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## Department of Aging FY 2022 Capital Budget

House Appropriations Committee  
Capital Budget Subcommittee  
Delegate Ben Barnes  
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Senate Budget & Taxation Committee  
Capital Budget Subcommittee  
Senator Douglas Peters  
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Thank you for this opportunity to respond to the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) analysis of the Maryland Department of Aging's (Department's) FY 2022 budget request. The Department would like to extend its appreciation to the DLS analyst, Grace Pedersen, for her thoughtful analysis. The Department's response to the discussion items and the recommendation noted in the analysis are included below.

### Discussion Items

**1. The agency should be prepared to indicate when it expects contract agreements to be executed for the Harford Road Senior Center Project and the Hampton Park Senior Center Project.**

The Department plans to present the Hampton Park Senior Center Project to the Board of Public Works as soon as possible. The Hampton Park Senior Center is currently under construction.

Regarding the Harford Road Senior Center Project, the department requested a consolidated plan from Baltimore City in July of 2020 incorporating their FY 2017 and FY 2020 requests under this program. Baltimore City continues to move forward with the planning of the project.

**2. The agency should indicate when it expects the \$5.1 million authorized before fiscal 2020 to be expended.**

The chart below depicts the estimated completion date of each project and when funds are expected to be expended. This information was provided by the Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). The Department's objective is to expend funds associated with each project as soon as the project is complete; however, as these are construction projects, there are often unanticipated delays that postpone expending the funds.

**Senior Center Capital Project Information**

Project	AAA	Fiscal Year	Estimated Completion of Project:	Funds Expected to be Expended By:	Unexpended Funds	Payment Status
Bay Hundred (St. Michaels)	Upper Shore Aging, Inc.	2019	Complete	Summer 2021	\$800,000	In payment request phase
Chesapeake Grove	MAC, Inc.	2015	July 2021	Winter 2021	\$800,000	
District Heights	Prince George's	2016	Mid-2022	Winter 2022	\$800,000	
Elkridge 50+	Howard County	2017	Complete	Spring 2021	\$580,000	In payment request phase
Garvey Senior Center	St. Mary's	2018	Complete	Spring 2021	\$800,000	In payment request phase
Hampton Park	Prince George's	2019	June 2022	Fall 2022	\$800,000	
Harford Road	Baltimore City	2017	Pre-Construction	To be determined	\$500,000	

**3. The agency should indicate whether it expects to expend \$800,000 authorized in fiscal 2015 before the authorization expires at the end of this fiscal year.**

Yes, the Department expects to expend the \$800,000 authorized in FY 2015 before the authorization expires.

**Recommended Actions**

**The Department of Legislative Services recommends the committees adopt the following narrative: Update on Program Administration and Outreach: Given the importance of senior centers to the communities they serve, the committees are concerned about the underutilization of the Senior Center Capital Grants Program. The committees request the Maryland Department of Aging (MDOA) provide an update that includes the following information:**

- **A summary of MDOA's administrative and outreach activities performed throughout each month of the annual grant cycle;**
- **The department's current understanding of the capital needs of senior centers throughout the State, including any data to support this evaluation;**
- **Factors that affect local government's participation in the program, including any data that supports these findings; and**
- **A vision statement describing how the department plans to administer the program, and once achieved, how the department envisions senior centers throughout the State will be supported by the program.**

The Department would be pleased to provide such a report.