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A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR HOGAN

Dear Fellow Marylander:

I am pleased to present the 2018 Governor's Grants Office Annual Report of federally funded grant programs in Maryland.

The Governor's Grants Office is a nationally-recognized and award-winning model of best practices in tracking federal funds, and acts as a central repository in Maryland for information about finding, winning, and managing grants. These funds play an important role in achieving our administration's goal of making Maryland a better place to live, work, raise a family, and retire through job creation and infrastructure improvements.

Each year, billions of dollars flow from federal resources to Maryland, and every grant dollar and program must be accounted for with accuracy. This report details how our federal tax dollars are being put to work right here in our state. In Fiscal Year 2017, federally funded program expenditures totaled more than \$12 billion. These federal programs help us strengthen our communities and address some of the major concerns in our state – including combating the opioid crisis, reducing violent crime, and increasing student achievement.

As securing federal funding for these critical initiatives becomes increasingly competitive, many states are following Maryland's lead in developing centralized grants offices. Whether you work for a government unit, a nonprofit, or an institution of higher learning, I encourage you to take advantage of the many ways Maryland's Grants Office can assist you with resources on a wide range of grant-related subjects. As you read this report, I hope that you consider how the Grant's Office can help serve your organization's needs so that together, we can continue Changing Maryland for the Better.

Sincerely.

Larry Hogan Governor