

## COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

COUNTY, MARYLAND, that -

Sec. 1. A new Article IV, title "Urban Renewal Grants or Loans to Municipalities", is hereby added to Chapter 56, title "Urban Renewal and Community Development", to consist of new Sections 56-21 through 56-24 of the Montgomery County Code 1972, to read as follows:

## ARTICLE IV

## URBAN RENEWAL GRANTS OR LOANS TO MUNICIPALITIES

## 56-21 DECLARATION OF POLICY.

THE COUNCIL FINDS THAT THERE EXISTS WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF MUNICIPALITIES IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, BLIGHTED AREAS, OR SLUM CONDITIONS WHICH REQUIRE REHABILITATION; THAT THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH AREAS CONTRIBUTES TO THE SPREAD OF CRIME AND DISEASE, CONSTITUTES AN ECONOMIC AND MORAL LIABILITY, DECREASES THE TAX BASE, REDUCES TAX REVENUES, INCREASES JUVENILE DELINQUENCY WITHIN THE ENTIRE COUNTY; THAT THE PREVENTION AND ELIMINATION OF SLUM AND BLIGHTED AREAS IS A MATTER OF PUBLIC POLICY OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY. IT IS FURTHER FOUND AND DECLARED THAT LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES MAY REQUIRE ASSISTANCE FINANCIALLY TO REHABILITATE SUCH BLIGHTED AREA, OR SLUM CONDITIONS. IT IS FURTHER FOUND AND DECLARED THAT THE AIDING OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES FINANCIALLY TO REHABILITATE SUCH BLIGHTED AREAS OR SLUM CONDITIONS SERVES TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE, GOOD GOVERNMENT, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

## 56-22 AUTHORITY

MONTGOMERY COUNTY IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO MAKE GRANTS OR LOANS TO MUNICIPALITIES WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY OF THE COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CARRYING OUT URBAN RENEWAL PROJECTS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF SUCH MUNICIPALITIES.

## 56-23 PROCEDURE FOR APPROVAL OF GRANT OR LOAN APPLICATIONS.

(A) ANY MUNICIPALITY WITHIN THE COUNTY IS AUTHORIZED TO APPLY FOR A GRANT OR LOAN FROM THE COUNTY TO ASSIST IN FINANCING AN URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT WITHIN SUCH MUNICIPALITY. THE APPLICATION SHALL BE IN SUCH FORM AND CONTAIN SUCH INFORMATION AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE COUNTY.

(B) PRIOR TO AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A FINANCIAL GRANT OR LOAN, THE COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL: