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House Bill 1572
Appropriations

(Delegate Otto)

Budget and Taxation

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2015 and 2016

This emergency bill adds a grantee to the Delmarva Discovery Center and Museum project, as established by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2015. The bill also repeals the matching fund requirement for the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts (MHCA) project, as established by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2016, effective June 1, 2016.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: The bill does not affect local operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law:

Delmarva Discovery Center and Museum Project: Chapter 495 of 2015 (the fiscal 2015 capital budget) authorized two separate grants of up to \$100,000 and \$75,000 in matching funds to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Pocomoke for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Delmarva Discovery Center and Museum, located in Worcester County. For both grants, the grantee has until June 1, 2017, to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided, which may consist of real property or funds expended prior to June 1, 2015. Likewise, for both grants, the proceeds of the loan must be expended by June 1, 2017.

Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts: Chapter 27 of 2016 (the fiscal 2016 capital budget) authorized a grant of up to \$750,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Inc., for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of MHCA, located in Anne Arundel County. The grantee has until June 1, 2018, to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided. The proceeds of the loan must be expended by June 1, 2018.

Background:

Delmarva Discovery Center: The Delmarva Discovery Center and Museum serves as a source of learning and discovery for the public through the preservation and interpretation of its cultural and natural heritage. The exhibits focus on river ecology and the human history of the Pocomoke River and Delmarva. The museum is a 16,000 square foot, 1920s era building and houses exhibits, a museum store, classroom, and administrative space.

Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts: MHCA is a community arts center in Annapolis that provides lifelong, accessible engagement in the arts. It was founded in 1979 and is located in the former Annapolis High School. The organization's activities include year-round classes, performances, exhibits, tours, workshops, and demonstrations. It is operated by a public board of directors who serve three-year terms. Board members are responsible for the governance of MHCA and take leadership roles in planning, fundraising, and finances.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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