

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 445 (Delegate Carter, *et al.*)  
Appropriations

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Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 - Baltimore City - In Our  
House Homeless Youth Center

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This bill removes the matching fund requirements for two grants for In Our House Homeless Youth Center, as specified in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011. The bill also specifies that the two grants may not terminate before June 1, 2015.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2014.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** This bill does not directly affect State finances or operations.

**Local Effect:** This bill does not directly affect finances or operations of Baltimore City.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Chapter 396 of 2011 (the fiscal 2012 capital budget) authorized a total of up to \$300,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of Loving Arms, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of multiple homeless youth facilities in Baltimore City. Matching funds may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2011 effective date of Chapter 396. The grantee was required to provide evidence of matching funds by June 1, 2013. The proceeds of the loans must be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works by December 1, 2014. If any funds remain unexpended or unencumbered after December 1, 2014, the amount of

unexpended or unencumbered authorizations must be cancelled. Chapter 396 authorized two separate grants totaling \$300,000 for this project. The bill's changes apply to both grants.

**Background:** Loving Arms is a nonprofit, community-based organization that operates the In Our House Homeless Youth Center, a shelter for homeless and runaway youth between the ages of 14 and 18. In addition to operating the shelter, Loving Arms runs a mentor program and organizes community outreach and education seminars that target young adults up to 24 years of age. The 2011 grants were for the purpose of repairing and renovating the current shelter's roof and basement, as well as acquiring a second facility to house young adults between the ages of 18 and 24.

Loving Arms advises that, due to poor economic circumstances, it is unable to raise the requisite amount of cash to meet the matching fund requirement in Chapter 396. The cash Loving Arms is able to raise is being used for costs to keep its current shelter operational. Loving Arms further advises that it has identified a property to house a second shelter, and if able to use the funds, it will be able to purchase and renovate the property.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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