

# MARYLAND

## Maryland Association of Environmental and Outdoor Education Grant (Maryland Green Schools Act of 2019)



### OVERVIEW

**CHO 740 &  
CHO 524**

- This bill provides funds to schools for various student activities, outdoor learning experiences for students, and related teacher professional development.
- A critical goal of this program is to increase the number of certified green schools in Maryland.
- Funding was extended through FY28 by CHO524 to account for school closures and other delays caused by the pandemic.

**ENACTED  
2019,  
EXTENDED  
2022**

### COALITION

This bill was supported by a statewide network of formal educators, non-formal educators, and students led by the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education ([maeoe.org](http://maeoe.org)).

### FUNDING

Beginning in FY21, the state appropriation will provide roughly \$250k annually in grant funding with a total of \$2.0 million over eight years.

### TARGET AUDIENCE

Funds are distributed as grants through an application system and have the potential to impact students, educators, and staff involved in transportation and infrastructure for any given school. Any school may apply for funding, priority areas defined as Eastern Shore, Western Maryland, and Title 1 schools.

### IMPACT

This bill will support Maryland in reaching its goal of certifying 50% of Maryland schools as green schools. Furthermore, the grants and programming will help schools across Maryland in supporting environmental literacy and climate literacy to reduce their environmental impact.



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