



**MARYLAND AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING COALITION**

## **Governor O'Malley Announces New Rental Housing Initiative**



Governor Martin O'Malley, joined by DHCD Secretary Ray Skinner and MAHC President Trudy McFall, today announced a new housing initiative designed by MAHC and supported by DHCD to stimulate the economy, create jobs, support Maryland's sustainable communities goals, and provide much-needed affordable rental housing for Maryland's hardworking families, senior citizens, and individuals with special needs. **"Rental Housing Works," will provide \$15 million in the capital budget for critical gap funding for up to 20 affordable housing projects already in the pipeline and will create more than 1,100 jobs in Maryland.** The \$15 million in funding will leverage another \$285 million in private investment, and will build 1700 new affordable housing units and generate \$36 million in state and local taxes over the next 15 years. To access the press release click here <http://www.governor.maryland.gov/blog/?p=3445>.

This initiative, which MAHC originally called *The Jobs Housing Initiative*, is vital to MAHC's members and our State and we must aggressively support this new housing initiative and maintain level funding for existing DHCD rental housing programs. It is important that you and your staff attend Housing Day on Thursday, February 23 at the Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis. *We must ensure that the Legislators understand the important of this funding as they consider the FY 2013 budget. Please be there, to show you care.*

**To register for Housing Day which is a free event click on  
<http://www.mdahc.org/>**