

COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 24-16

A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT CONCERNING the Community Reinvestment and Repair Commission in Queen Anne's County;

FOR THE PURPOSE of establishing the Queen Anne's County Local Management Board as the Community Reinvestment and Repair Commission to oversee the use of funds pursuant to the State of Maryland Cannabis Reform Act of 2023; providing for the duties of the Community Reinvestment and Repair Commission; establishing a special revenue fund; and defining permitted uses of funding.

BY ADDING a new Article VI to Chapter 4 and a new Article X to Chapter 5 of the code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County.

SECTION I

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the following provisions are hereby ADDED to Chapter 4 and Chapter 5 of the Code of Public Local Laws of Queen Anne's County.

ARTICLE VI. Community Reinvestment and Repair Commission

§ 4-15. Establishment of the Commission.

There is a Queen Anne's County Community Reinvestment and Repair Commission.

§ 4-16. Purpose.

The purpose of the Commission is to Administer and make recommendations for the use of funds from the Community Reinvestment and Repair Special Revenue Fund.

§ 4-17. Membership.

(A) Membership shall consist of the current membership of the Local Management Board plus three non-voting ex officio members.

(B) Non-voting Ex Officio Members.

The Commission shall include one representative of each of the following as non-voting ex officio members.

(1) Queen Anne's County Department of Economic and Tourism Development;

- (2) Queen Anne's County Department of Community Services; and,**
- (3) Queen Anne's County Department of Finance.**

§ 4-18. Chair.

The chair of the Local Management Board shall serve as Chair of the Commission.

§ 4-19. Meetings; Quorum.

(A) Meetings.

The Commission shall meet at the call of the chair, as frequently as required to perform its duties, but no less than four times per year. All meetings shall comply with the Maryland Open Meetings Act and Code.

(B) Quorum; Majority Vote.

A quorum consists of a majority of the voting members. An affirmative vote of a majority of the voting members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be sufficient for any action of the Commission.

§ 4-20. Compensation.

Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services.

§ 4-21. Duties.

(A) Grant Process.

The Commission shall develop and administer a public grant application process for interested parties to apply for funding from the Community Reinvestment and Repair Special Revenue Fund.

(B) Use of Funds.

The Commission shall develop its recommendations, with community input, for the use of funds in the Community Reinvestment and Repair Special Revenue Fund for the upcoming fiscal year. These recommendations, along with a summary of community input and applicants, shall be delivered to The County Commissioners and posted on the County website by March 1 of each year.

Funds from the Community Reinvestment and Repair Special Revenue Fund may be used for the following purposes:

- (1) Minority Entrepreneur Training Accelerator (Meta) Program;**
- (2) After-School Programming;**

(3) Homelessness Prevention Efforts;

(4) AD-HOC Funding by application process as determined by community needs;

(C) Annual and Bi-Annual Reports.

The Commission shall prepare an annual report detailing the fund allocations, Program outcomes, and impact assessments for the prior fiscal year. The report shall be delivered to the County Commissioners by December 1 of each year.

By December 1 of every second year (even-numbered years), the Commission shall submit a report to the Governor, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee detailing fund allocations during the immediately prior two fiscal years.

(D) Meeting with County Commissioners.

The Commission shall meet annually with the County Commissioners or their designee.

ARTICLE X: COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AND REPAIR SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

§ 5-33. Community Reinvestment and Repair Special Revenue Fund.

(A) Fund Established.

There is a Community Reinvestment and Repair Special Revenue Fund, into which shall be paid all funds received from the State Cannabis Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund established pursuant to § 1-322 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article of the State code.

(B) Special Fund.

The Community Reinvestment and Repair Special Revenue Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund.

(C) Purposes.

The revenue paid into the fund shall be used only for funding community-based initiatives intended to benefit low-income communities and communities that have been disproportionately impacted by historical injustices, as defined in § 36-101 of the alcoholic beverages and cannabis article of the state code. Expenditures shall also include any related administrative expenses, provided that:

(1) funds may not be expended from the fund for any law enforcement agencies or activities; and

(2) funds expended from the fund are supplemental to and may not supplant funding that otherwise would be appropriated for county programs that existed prior to July 1, 2023.

SECTION II

BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Ordinance shall be effective on the forty-sixth (46th) day following its adoption.

INTRODUCED BY: Commissioner Wilson

DATE: September 24, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING HELD: October 22, 2024

VOTE: 5 Yea 0 Nay

DATE OF ADOPTION: November 12, 2024