



# News Release

## Comptroller Lierman Announces \$103 Million Returned to Marylanders in First Year of Modernized Unclaimed Property System

*New system makes it easier to find and recover missing money*

**ANNAPOLIS, Md. (October 15, 2026) —** Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman announced today that the agency’s modernized unclaimed property system has returned more than \$103 million to Marylanders since its launch in October 2025.

“Marylanders should not have to jump through hoops to get money that belongs to them,” said **Comptroller Brooke E. Lierman**. “One year after launching our new system, we have returned more than \$100 million to Marylanders, over \$23 million more than the previous cycle. This increase in payouts demonstrates the value of modernizing systems so that government works better for Marylanders.”

The modernization began with the launch of the Kelmar Abandoned Property System (KAPS), which replaced a decades-old unclaimed property system with a more efficient online portal. This new system allows users to submit documentation electronically, check the status of their claims, and access information about their property 24 hours a day, seven days a week, all at no cost to claimants.

The modernization effort also included the introduction of Quick Pay, which allows the agency to automatically return eligible unclaimed property valued at less than \$5,000 to identified owners. After verifying an owner’s mailing address, the agency sends a check

without requiring the owner to file a claim. Since its introduction, Quick Pay has issued 32,254 automatic checks totaling \$11.6 million. The agency has paid an additional 68,571 claims totaling \$91.5 million through the regular claims process.

In the year before the new system's launch, the agency returned \$79 million to claimants. Overall, the 100,825 total paid claims are more than double the 43,606 claims paid during the same period before the system launched.

Since Comptroller Lierman took office in 2023, the agency has returned more than \$264 million in unclaimed property to its rightful owners.

Unclaimed property can include uncashed checks, insurance proceeds, forgotten dividends, dormant financial accounts, and more. Marylanders should visit [www.claimitmd.gov](http://www.claimitmd.gov) to search for unclaimed property and submit a claim online.

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