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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 987 (Delegate Ivey, *et al.*)  
 Judiciary and Appropriations

**Public Safety - Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund -  
 Alterations (Community Safety and Intervention Funding Act)**

This bill increases the mandated appropriation for the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund – from at least \$3.0 million annually in general funds to at least \$10.0 million annually in general funds – beginning in fiscal 2028; it likewise repeals a provision that authorizes the Governor to annually appropriate up to \$10.0 million to the fund. In addition, the bill requires, of the total amount available for grants through the fund in each fiscal year, an allocation of (1) up to 40% to programs serving the Baltimore region (Baltimore City and Baltimore County); (2) up to 40% to programs serving the Capital region (Montgomery and Prince George’s counties); and (3) any remaining funds to other jurisdictions disproportionately affected by violence, as determined by the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy (GOCPP). **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.**

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** No effect in FY 2027. General fund expenditures increase by \$7.0 million annually beginning in FY 2028 due to the increase in the mandated appropriation; special fund revenues and expenditures increase correspondingly. **This bill increases a mandated appropriation beginning in FY 2028.**

(in dollars)	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029	FY 2030	FY 2031
SF Revenue	\$0	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
GF Expenditure	\$0	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
SF Expenditure	\$0	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
Net Effect	\$0	(\$7,000,000)	(\$7,000,000)	(\$7,000,000)	(\$7,000,000)

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease*

**Local Effect:** Local grant revenues and expenditures increase significantly beginning in FY 2028 due to the increase in the mandated appropriation, as discussed below.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** The Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund, a special, nonlapsing fund, is administered by the Executive Director of GOCPP, in consultation with the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Advisory Council, to (1) support effective violence reduction strategies by providing competitive grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to fund evidence-based health programs or evidence-informed health programs and (2) evaluate the efficacy of the programs funded as a result. The fund consists of (1) money appropriated in the State budget to the fund; (2) investment earnings; and (3) any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the fund.

The fund must be used in the following manner: (1) to support effective violence reduction strategies by providing competitive grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to fund evidence-based health programs or evidence-informed health programs; (2) for the evaluation of the efficacy of evidence-based health programs or evidence-informed health programs awarded grants through the fund, in an amount not less than 5% but not greater than 10% of the fund; and (3) for specified administrative costs in an amount not greater than 4% of the fund.

Preference for awarding funds must be given to local governments or nonprofit organizations (1) that serve an area disproportionately affected by violence, as specified; (2) whose grant proposals demonstrate the greatest likelihood of reducing gun violence in their communities; and (3) that serve a population identified as having the highest risk of perpetrating or being victimized by violence in the near future.

Funding awards must be commensurate with the levels of gun violence in the jurisdiction served by the local government or nonprofit organization and the strength of the local government or nonprofit organization's application.

The Governor *may* annually appropriate up to \$10.0 million to the fund; however, the Governor *must* annually include in the annual budget bill an appropriation composed of at least \$3.0 million in general funds to the fund. The fiscal 2027 budget as introduced includes \$3.0 million for the fund.

**State/Local Fiscal Effect:**

*Increase in Mandated Funding for the Violent Intervention and Prevention Program Fund*

General fund expenditures increase by \$7.0 million annually beginning in fiscal 2028 due to the increase in the mandated appropriation from at least \$3.0 million annually to at least \$10.0 million annually. As noted above, the fiscal 2027 budget as introduced includes \$3.0 million for the fund.

Special fund revenues and expenditures increase correspondingly beginning in fiscal 2028, reflecting receipt of the additional general funds and spending of the additional funds for authorized purposes (grants, evaluations of grant awards, and administrative costs). This analysis assumes that the entire increase in the mandated appropriation is spent each year.

*Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention and Policy – Administrative Expenses*

GOCPP currently staffs the council and administers the fund and needs to hire additional staff to handle the significant increase in workload resulting from administering the additional funding provided under the bill. Therefore, special fund expenditures for GOCPP increase by \$195,329 in fiscal 2028. This estimate reflects the cost of hiring two grant specialists to administer the increased funding; it assumes that staff are hired on July 1, 2027, when the additional funding from the increased mandated appropriation becomes available. It includes salaries, fringe benefits, one-time start-up costs, and ongoing operating expenses.

Positions	2.0
Salaries and Fringe Benefits	\$175,604
Operating Expenses	<u>19,725</u>
<b>Increased FY 2028 Admin. Expenditures</b>	<b>\$195,329</b>

Future year administrative expenditures, which range from \$189,726 in fiscal 2029 to \$207,002 in fiscal 2031, reflect full salaries with annual increases and employee turnover as well as annual increases in ongoing operating expenses.

As noted above, the fund may be used, in an amount not greater than 4% of the fund, for administrative costs related to oversight of the fund, public outreach and education about the fund, and technical assistance and best practice education for grantees. Based on the \$10.0 million annual mandated appropriation, GOCPP is authorized to use up to \$400,000 annually from the fund for administrative costs beginning in fiscal 2028. Because GOCPP is currently limited to using no more than \$120,000 annually from the fund for administrative costs, the increased administrative costs resulting from the bill can be covered using the special fund. Thus, those administrative costs are encompassed within the increase in the mandated appropriation each year.

## *Grants and Evaluations of Grant Awards*

After administrative costs (as estimated above), of the \$7.0 million annually in additional funding provided under the bill, approximately \$6.8 million annually is available to provide grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations and evaluate the efficacy of evidence-based health programs or evidence-informed health programs awarded grants through the fund, in accordance with current law. Accordingly, the bill significantly increases the total grant awards provided to local governments, resulting in a corresponding increase in local grant revenues and expenditures.

The bill further specifies that of the *total* amount available for grant awards from the fund, up to 40% must be allocated to programs serving Baltimore City and Baltimore County, and up to 40% must be allocated to programs serving Montgomery and Prince George's counties; remaining funds are allocated to other jurisdictions, as specified.

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### **Additional Information**

**Recent Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy; Department of Budget and Management; Maryland Municipal League; Department of Legislative Services

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