



## Advocacy Alert!

### Your Voice is Needed on Key Preservation Budget Issues

The Maryland General Assembly is in the process of reviewing Governor O'Malley's budget, including several items critical to preserving historic buildings and sites in communities across Maryland.

As you know, given the recession and resulting declining state revenue, this is a very difficult budget year. **Your representatives in the General Assembly need to hear from you about the importance of these funding programs to preservation efforts in your community.**

The Committee Assignments for the various budget items are as follows:

#### SENATE

**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee:** [Senate Public Safety, Transportation & Environment Subcommittee](#)

[James E. DeGrange, Sr.](#), *Chair* (410) 841-3593, (301) 858-3593

[Verna L. Jones](#), *Vice-Chair* (410) 841-3612, (301) 858-3612

- **Budget Items:** [The Non-Capital Grant Program](#), [The Museum Assistance Grant Program](#), [Maryland Heritage Areas](#), Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program and Capital Grant and Loan Program
- **Amount in Governor's Budget:**
  - \$227,999 for Non-Capital Grant Program
  - \$203,259 for the Museum Assistance Grant Program
  - \$3 million for Maryland Heritage Areas
- **Hearing:** Friday, February 19

**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee:** [Senate Public Safety, Transportation & Environment Subcommittee](#)

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- **Budget Items:** [Maryland Humanities Council](#)
- **Amount in Governor's Budget:**
  - \$53,500 for the Maryland Humanities Council

**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee:** [Senate Capital Budget Subcommittee](#)

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- **Budget Items:** Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program and Capital Grant and Loan Program
- **Amount in Governor's Budget:**
  - \$0 for Capital Grant and Loan Program
  - \$0 for the Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program
- **Hearing:** Tuesday, February 23

**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee:** [Senate Capital Budget Subcommittee](#)

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- **Budget Items:** [Main Street Maryland](#) ([Community Legacy](#) and [Neighborhood BusinessWorks](#) programs)
- **Amount in Governor's Budget:**
  - \$4.65 million for Community Legacy
  - \$7.62 million for Neighborhood BusinessWorks
- **Hearing:** Tuesday, March 2

## **HOUSE**

**House Appropriations Committee:** [House Transportation & the Environment Subcommittee](#)

[Tawanna P. Gaines](#), *Chair* (410) 841-3058, (301) 858-3058

[Murray D. Levy](#), *Vice-Chair* (410) 841-3325, (301) 858-3325

- **Budget Items:** [The Non-Capital Grant Program](#), [The Museum Assistance Grant Program](#), [Maryland Heritage Areas](#), Rehabilitation Tax Credit Program and Capital Grant and Loan Program
- **Amount in Governor's Budget:**
  - \$227,999 for Non-Capital Grant Program
  - \$203,259 for the Museum Assistance Grant Program
  - \$3 million for Maryland Heritage Areas
- **Hearing:** Thursday, February 18

**House Appropriations Committee:** [House Transportation & the Environment Subcommittee](#)

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- **Budget Items:** [Maryland Humanities Council](#)
- **Amount in Governor's Budget:**
  - \$53,500 for the Maryland Humanities Council

**House Appropriations Committee:** [Health and Human Resources Subcommittee](#)

[Mary-Dulany James](#), *Chair* (410) 841-3331, (301) 858-3331

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- **Budget Items:** [Main Street Maryland](#) ([Community Legacy](#) and [Neighborhood BusinessWorks](#) programs)
- **Amount in Governor's Budget:**
  - \$4.65 million for Community Legacy
  - \$7.62 million for Neighborhood BusinessWorks
- **Hearing:** Wednesday, March 10

## **Take Action!**

- 1) **If your representative is listed as a member of these important committees**, please contact them to encourage their support of the preservation agenda. Otherwise, please contact the committee chairs.

**Be sure to give them examples** of museums, historic sites and tax-credit projects in their district which have benefited from these programs.

- 2) **To identify your state representatives**, [click here](#).
- 3) **Familiarize yourself with the legislative process** by visiting the [Maryland General Assembly Homepage](#).

Your input is crucial to funding these important programs. Thanks for your support!

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