

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND**

**2023 Legislative Session**

Bill No. CB-042-2023

Chapter No. 34

Proposed and Presented by Council Members Oriadha, Olson, Ivey, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga

Introduced by Council Members Oriadha, Olson, Ivey, Blegay, Burroughs, Dernoga,  
Watson, Fisher, Hawkins, Harrison and Franklin

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction May 16, 2023

**BILL**

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Prince George's County Senior Housing Assistance Pilot Program Act of 2023

3 For the purpose of creating the Prince George's County Senior Housing Assistance Pilot Program;  
4 creating the Prince George's County Senior Housing Assistance Pilot Program Fund; providing  
5 for certain implementation, regulation and reporting; providing financial residential rental  
6 assistance to Prince George's County senior residents based on AMI level; providing residential  
7 mortgage payment assistance to Prince George's County senior residents based on AMI level;  
8 providing for County residential real property tax payment assistance based on AMI level;  
9 providing for the application for County residential rental assistance, residential mortgage  
10 payment assistance, and County residential real property tax assistance; providing for certain  
11 eligibility criteria; providing for certain limitations; providing for a certain evaluation; and  
12 generally providing for senior housing assistance.

13 BY adding:

14 SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY

15 STANDARDS.

16 Sections 13-180.01, 13-180.02, and 13-180.03,

17 The Prince George's County Code

18 (2019 Edition; 2022 Supplement).

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED by the County Council of Prince George's County,  
20 Maryland, that Sections 13-180.01, 13-180.02 and 13-180.03 of the Prince George's County

1 Code be and the same are hereby added:

2 **SUBTITLE 13. HOUSING AND PROPERTY STANDARDS.**

3 **DIVISION 3A. SENIOR HOUSING ASSISTANCE.**

4 **Sec. 13-180.01. Prince George’s County Senior Housing Assistance Pilot Program.**

5 (a) The Prince George’s County Senior Housing Assistance Pilot Program (“SHAPP”) is hereby  
6 created as a one-year Pilot Program, effective one-year following the effective date of this Act as  
7 a means of providing temporary financial assistance to low-income senior residents of Prince  
8 George’s County for residential rent, residential mortgage payments, and residential real property  
9 tax payments that meet the eligibility requirements set forth in Section 13-180.02 of this Division.

10 (b) The Prince George’s County Senior Housing Assistance Pilot Program Fund is hereby  
11 created for the purposes of providing financial assistance to residents in accordance with Section  
12 13-180.02 of this Division. For Fiscal Year 2024, an investment and allocation of State funds to  
13 the Prince George’s County Senior Housing Assistance Pilot Program Fund shall be One-Million  
14 Dollars (\$1,000,000).

15 (c) The Department of Family Services and the Department of Social Services shall implement  
16 a one-year pilot program to administer financial assistance awards from the Prince George’s  
17 County Senior Housing Assistance Pilot Program Fund.

18 (d) The Directors of the Department of Family Services and the Department of Social Services  
19 (“Directors”) shall establish an application process, award procedures, and other regulations  
20 necessary to implement the SHAPP consistent with this Division.

21 (e) The Directors shall publish and transmit to the County Council and the County Executive an  
22 annual report summarizing the activities of the Prince George’s County Senior Housing Assistance  
23 Pilot Program no later than one-year from the effective date of this Act.

24 (f) The Department of Social Services shall be the responsible county agency to track all  
25 applications submitted by the Department of Family Services and issue financial assistance to the  
26 eligible senior.

27 **Sec. 13-180.02. Eligibility and Limitations.**

28 (a) Eligibility requirements.

29 (1) A resident in Prince George’s County shall be eligible to apply for and receive financial  
30 assistance from the Prince George’s County Senior Housing Assistance Pilot Program if:

- 31 i. The resident is 65 years old or older; and

- ii. The resident is a tenant of a residential rental property located within Prince George’s County or the resident is a mortgagee of residential real property located within Prince George’s County; and shall have lived in the County for at least five-years prior to filing an application under SHAPP; and
- iii. Tenant is subject to a legally binding lease or sublease agreement, or landowner is subject to a residential mortgage; and
- iv. The tenant’s primary residence is said residential rental property or a landowner’s primary residence is said residential mortgaged property; and
- v. The tenant’s or mortgagee’s household income is equivalent to or less than 40% of the Area Median Income (“AMI”) for the Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area as established by the United States Office of Management and Budget.

(2) Residential rental assistance shall not be awarded to multiple tenants domiciled in a single residential rental property simultaneously. Only one rental assistance award per residential rental property may be in effect at any given time.

(3) Residential mortgage assistance shall not be awarded to multiple residential mortgagees domiciled in a single residential mortgaged property simultaneously. Only one residential mortgage assistance award per residential mortgaged property may be in effect at any given time.

(4) County residential real property tax payment assistance shall be eligible for residents who are legally liable for payment of County residential real property taxes. County residential real property tax assistance shall not be awarded to multiple residents domiciled in a single residential property simultaneously. Only one County residential real property tax assistance award per residential real property may be in effect at any given time.

(b) Limitations.

Tenants may apply for and receive assistance for a number of two times in a period of one (1) year. Each time a senior, covered by this Division, is in need of financial assistance for residential rent, residential mortgage, or County residential real property taxes, they must meet the eligibility criteria and apply for that assistance. The one (1) year coverage period begins on the date the application is awarded. A senior may receive up to a total of \$2,500 in SHAPP funds.

**Sec. 13-180.03 Evaluation.**

1 The Prince George’s County Senior Housing Assistance Pilot Program and the Prince George’s  
2 County Senior Housing Assistance Pilot Program Fund shall be evaluated one-year following the  
3 effective date of this Act to determine their overall efficacy for continuance as a permanent County  
4 Program and Fund.

5 SECTION 2. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that the provisions of this Act are hereby  
6 declared to be severable; and, in the event that any section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph,  
7 sentence, clause, phrase, or word of this Act is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of  
8 competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining words,  
9 phrases, clauses, sentences, subparagraphs, paragraphs, subsections, or sections of this Act, since  
10 the same would have been enacted without the incorporation in this Act of any such invalid or  
11 unconstitutional word, phrase, clause, sentence, paragraph, subparagraph, subsection, or section.

12 SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ENACTED that this Act shall take effect forty-five (45)  
13 calendar days after it becomes law.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June , 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Thomas E. Dernoga  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Donna J. Brown  
Clerk of the Council

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