

News Release

Comptroller Lierman, Governor Moore Urge Marylanders to Search for their Unclaimed Property

Maryland to celebrate Unclaimed Property Day on February 1, 2026

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (January 30, 2026) — Maryland Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman and **Governor Wes Moore** invite Marylanders to join in celebrating Unclaimed Property Day on **Monday, February 1, 2026**. The state observes **Unclaimed Property Day** annually to highlight its free unclaimed property service, which has reunited Marylanders with their lost or forgotten assets for more than 50 years.

Unclaimed property typically includes uncashed checks, insurance proceeds, forgotten dividends, and dormant financial accounts. If an account shows no activity for three years, Maryland law requires businesses to report those funds to the state.

“Our Unclaimed Property Division works every day to reunite Marylanders with money and other property that belongs to them,” said **Comptroller Lierman**, who was recently elected to serve as the Senior Vice President of the [National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators](#). “In October, we launched a new system to eliminate red tape and make claiming property easier than ever. Returning these funds is our duty, and we are proud of the work we are doing to make government work better for our fellow Marylanders.”

The Kelmar Abandoned Property System (KAPS) allows users to submit documentation electronically through the platform, check the status of their claims, and view additional information about their missing property, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Since its implementation in October 2025, the Office of the Comptroller has paid out 18,273 claims valued at \$33 million.

Governor Moore has issued [a proclamation for Unclaimed Property Day](#) and encouraged Marylanders to take advantage of the free resource.

“Helping Marylanders reunite with their unclaimed property is part of our work to be more accountable in government,” said Governor Moore. “The process to reclaim property is free of charge—I encourage all Marylanders to check for unclaimed property and to take advantage of our new reclaiming system, which is easier to use than ever before.”

Nationally, one in seven people has unclaimed property, and states collectively returned \$4.2 billion last year. During Fiscal Year 2025, the Comptroller’s Office returned \$121 million in unclaimed property to rightful owners and heirs.

Marylanders can search the database and file claims online on the new Maryland Comptroller website, www.MarylandComptroller.gov, by visiting the [Unclaimed Property page](#).

[Learn More About Unclaimed Property \(Video\)](#)

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