

Hotel, Motel, and Bed and Breakfast Grants, Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund, Department of Commerce
\$10.0 Million (T00F00.23)

Purpose: Recovery Now Funding

The Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund shall provide funding to local governments for grants up to \$25,000 to hotels and motels (except casino hotels) or bed-and-breakfast inns categorized as North American Industrial Classification Codes 721110 and 721191, respectively. If the establishment is part of a multiple-location franchise, it must be owned by a local franchisee. Lastly, the recipient businesses must demonstrate a need for assistance. Priority shall be given to businesses that have not received prior funding from the Authority.

March 24 - Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance:

- The Department of Commerce (Commerce) reached out to the counties on March 16, 2021, alerting them of the programs and funds that would be distributed.
 - Grant agreements will be sent out on March 24, 2021.
- Commerce began its outreach and marketing strategies to ensure the program reaches as many businesses as possible with the goal of providing equitable distribution of these funds across a diverse group of business owners and regions.
 - Commerce drafted and posted online: program eligibility, guidelines, and application requirements Tuesday, March 15, 2021.
 - Commerce has sent out the second alert of the program on March 16, 2021 to over 30,000 businesses, business groups, community organizations, advocacy groups, economic development professionals, and elected officials.
- The counties must update Commerce's online portal with grant recipient information by July 31, 2021 to include the following:
 - Name, location, and FEIN of each grantee;
 - Amount of grant received by grantee;
 - Use of grant proceeds; and
 - Demographic information responses of each grantee.

March 24 - Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:

- Ensure local jurisdictions prioritize applicants who have not received State/MEDAAF funding.
- Some counties have not completed distribution of previously released funds. These funds must be allocated prior to receiving this grant program's funding. If there is a possibility that there are remaining funds, they can be rolled over into this grant program.

March 24 - Anticipated Distribution of Funds:

County	Population - 2021	MD Population Percentage	Hotel Funding
Allegany County	69,366	1.14%	\$114,363
Anne Arundel County	586,656	9.67%	\$967,211
Baltimore city	575,584	9.49%	\$948,957
Baltimore County	826,392	13.62%	\$1,362,461
Calvert County	93,445	1.54%	\$154,061
Caroline County	33,606	0.55%	\$55,406
Carroll County	168,807	2.78%	\$278,310
Cecil County	103,277	1.70%	\$170,271
Charles County	166,819	2.75%	\$275,032
Dorchester County	31,867	0.53%	\$52,539
Frederick County	268,755	4.43%	\$443,092
Garrett County	28,776	0.47%	\$47,443
Harford County	258,559	4.26%	\$426,282
Howard County	331,828	5.47%	\$547,080
Kent County	19,398	0.32%	\$31,981
Montgomery County	1,055,110	17.40%	\$1,739,545
Prince George's County	908,743	14.98%	\$1,498,231
Queen Anne's County	50,847	0.84%	\$83,831
Somerset County	25,636	0.42%	\$42,266
St. Mary's County	115,090	1.90%	\$189,747
Talbot County	37,395	0.62%	\$61,653
Washington County	151,835	2.50%	\$250,328
Wicomico County	104,739	1.73%	\$172,682
Worcester County	52,908	0.87%	\$87,229
Statewide	6,065,438	-	\$10,000,000

Source: Department of Commerce, Department of Budget and Management