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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 891
Appropriations

(Delegate Kaiser, *et al.*)

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007 - Montgomery County -
Damascus Heritage Museum

This bill adds “construction,” “repair,” “renovation,” “reconstruction,” and “capital equipping” to the authorized uses of the matching funds for the Damascus Heritage Museum project, as established by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007. The bill also extends the deadline, to June 1, 2013, for the grantee to present evidence of a matching fund.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2011.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not directly affect government operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill does not directly affect the finances or operations of Montgomery County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 488 of 2007 authorizes a \$200,000 grant to the Board of Directors of the Damascus Heritage Society, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, and design of the Damascus Heritage Museum. The grant is subject to the requirement that the grantee must provide and expend a matching fund of \$100,000. Matching funds may consist of in-kind contributions but may not consist of real property or funds expended

prior to the June 1, 2007 effective date of Chapter 488. Chapter 707 of 2009 extended the deadline to for the grantee to present evidence of a matching fund to June 1, 2011.

Background: The Damascus Heritage Museum is currently open to the public in a temporary structure located near the center of Damascus. The museum hosts community events and houses exhibitions on a periodic basis. The grantee advises that the additional authorized uses for the matching funds established by the bill allow the grantee to construct a permanent structure for the museum, which the grantee is currently not authorized to do per the terms of Chapter 488.

The project will be funded by private donations, in-kind professional and volunteer services, and the State grant. The grantee advises that it has raised funds to present evidence of a matching fund but needs a deadline extension to perform qualifying work.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 303 (Senator Montgomery) - Budget and Taxation.

Information Source(s): The Damascus Heritage Society, Inc.; Montgomery County; Department of General Services; Department of Legislative Services

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