



# Howard County

*Internal Memorandum*

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Subject: Council Testimony and Fiscal Impact Statement  
Multi-year Grant Agreement renewal – Howard County Housing Commission – NonProfit Collaborative

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## **PURPOSE**

Council Bill No. 11-2026, seeks action by the County Council to approve a Multi-Year Grant Agreement between Howard County (the “County”) and the Howard County Housing Commission (the “Commission”) to provide operating funding in support of the NonProfit Collaborative (the “NPC”). This funding provides an ongoing rental subsidy for the nonprofit tenants of the NPC.

Pursuant to Section 612 of the Howard County Charter, this Multi-Year Grant Agreement requires the County to pay funds from an appropriation in a later fiscal year, which requires County Council approval.

## **BACKGROUND**

Through Council Bill 50-2016, the County previously entered into a multi-year grant agreement (the “Original Agreement”) with the Commission over a 10-year term to provide a rental subsidy for the purposes of leasing the property located at 9770 Patuxent Woods Drive, Columbia, Maryland. Under the Original Agreement, the County provided grant funding to the Housing Commission from Fiscal Year 2017 through Fiscal Year 2026.

The Commission holds the master lease for the property, which operates at the NonProfit Collaborative and is currently subleased to the Association of Community Services of Howard County (“ACS”) and eleven other nonprofit organizations. With grant funding from the County, the Commission subsidizes approximately 62% of the rental cost to nonprofit organizations located at the NPC. Through this model of co-locating nonprofit organizations together under one roof, the NPC provides easier access to multiple services for Howard County residents,

enhances coordination and collaboration among non-profit service providers, and improves efficiency through shared spaces and services.

The County wishes to renew the Multi-Year Grant Agreement with the Commission for an additional 10 years. Under the new Multi-Year Grant Agreement, the County will provide increased funding to allow the Commission to expand the total square footage of the NPC, allowing for additional rentable space for non-profit entities in Howard County.

The Commission estimates the expansion space of the NPC to be approximately 8,200 square feet, allowing an estimated 12 or more additional nonprofits to co-locate at the NPC. This would bring the total leased space to approximately 35,500 square feet, of which 9,700 square feet would be leased to the Commission and 25,800 square feet would be dedicated to nonprofit organizations.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Over the 10-year period of the Multi-Year Grant Agreement, the total fiscal impact of this legislation is approximately \$4.65 million. This reflects an increase of approximately \$2.24 million above the original 10-year Multi-Year Grant Agreement approved by the County Council in 2016. This increase is driven by the increase in total leased space dedicated to the NonProfit Collaborative.

The Multi-Year Grant Agreement schedule is provided below:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2027	\$348,657
2028	\$423,312
2029	\$436,011
2030	\$449,092
2031	\$462,564
2032	\$476,441
2033	\$490,735
2034	\$505,457
2035	\$520,620
<u>2036</u>	<u>\$536,239</u>
Total	\$4,649,128