



# Howard County

## Internal Memorandum

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### State of Maryland Census Grant

With the passage of Senate Bill 855 (Chapter 18 of the Acts of 2018), the 2020 Census Grant Program Panel was established and funded. The State of Maryland allocated \$5 Million to be administered by the Maryland Department of Planning for eligible local governments and nonprofit organizations. The grant program, announced on February 11, 2019, was established to support the accurate counting of the state and its local jurisdictions for the 2020 Census. Applications were due on March 1, 2019 and the state announced the awards on Monday, April 1, 2019. The grant announcement came very late in the county budget process and it was not clear whether a county application would be competitive, therefore we did not budget for receipt of the grant. The state did not provide funding for local governments and nonprofit organizations for the previous census in 2010.

The county was successful in its application for the grant and was awarded \$150,240 with an additional \$156,206 approved as matching. The Department of Community Resources & Services will be the lead coordinating agency. Through Partnership and Action grants, funds would also be distributed to sub-recipient organizations to participate in outreach and education activities within targeted populations and communities.