

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND
2019 Legislative Session

Bill No. CB-64-2019

Chapter No. _____

Proposed and Presented by Council Member Anderson-Walker

Introduced by _____

Co-Sponsors _____

Date of Introduction _____

BILL

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Housing Investment Trust Fund - Assistance for Seniors and Disabled Veterans

3 For the purpose of dedicating a certain percentage of the Housing Investment Trust Fund to
4 certain homeowners in Prince George's County of a certain amount each year.

5 BY repealing and reenacting with amendments:

6 SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION

7 Section 10-295

8 The Prince George's County Code

9 (2015 Edition; 2018 Supplement).

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,
11 Maryland, that Section 10-295 of the Prince George's County Code be and the same is hereby
12 repealed and reenacted with the following amendments:

13 **SUBTITLE 10. FINANCE AND TAXATION**

14 **DIVISION 19. HOUSING INVESTMENT TRUST FUND**

15 **Sec. 10-295. Purposes and uses.**

16 (a) In general. The purposes of the Fund are to:

17 (1) develop effective strategies to strengthen County neighborhoods impacted by
18 foreclosures consistent with the adopted Prince George's County five-year Consolidated Housing
19 and Community Development Plan;

20 (2) provide for gap financing to enable the County to support the development of new
21 construction and preservation of existing workforce and affordable housing;

1 (3) provide for housing counseling, rental, down payment and closing cost assistance
2 for eligible persons to retain or purchase vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties;

3 (4) acquire, rehabilitate, resell or lease-purchase of all for sale properties in Prince
4 George's County to include: vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties to eligible persons,
5 not-for-profit organizations and for-profit affordable housing providers;

6 (5) provide for land banking of vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties in the
7 County;

8 (6) otherwise reduce and minimize the occurrence of foreclosures by coordination
9 and use of County, State and Federal resources and programs; [and]

10 (7) increase and preserve the supply of safe, affordable home ownership opportunities
11 and to preserve the quality of life for the purpose of growing the County's tax base revenue; and

12 (8) provide tenant based rental subsidy to qualified residents of \$500.00 per qualified
13 resident per month for:

14 (A) Qualified Prince George's County residents are seniors (persons aged 65 and
15 older); and

16 (i) have encountered financial challenges and;

17 (ii) owned and resided in their homes for a minimum of 25 consecutive
18 years; or

19 (iii) rented and resided in a residence in Prince George's County for a
20 minimum of 7 consecutive years; or

21 (B) Qualified Prince George's County residents are disabled veterans (more
22 than 60% disabled according the United States' Veteran's Administration); and

23 (i) have encountered financial challenges and;

24 (ii) owned and resided in their homes for a minimum of 25 consecutive
25 years; or

26 (iii) rented and resided in a residence in Prince George's County for a
27 minimum of 7 consecutive years; and

28 (C) the referenced \$5,000,000 shall be drawn from the Housing Investment Trust
29 Fund (as defined in Sec.10-295, et seq.) for the Housing Investment Trust Fund-Assistance for
30 Seniors and Disabled Veterans.

31 (b) Financial assistance.

1 (1) The Fund may provide financial assistance in the form of loans and grants to
2 finance programs to meet the goals of this Division for the benefit of existing and potential
3 homeowners or renters, not-for-profit organizations and for-profit affordable housing providers
4 in Prince George's County.

5 (2) The Fund may provide financial assistance in the form of loans and grants to
6 finance programs to assist senior county residents (persons aged 65 and older) and disabled
7 county veterans (more than 60% disabled according the United States' Veteran's Administration)
8 by providing cash assistance, loans and grants;

9 (3) The total expenditure for the Housing Investment Trust Fund-Assistance for
10 Seniors and Disabled Veterans shall not exceed \$5,000,000 maximum.

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12 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby
13 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,
14 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of
15 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining
16 words, phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this
17 Act, since the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such
18 invalid or unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection,
19 or section.

20 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)
21 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2019.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: _____
Todd M. Turner
Chair

ATTEST:

Donna J. Brown
Acting Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

DATE: _____ BY: _____
Angela D. Alsobrooks
County Executive

KEY:
Underscoring indicates language added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate language deleted from existing law.
Asterisks *** indicate intervening existing Code provisions that remain unchanged.