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**LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY\***

To: All Councilmembers of the Anne Arundel County Council

From: Linda M. Schuett, Legislative Counsel

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Subject: Bill No. 54-21

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Section 4-11-109 of the Anne Arundel County Code establishes a Community Benefit Program to provide grants to incorporated nonprofit community associations or other nonprofit organizations for improvement of their communities. Under existing law, Councilmembers have no role in the grant process.

Bill No. 54-21 establishes a voluntary procedure to allow potential Councilmember participation in the grant process. It provides that the County Executive may include a percentage of the amount appropriated for grants in the budget for use in each Councilmanic District. The percentage must be the same for each Councilmanic District. If the County Executive chooses to include the percentage, Councilmembers may submit one or more requests to the County Executive for grants to be awarded to nonprofit organizations located in the Councilmember's Councilmanic District. The County Executive may then award grants in the amount requested by the Councilmember, not to exceed \$10,000.

Existing law allows grants to be awarded to nonprofit organizations in certain areas of the County only. For those grants awarded under Bill No. 54-21, the nonprofit organization may be located in any area of the County. In addition, to facilitate Councilmember awareness of the grants requested by nonprofit organizations in their Councilmanic Districts, the applicant must provide a copy of the application to the Councilmember representing the District. Finally, the nonprofit organization must agree to use the grant to benefit the communities.

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\* This Legislative Summary provides a synopsis of the bill as introduced. It does not address subsequent amendments to the bill.