County Chief Administrative Officer to convene a workgroup of interested stakeholders from the Howard County nonprofit community to study and make recommendations on the implementation of the legislation)

1 On page 1, strike beginning with “WITH A MINIMUM” in line 27 through “SOUGHT” in line 28 and
2 substitute the following “WHICH HAVE BEEN OPERATING FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO YEARS.”;

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4 On page 2, in line 6, strike “NONPROFIT” and substitute, “BEGINNING JULY 1, 2027, NONPROFIT”.

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6 On page 2, strike lines 12 through 17, and substitute “(B) THE MOST RECENT TWO YEARS OF
7 FEDERAL FINANCIAL RETURNS FOR THE NONPROFIT AGENCY SHOWING FINANCIAL DETAILS AND A
8 SUMMARY OF THEIR CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES;”.

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10 On page 2, in line 18, strike “INDIVIDUALS” and substitute “POSITIONS”.

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12 On page 2, in line 25, strike “who will provide the service (staff and/or volunteers),”.

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14 On page 2, in line 27, strike “INCLUDING OVERHEAD AND ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS”.

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1 On page 3, in line 2, strike “A” and substitute “BEGINNING JULY 1, 2027, A”.

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3 On page 3, strike lines 5 through 6 in their entirety and substitute “(B) THE ANTICIPATED SOURCES
4 OF FUNDING, IF ANY, FOR THE PROGRAM OR ACTIVITY WHICH IS THE SUBJECT OF THE GRANT.”.

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6 On page 3, in line 7, after “CONDITIONS” insert “THAT”.

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8 On page 3, in line 14, strike “keep” and insert “SUBMIT”.

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10 On page 3, in line 16, after the period, insert the following and renumber accordingly:

11 “THESE REPORTS AND RECORDS SHALL INCLUDE:

12 (1) AN ANNUAL PROGRAM REPORT.

13 (2) COPIES OF THE NONPROFIT AGENCY’S REQUIRED FINANCIAL REPORTING SUBMITTED TO
14 THE STATE BASED ON THEIR GROSS CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER SECTION 6-402 OF THE
15 BUSINESS REGULATION ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND.

16 (3) A COMPILATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS THAT DOES NOT REQUIRE CERTIFICATION
17 BY AN INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT FOR A NONPROFIT AGENCY WITH GROSS CHARITABLE
18 CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER \$400,000.

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20 (G) A PROVISION THAT REPORTS AND RECORDS REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (F) MAY BE SUBJECT TO
21 COUNTY AUDIT.”.

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23 On page 3, strike lines 23 through 24 in their entirety and substitute “(I) PROVISIONS TO DEFINE
24 AND REMEDY A BREACH OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT.”.

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On pages 3 and 4, strike beginning with “A requirement” in line 27 on page 3 down through the period in line 2, on page 4.

On page 4, in line 4, after “SENT”, insert “BY THE GRANT-AWARDING DEPARTMENT”.

On page 4, strike lines 7 through 13 in their entirety.

On page 4, strike lines 23 through 25 in their entirety and substitute the following:

“(2) A DEMONSTRATION OF EXPERIENCE COMPLETING SIMILAR PROJECTS, SUCH AS PAST PROJECT PERFORMANCE, AWARD AMOUNTS AND SOURCES, KEY PERSONNEL, AND VERIFIABLE COMPLETION RATES;”.

On page 4, in line 30, insert the following:

“SUBSECTIONS (1) AND (4) ABOVE SHALL NOT APPLY TO GRANTS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS, DEVELOPMENT, OR REDEVELOPMENT OF REAL PROPERTY THAT ARE \$1.5 MILLION OR LESS.”.

On page 5, strike lines 15 through 16 in their entirety and renumber accordingly.

On page 5, strike lines 17 through 18, and substitute the following:

“(7) A DETERMINATION FOR HOW THE GRANT AWARD WILL BE DISBURSED BASED ON CUSTOMARY BUSINESS PRACTICES THAT INCLUDE SUBMISSION OF RECEIPTS FOR QUALIFIED EXPENSES AND COMPLETION OF CONSTRUCTION MILESTONES; NO GRANT MAY BE DISBURSED IN ONE PAYMENT;”.

On page 5, strike lines 22 through 25 in their entirety and substitute the following:

1 “(10) A PROVISION THAT ALL GRANT FUNDS SHALL BE REPAID IF THE PROPERTY IS SOLD AND USED
2 FOR ANOTHER PURPOSE OR AN AGREED UPON PUBLIC GOOD OTHER THAN THE GRANT FUNDED
3 PURPOSE FOR A PERIOD OF 10 YEARS FOLLOWING THE EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT;”.

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5 On page 6, after line 5, insert the following:

6 “SUBSECTIONS (3), (4), (7), AND (10) ABOVE SHALL NOT APPLY TO GRANTS FOR THE
7 CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS, DEVELOPMENT, OR REDEVELOPMENT OF REAL PROPERTY THAT
8 ARE \$1.5 MILLION OR LESS.”.

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10 On page 6, in line 14, after “(3) insert “(,4,)”; in the same line after “(6),” insert “,AND”; in the
11 same line strike “AND (8)”.

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13 On page 6, in line 26, after “THAT” insert “SHALL COMPLY WITH ANY FEDERAL OR STATE LAWS,
14 INCLUDING THE MARYLAND PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT. THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXCLUDE FROM
15 THE DATABASE CERTAIN INFORMATION FOR PURPOSES OF PROTECTING THE PRIVACY OF
16 INDIVIDUALS AND SENSITIVE GROUPS. THE DATABASE SHALL”; in the same line, strike “INCLUDES”
17 and substitute “INCLUDE”.

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19 On page 7, in line 4, after the comma, insert “PROGRAM REPORTS,”.

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21 On page 7, strike lines 9 through 10 in their entirety.

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23 On page 7, in line 12 insert the following:

24 “Section 2. And be it further enacted by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland that
25 before July 1, 2027, the Chief Administrative Officer shall convene a workgroup of interested
26 stakeholders from the Howard County nonprofit community to study and make recommendations

1 on the implementation of this Act and the establishment of the Grants application platform and
2 the Grants database.”.

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4 On page 7, in line 13, strike “2” and substitute “3”.