



GOVERNOR MOORE'S RECORD INVESTMENTS IN ECONOMIC MOBILITY AND FIGHTING CHILD POVERTY

The ENOUGH Initiative

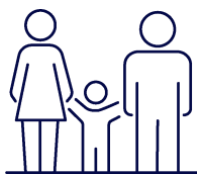
Governor Moore announced **\$32 million** from the FY27 budget in grants to support community-led solutions to boost economic mobility and fight child poverty through Maryland's ENOUGH Initiative – the administration's first-in-the-nation program to reduce the number of children living in poverty. This record-breaking investment will support **30 communities** across the State where poverty is highly concentrated. Since taking office, the Moore-Miller administration has invested nearly \$70 million in ENOUGH, with philanthropy and additional state government grants investing over four times that amount, resulting in a total investment of **\$360 million in ENOUGH Communities**. These investments are helping transform neighborhoods, with communities implementing programs that lead to good schools, good jobs, and safe communities so that more children and families can prosper.

With ENOUGH funding, 30 high-poverty communities across 13 Maryland jurisdictions have seen:



High-Quality Child Care and Education:

- New child care centers
- Afterschool tutoring programs to boost math and reading scores
- Apprenticeship programs for high-schoolers
- Educational home-visiting programs to help parents prepare children for pre-K



Healthy and Economically Secure Families:

- Mobile produce markets to combat food deserts and food insecurity
- Grief counseling for youth who have lost family members to addiction
- Financial literacy training and targeted savings programs
- Housing stabilization services and rent assistance



Safe and Thriving Communities:

- Home repairs to maintain safe properties and prevent vacancies
- Community-led violence-prevention programs
- Transformation of vacant lots into community parks and spaces



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AN ALL-OF-GOVERNMENT APPROACH TO TRANSFORMING NEIGHBORHOODS

Communities where poverty is concentrated have historically been shut out of state funding opportunities. To surge resources to these communities, the Moore-Miller administration has directed state agencies to prioritize ENOUGH communities wherever possible. As a result, high-poverty communities are receiving critical state grants – often for the first time. Maryland is also deploying state agencies to assist ENOUGH communities with complex, systemic challenges such as child care licensing, benefits access, and clearing major land development hurdles. This work is better channeling state resources to communities that need support, helping communities move faster and more efficiently toward their goals, and rebuilding trust between communities and government.

The ENOUGH Initiative is further surging investment in communities through philanthropy. Maryland communities have seen **\$190 million in philanthropic investments** through the ENOUGH Alliance – a coalition of local and national philanthropic and private-sector organizations dedicated to investing in children and families to end child poverty and boost economic mobility in Maryland.

\$100 million in additional state grants

As a result of the administration's all-of-government work to direct state agency grant funding, communities have received an additional \$100 million in grant funding. 36 grants across 16 state agencies are prioritizing ENOUGH communities for funding, for transformative projects like workforce development, housing development and revitalization, and food insecurity.

A 4:1 return on investment

For every dollar the state has put into the ENOUGH grant program, philanthropy and state government have put in four more: \$70 million in ENOUGH Grant Funds + \$100 million in state agency grants + \$190 million in philanthropy through the ENOUGH Alliance = **over \$360 million in funding to Maryland communities to fight child poverty.**

ENOUGH Initiative's Impacts for Marylanders:

3x increase in child care spots

In Hagerstown, ENOUGH funding has helped **triple** the available child care capacity in the South End community.

14 percent drop in vacancies

In Baltimore City, vacants in ENOUGH communities have fallen by 14 percent since July 2024 – outpacing the citywide drop by 10 percent and putting the city on track to eliminate vacancies in the next 10 years.

29 percent drop in absenteeism

In Cherry Hill, following attendance interventions funded by ENOUGH, chronic absenteeism dropped by 29 percent from 2022 to 2025.