Live Entertainment Venue Grants, Neighborhood Revitalization, Department of Housing and Community Development

\$10.0 Million (S00A24.01)

Purpose: Recovery Now Funding

The Neighborhood Revitalization program, in the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), shall provide grants to live entertainment venues or promoters of live performances. DHCD shall prioritize grants to those who closed or cancelled live performances due to capacity limitations in response to the pandemic and for which any previously received State or federal stimulus funds was not sufficient to cover the fixed costs of the live venue or promoter.

April 7 - Program Highlights and Plans to Allocate Remaining Balance:

DHCD opened the Entertainment Venues II application round via Maryland OneStop on March 22 to accept applications from nonprofit and for-profit live entertainment venues and promoters of live performances. Applicants can make a maximum grant request of \$500,000. The application round will close on April 2 at 5:00 pm. The Department shall prioritize providing grants to live entertainment venues or promoters that closed or cancelled live performances due to capacity limitations in response to the pandemic; and for which any previously received State or federal stimulus funds due to the size of the venue were not sufficient to cover the fixed costs of the *live* entertainment venue or promoter. Funding announcements are projected to be made by or before the end of May 2021. Awardees are projected to receive their funds no later than June 30, 2021.

April 7 - Programmatic and/or Implementation Issues:

• DHCD does not anticipate any programmatic and/or implementation issues at this time.

Source: Department of Housing and Community Development, Department of Budget and Management