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House Bill 853
Appropriations

(Delegate Carr, *et al.*)

**Legislative Community Initiatives Loan of 2004 - Montgomery County -
Kensington Recreation Center**

This bill amends the Legislative Community Initiatives Loan of 2004 to authorize funds previously appropriated for the Kensington Recreation Center to instead be used for the planning, design, renovation, and demolition of Warner Manor in Kensington. The bill also extends the date by which the County Executive and County Council of Montgomery County, as grantee, must present evidence that a matching fund will be provided.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill would not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: Potential increase in expenditures for Montgomery County, as grantee, if authorization to alter the purposes of State grant funds is not approved.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 204 of 2003 authorized \$12.7 million for community initiative projects approved by the House of Delegates under the Community Based Regional Initiatives Loan of 2004. In addition, Chapter 204 authorized \$17.7 million for community initiative projects under the Legislative Community Initiatives Loan of 2004.

Of that, \$12.7 million was for projects initially approved by the Senate and \$5.0 million was for community initiative projects as agreed upon by both houses. Chapter 432 of 2004, the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan, modified those amounts to \$15.2 million for projects initially approved by the Senate and \$2.5 million for projects initially approved by the House.

Chapter 432, as amended by Chapter 608 of 2006, authorized up to \$100,000 of the Senate total for the acquisition, planning, and design of the Kensington Recreation Center. The grantee was required to present evidence of a matching fund by June 1, 2008; this matching fund was authorized to consist of real property.

Background: The building the grantee had originally intended for the Kensington Recreation Center is not available, and the matching fund has not been certified. The bill would redirect State grant funds to Warner Manor for renovation. The manor, located in Kensington's historic district, is part of the town's long-range preservation plan.

Chapter 46 of 2006 authorized up to \$150,000 for the planning, design, renovation, and demolition of Warner Manor, then referred to as Circle Manor. The matching fund required by Chapter 46 has not been certified.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 779 (Senator Madaleno) – Budget and Taxation.

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