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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 1006 (Senator Conway)
Budget and Taxation

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 - Baltimore City - The Miles Washington Family Support Center

This bill extends the deadline – from June 1, 2014, to June 1, 2015 – for the Board of Trustees of The Miles Washington Family Support Center, Inc., as grantee, to present evidence that matching funds will be provided for the Miles Washington Family Support Center project, as required by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012, as amended.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: The bill does not affect the operations or finances of Baltimore City.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 444 of 2012 (the fiscal 2013 capital budget) authorized a grant of up to \$175,000 in matching funds to the Board of Trustees of the Miles Washington Family Support Center, Inc. for the planning, construction, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of the Miles Washington Family Support Center project, located in Baltimore City. Chapter 430 of 2013 modified the name of the grantee to “The Miles Washington Family Support Center, Inc.” for grant administration purposes. The grant is subject to the requirement that it provide and expend a matching fund of \$50,000.

Matching funds may consist of real property or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2012 effective date of Chapter 444.

The grantee has until June 1, 2014, to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided; however the proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by December 1, 2015. If any funds authorized remain unexpended or unencumbered after December 1, 2015, the amount of the unexpended or unencumbered authorizations must be cancelled.

The grantee is subject to the requirement that the grantee convey a perpetual preservation easement to the Maryland Historical Trust.

Background: The Miles Washington Family Support Center, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that focuses on providing effective life skills and experiences for children, adults, and families. The organization provides a number of services that include teen parenting classes, a lending library, an emergency food and clothing pantry, and after-school tutoring. The purpose of the original 2012 bond bill was to design, construct, and equip the facility where the organization provides such services.

The organization advises that, due to poor economic circumstances, it is unable to meet the matching fund requirement of Chapter 444. The cash the organization is able to raise is being used for costs to keep its current facility operational.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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