

# SENATE BILL 530

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By: **Senator Hettleman**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Aging-in-Place Programs – Grants – Multigenerational Third Places**  
3 **(Village Multigenerational Third Places Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Department of Aging to make grants to nonprofit  
5 organizations and area agencies on aging to support social connection for individuals  
6 in aging-in-place programs through events or gatherings at multigenerational third  
7 places; and generally relating to grants for aging-in-place programs for  
8 multigenerational third places.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Human Services  
11 Section 10–1201  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Human Services**

17 10–1201.

18 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (2) "Aging-in-place program" means a program or service that enables an  
 2 individual to live in the individual's own home and participate in a community safely,  
 3 independently, and comfortably, regardless of age, income, or ability level.

4 (3) "MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACE" MEANS A COMMUNITY  
 5 SPACE OTHER THAN A PERSONAL HOME OR WORKPLACE THAT SUPPORTS SOCIAL  
 6 CONNECTION, EVENTS, OR GATHERING AMONG INDIVIDUALS OF DIFFERENT AGES.

7 [(3)] (4) "Senior village" means a local, member-driven, nonprofit  
 8 organization that:

9 (i) supports community members who choose to age in place by:

10 1. fostering social connections through activities and events;

11 and

12 2. coordinating volunteer help at home using a  
 13 neighbor-helping-neighbor model; and

14 (ii) is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal  
 15 Revenue Code.

16 (b) The Department may make grants to nonprofit organizations and area  
 17 agencies on aging to:

18 (1) expand and establish aging-in-place programs for seniors; AND

19 (2) SUPPORT SOCIAL CONNECTION FOR INDIVIDUALS IN  
 20 AGING-IN-PLACE PROGRAMS THROUGH EVENTS OR GATHERINGS AT  
 21 MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACES.

22 (c) Any nonprofit organization or area agency on aging may apply to the  
 23 Department for a State grant to be applied toward:

24 (1) the cost of expanding or establishing an aging-in-place program that  
 25 provides to seniors:

26 [(1)] (I) assistance with the costs of in-home personal care services for  
 27 activities of daily living, including bathing, personal hygiene and grooming, dressing,  
 28 toileting, functional mobility, food preparation, laundry, and house cleaning;

29 [(2)] (II) psychological, economic, or functional assistance to enable  
 30 successful health management, access to medical care, or compliance with treatment  
 31 recommendations;

1            [(3)] (III) awareness of and access to resources, services, and benefits;

2            [(4)] (IV) support services and care coordination;

3            [(5)] (V) affordable transportation;

4            [(6)] (VI) assistance making in-home modifications or repairs to improve  
5 safety, mobility, and accessibility; or

6            [(7)] (VII) the opportunity to live in a senior village; OR

7            **(2) OPERATIONAL COSTS, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS OR**  
8 **SHORT-TERM OR LONG-TERM LEASES OR RENTAL COSTS, FOR A SENIOR VILLAGE**  
9 **TO PROVIDE ACCESS TO MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACES.**

10            (d) To be eligible for a State grant to expand an existing aging-in-place program  
11 under this section, a nonprofit organization or area agency on aging shall demonstrate an  
12 equal match for funds requested.

13            (e) The Department shall publicize the availability of grant opportunities under  
14 the aging-in-place program to eligible organizations at least 6 weeks before grant  
15 applications are due.

16            (f) The amount of the State grant for an aging-in-place program shall be  
17 determined after consideration of:

18            (1) all eligible applicants;

19            (2) the total amount of State funds available for grants; and

20            (3) the priorities of area need as may be established by the Department in  
21 consultation with area agencies on aging and in alignment with area plans on aging.

22            (g) (1) For each fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the annual budget  
23 bill an appropriation of at least \$100,000 for the purpose of making the State grants under  
24 this section.

25            (2) At least 20% of the funding appropriated under paragraph (1) of this  
26 subsection shall be used to support senior villages.

27            (h) The Department shall notify an area agency on aging within 2 weeks after a  
28 grant award to a nonprofit located within the jurisdiction of the area agency on aging.

29            (i) The Department may adopt regulations for receiving and considering  
30 applications and for disbursing funds to applicants.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
2 1, 2026.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.