

**County Executive
of
Howard County, Maryland**

Executive Order: 2023-01
Date: April 11, 2023
**Subject: Housing Opportunities
Trust Fund Advisory
Committee**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 13.1600 of the Howard County Code, the Department of Housing is authorized to administer the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund (“Fund”) in accordance with guidelines established by House Bill 878-2022; and

WHEREAS, during Fiscal Year 2023, \$5,000,000 was appropriated and approved to launch the Fund; and

WHEREAS, goals of the Fund are to promote equitable access to affordable housing for households of limited income in Howard County (the “County”), preserve existing affordable housing units, provide rental and homeownership assistance, and support housing for populations in need; and

WHEREAS, these goals will be accomplished by (a) providing assistance to renters and first-time home buyers; (b) developing, preserving, rehabilitating, and improving affordable housing, including affordable rental housing; and (c) increasing, by any other means, the affordability or accessibility of housing for households of limited income in the County; and

WHEREAS, County programs that assist with rental unit preservation, homeownership and rehabilitation efforts will receive funding from the Fund; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a Housing Opportunities Trust Fund Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) should be created to set funding goals and priorities of the Fund, review applications in response to funding availability and make funding recommendations to the Housing and Community Development Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that a Housing Opportunities Trust Fund Advisory Committee is established. The duties and responsibilities of the Committee are as follows:

1. Recommend annual funding goals and priorities for the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund

2. Review applications in response to the Notice of Funding Availability and make recommendations to the Housing and Community Development Board
3. Present funding recommendations to the Housing and Community Development Board
4. Advise the County Executive as to whether this Committee should be permanently established.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED that the Committee shall consist of the following voting members:

1. Ada Bohorfoush
2. Kimberley Amprey Flowers
3. Timothy Goetzinger
4. Margaret Gold
5. Robbyn Harris
6. Richard Pardoe
7. Jim Sanders

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Committee shall provide recommendations for Fiscal Year 2025 to the County Executive on or before February 1, 2024.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that this Committee shall present a final report to the County Executive on or before July 1, 2024.

AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that this Committee shall cease to exist on October 14, 2024 and the terms of the Committee members shall expire on October 14, 2024.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I, Calvin Ball, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Howard County to be affixed this 11 day of April, 2023.



Calvin Ball
County Executive