

# LINKED DEPOSIT PROGRAM 2025 REPORT

State Finance and Procurement Article § 6-212(c)(4)

Department of Housing & Community Development  
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The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones  
Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates  
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Re: State Finance and Procurement Article § 6-212(c)(4) (MSAR #9666) Linked Deposit Program Report for 2025

Dear Governor Moore, Treasurer Davis, President Ferguson, and Speaker Jones:

Pursuant to Finance and Procurement Article § 6-212 (c) (4) (MSAR # 9666), this letter serves as the “Linked Deposit Program Report” for 2025. The Linked Deposit Program for Small and Minority Owned Businesses has not had any activity since 2012 and there are no financial institutions participating as lenders. The program remains a promising tool for Minority Business Enterprises and Small Businesses to access affordable capital.

Although the Linked Deposit Program itself remains inactive, the Department remains deeply committed to supporting microenterprises and expanding access to affordable capital. To complement this goal, DHCD administers the Microenterprise Loan Program, which provides funding to local intermediaries who then issue direct financing to microenterprises in the communities they serve.

Since inception, MLP has deployed \$2.7 million to 11 participants between FY15– FY22, with most partners fully utilizing their allocations. Demand has fluctuated over the years, but the program remains an important tool for small business growth.



In recent years, DHCD has shifted microenterprise support toward SSBCI backed partnerships that leverage a 1:1 private match. These collaborations with CDFIs and local economic development entities such as NIIF have expanded access to small dollar loans, including recent microloans for startup and community based businesses.

Microenterprise activity has increased from 5– 13% (FY23–FY24) to as high as 60% in FY25, depending on employment data completeness. Across FY23–FY25, DHCD has invested more than \$20.5 million in grants and loans to support small businesses.

As of FY26, DHCD has strengthened its outreach efforts, is refining its underwriting standards to improve feasibility, expanded partnerships with CDFIs, and has evolved into its own Division of Business Development led by new leadership, advancing the ability to scale microenterprise support and ensure equitable access to capital statewide.

Thank you for your interest in this very important matter. If I may be of assistance on this or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (443) 571- 6873 or by email at [Brad.Fallon1@maryland.gov](mailto:Brad.Fallon1@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

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