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and Repair Fund Commission –  
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## COUNTY COUNCIL FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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**AN ACT** to:

- (1) establish a Montgomery County Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund Commission;
- (2) prescribe the membership and duties of the Commission;
- (3) provide for the staffing of the Commission;
- (4) specify the purposes for which funds received from the State Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund may be used; and
- (5) generally amend the law regarding the distribution and use of funds disbursed to the County from the State Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund.

By adding

Montgomery County Code  
Chapter 24. Health and Sanitation  
Article XI, Montgomery County Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund Commission  
Sections 24-77, 24-78, 24-79, 24-80, 24-81, 24-82, and 24-83

*The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:*

<b>Boldface</b>	<i>Heading or defined term.</i>
<u>Underlining</u>	<i>Added to existing law by original bill.</i>
[Single boldface brackets]	<i>Deleted from existing law by original bill.</i>
<u>Double underlining</u>	<i>Added by amendment.</i>
[[Double boldface brackets]]	<i>Deleted from existing law or the bill by amendment.</i>
* * *	<i>Existing law unaffected by bill.</i>

1           **Sec. 1. Sections 24-77, 24-78, 24-79, 24-80, 24-81, 24-82, and 24-83 are added**  
 2 **as follows:**

3 **ARTICLE XI. MONTGOMERY COUNTY COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT**  
 4 **AND REPAIR FUND COMMISSION.**

5 **24-77. Definitions.**

6           In this Article, the following terms have the meanings indicated.

7           *Cannabis* has the meaning stated in [[§]] Section 1-101 of the Alcoholic  
 8 Beverages and Cannabis Article of the Maryland Code, as amended.

9           *Commission* means the Montgomery County Community Reinvestment and  
 10 Repair Fund Commission established under this Article.

11           *Community-based organization* means a public or private company,  
 12 corporation, limited liability company, neighborhood group, organization, or  
 13 partnership that provides education, vocational education or rehabilitation, job  
 14 training, health, social services, or economic uplift to individuals in the County.

15           *County reinvestment funds* mean monies disbursed to the County from the State  
 16 Fund.

17           *Department* means the Department of Health and Human Services.

18           *Director* means the Director of the Department, or a designee of the Director.

19           *Disproportionately impacted area* has the meaning stated in [[§]] Section 36-  
 20 101 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article of the Maryland Code, as  
 21 amended.

22           [[*Non-profit organization* means an entity operating in the County that is  
 23 organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the federal Internal Revenue Code, as  
 24 amended.]]

25           *Office* means the Office of Grants Management.

26           *State Fund* or *Fund* means the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund of  
 27 the State of Maryland.

28 **24-78. Use of funds.**

- 29 (a) The County must use County reinvestment funds solely for:
- 30 (1) community-based initiatives intended to benefit low-income
- 31 communities;
- 32 (2) community-based initiatives that serve disproportionately
- 33 impacted areas;
- 34 (3) any other use permitted under [[§]] Section 1-322 of the Alcohol
- 35 Beverages and Cannabis Article of the Maryland Code, as
- 36 amended; and
- 37 (4) related administrative expenses.
- 38 (b) The County must not use reinvestment funds for law enforcement
- 39 agencies or activities.

40 **24-79. Commission ~~[[Established]]~~ established.**

41 There is a Montgomery County Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund

42 Commission.

43 **24-80. Membership.**

- 44 (a) The Commission consists of 13 voting members and [[1]] one non-voting
- 45 ex-officio member.
- 46 (b) The voting members are appointed by the County Executive, subject to
- 47 Council confirmation, and must include:
- 48 (1) 11 County residents with demonstrated knowledge under
- 49 subsection (d);
- 50 (2) at least [[1]] one member who represents a service provider for
- 51 incarcerated persons or persons with a criminal record; and
- 52 (3) at least [[1]] one member who was incarcerated or has a criminal
- 53 history.

54 (c) Members appointed under paragraph (1) of subsection (b) may include  
 55 [[representatives of service providers for, among other services]]  
 56 individuals with demonstrated experience in:

- 57 (1) youth engagement and education programs;
- 58 (2) jobs training and placement programs for marginalized  
 59 individuals; [[and]]
- 60 (3) housing services and unhoused prevention services; and
- 61 (4) economic development or entrepreneurship benefitting low-  
 62 income communities or disproportionately impacted areas.

