



# Howard County

*Internal Memorandum*

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**Subject** Testimony – SAO \_\_\_ FY2012

**To:** Lonnie R. Robbins, Chief Administrative Officer

**From:** Stacy L. Spann, Director   
Housing and Community Development

**Date:** December 16, 2011

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SAO NO. \_ Fiscal 2012

APPROVAL OF USE OF FUNDS FROM THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FY2012 RENTAL ALLOWANCE PROGRAM (RAP).

#### **TESTIMONY**

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has notified Howard County that it is eligible to receive funding and administer a Rental Allowance Program pursuant to the provisions of Sections 4-1401 through 4-1406 of the Housing and Community Development Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended (the “Act”) and regulations codified in COMAR .05.05.03.01 et seq. (the “Regulations”).

DHCD has allocated and will award a grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 to Howard County, Maryland, under the Rental Allowance Program (RAP), upon submission of the FY2012 RAP Grant Application accompanied by executed FY2012 RAP Grant Agreements. The Rental Allowance Program funds will be used to provide fixed, short-term (6 - 12 months) monthly rental assistance to eligible low-income residents with critical and emergency housing needs. The goal of RAP is to help families achieve self-sufficiency with the support of short-term rental assistance combined with household-specific supportive services coordinated and delivered by local human service agencies.

At present, Howard County Housing is administering the FY11 RAP grant which was appropriated in the County’s FY12 Annual Budget. However, notification of the FY12 RAP grant award has been received several months in advance of the customary timeframe, necessitating the request for this SAO.

**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

The amount of the grant awarded is \$40,000.00. There are no matching fund requirements.

This project will assist the County in expanding housing stabilization opportunities for low income families in Howard County. Therefore, we strongly recommend the approval of this resolution.

cc: Ken Ulman, County Executive  
Jennifer Sager, Legislative Coordinator