

ORDINANCE NO. ORD-2025-3\

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE WASHINGTON
COUNTY COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AND REPAIR FUND

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Maryland General Assembly has enacted the Community Reinvestment and Repair Act to provide financial resources to communities that have been historically underserved and disproportionately impacted;

WHEREAS, Washington County wishes to avail itself of the State revenue available for investing in community-based initiatives that benefit low-income and disproportionately impacted communities within the County;

WHEREAS, to do this, it is necessary to establish a local fund to ensure equitable distribution of resources in accordance with the provisions of Maryland law;

WHEREAS, upon due consideration of the furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare, the Board of County Commissioners finds that the creation of the Washington County Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund to receive restricted-use funding from the State of Maryland is in the best interest of the public.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of County Commissioners of Washington County, Maryland (the "Board of County Commissioners") that there is hereby established the Washington County Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund (the "Fund");

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners that the Fund shall be budgeted and expended exclusively in accordance with a plan, adopted following a public hearing, for the distribution of funds to community-based organizations for use for the following purposes:

1. Funding community-based initiatives intended to benefit low-income communities as allowed by Maryland Ann. Code, Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, Section 1-3A-03(a)(6);
2. Funding community-based initiatives that serve disproportionately impacted areas, as defined in Maryland Ann. Code, Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, Section 36-101;
3. Administrative expenses incurred by this local government in administering this Fund, not to exceed that percentage of funds received that is allowed by law;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners that the Fund shall:

1. Not be used for law enforcement agencies or activities;

2. Supplement, and not supplant, any preexisting local government programs; and
3. Shall be held separately from other revenue and general funds;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners that the County Administrator, or designee, shall oversee the management of the Fund, including:

1. Developing a Plan, in consultation with stakeholders, for public hearing that will guide the distribution of funds, to include guidelines and application procedures for eligible community-based organizations seeking funding;
2. Conducting a public hearing to adopt a Plan;
3. Administering and monitoring funding; and
4. Providing an annual report to the Board of County Commissioners and to the Comptroller's Office detailing funding, distribution process and expenditures;

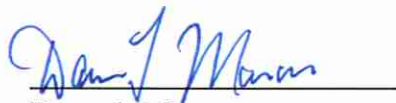
BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners that, in the event any portion of this Ordinance is found to be unconstitutional, illegal, null or void, it is the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to sever only the invalid portion of the provision, and that the remainder of the Resolution shall be enforceable and valid;

BE IT FUTHER ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners that the foregoing recitals are adopted as if fully rewritten herein; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners that this Ordinance shall be effective upon recordation, without publication of a fair summary.

ADOPTED and EFFECTIVE this 21st day of October, 2025

ATTEST:



Dawn L. Marcus

County Clerk

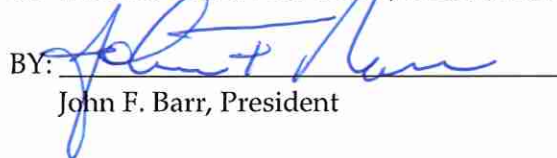
Approved as to legal sufficiency:



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