63 [[c)] (d) Ex-officio member. The Director is a non-voting, ex-officio  
 64 member of the Commission.

65 [[d)] (e) Application. An individual wishing to serve on the Commission  
 66 must submit an application to the County Executive and the Council  
 67 describing the individual’s demonstrated knowledge, through education,  
 68 training, or work or personal experience, of [[1]] one or more of the  
 69 following:

- 70 (1) the history of the resistance of people of African descent to white  
 71 supremacy, enslavement, Jim Crow laws, and other examples of  
 72 racial violence and discrimination;
- 73 (2) the history of the resistance of racial, ethnic, and other minority  
 74 groups against discrimination, violence, and inequality;
- 75 (3) the needs of individuals returning to the community after  
 76 incarceration;
- 77 (4) the impact of the disproportionate enforcement of drug laws on the  
 78 quality of life experienced by racial and ethnic minorities,  
 79 especially people of African descent, including specialization in:  
 80 (A) the disruption of families;

- 81 (B) exposure to the prison system;
- 82 (C) trauma experienced as a result of community and police
- 83 violence; or
- 84 (D) another similar factor contributing to quality of life; and
- 85 (5) methods for delivering community investment that empower
- 86 marginalized people to have a voice in the distribution of
- 87 resources.

88 **24-81. Duties.**

- 89 (a) The Office, after consultation with the Commission, must develop and
- 90 administer a public process for [[non-profit]] community-based
- 91 organizations to apply for grants that support:
  - 92 (1) community-based initiatives intended to benefit low-income
  - 93 communities; and
  - 94 (2) community-based initiatives that serve disproportionately
  - 95 impacted areas.
- 96 (b) The Commission annually must recommend to the Office grant awards
- 97 to the selected [[non-profit]] community-based organizations from
- 98 County reinvestment funds, subject to:
  - 99 (1) the appropriation of funds; and
  - 100 (2) the execution of grant agreements between the County and the
  - 101 awardees.
- 102 (c) The Commission may submit to the County Executive and the County
- 103 Council recommendations regarding:
  - 104 (1) existing or potential County programs related to community-based
  - 105 initiatives intended to benefit low-income communities or to serve
  - 106 disproportionately impacted areas;

- 107           (2)   existing or potential County programs to repair damage done to  
 108                   communities that have been the most impacted by disproportionate  
 109                   enforcement of the cannabis prohibition before July 1, 2022; and  
 110           (3)   changes to County law or regulation related to community-based  
 111                   initiatives or reparations intended to benefit low-income  
 112                   communities or to serve disproportionately impacted areas.

113 **24-82. Meetings; officers; compensation.**

- 114           (a)   Meetings. The Commission must meet at the call of the Commission  
 115                   chair and at least 6 times annually.  
 116           (b)   Quorum. A majority of the voting members of the Commission  
 117                   constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business.  
 118           (c)   Officers. The Commission must elect from among its voting members a  
 119                   chair, vice-chair, and other officers it deems appropriate.  
 120           (d)   Stipend and reimbursement.  
 121                   (1)   A member must receive [[a]] an annual stipend of \$1,000 from the  
 122                   County, subject to appropriation and the availability of County  
 123                   reinvestment funds.  
 124                   (2)   A member may receive reimbursement for travel and dependent  
 125                   care under Section 2-145.

126 **24-83. Role of the department.**

127           The Department must:

- 128                   (1)   provide the staff support, including administrative and  
 129                   programmatic support, necessary for the Commission to perform  
 130                   its duties; and  
 131                   (2)   monitor and administer the grants awarded under Section 24-81.

132 **[[24-84. Reporting.**

133           The Executive must provide to the Council a copy of each report submitted by  
134           the County to the Maryland General Assembly under § 1-322 of the Alcoholic  
135           Beverages and Cannabis Article of the Maryland Code, as amended.]]

136           **Sec. 2. Staggered terms.** The initial voting members appointed to the  
137 Commission established under this Act must be staggered. Of the 13 voting members,  
138 4 must have initial terms of one year; 4 must have initial terms of 2 years; and 5 must  
139 have initial terms of 3 years.

Approved:



July 16, 2024

Andrew Friedson, President, County Council

Date

Approved:



July 25, 2024

Marc Elrich, County Executive

Date

*This is a correct copy of Council action.*



July 25, 2024

Sara R. Tenenbaum, Clerk of the Council

Date