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House Bill 1347
Appropriations

(Delegate Jones, *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

Prior Authorizations of State Debt – Alterations

This emergency bill modifies authorizations of State debt in prior year capital budgets by extending matching fund deadlines, removing or altering matching fund requirements, extending deadlines for expending or encumbering funds, modifying or removing certification requirements, renaming grant recipients, altering project locations to authorize the use of funds statewide, or altering the purpose for which funds may be used. In some cases, altering the purpose of grant funds merely adds greater specification for how the funds may be used; in other cases, grant funds may be reassigned to an entirely different purpose.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill modifies the conditions under which State grant funds may be used. These changes do not materially affect State finances.

Local Effect: None, unless the grantee is a local government.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Background: Several prior authorizations of State debt are consolidated into an omnibus bill (which is consistent with actions taken at the 2008, 2009, 2010, 2012, and 2013 sessions). Prior to the 2008 session, individual prior authorization bills were passed by the General Assembly. In the 2011 and 2014 through 2018 sessions, most were amended into the capital budget.

The types of modifications to the prior authorizations of State debt that have been consolidated into the bill are shown in **Appendix 1**, by current project name, jurisdiction for the current project, and the year of the initial authorization.

Current Law: In general, a grantee must present evidence of a matching fund to the Board of Public Works within two years of the authorization for State debt. The matching fund must be certified prior to the grantee's expending or encumbering State funds.

Chapter 153 of 2003 established a seven-year limitation on the authority to spend an appropriation for a capital expenditure and a seven-year limitation on the authorization for State debt unless otherwise provided in an enabling act. The Act applies to all debt authorized on or after June 1, 1997.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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Appendix 1 – Modifications to Prior Authorizations Consolidated into the Bill

<u>Current Project Name</u>	<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Year of Initial Authorization</u>	<u>Change(s)</u>
Cumberland Investment Plan	Allegany County	2017	Removal of match ⁴
Frostburg Museum Relocation Project	Allegany County	2018	Purpose
Belvoir-Scott’s Plantation Historic Manor House	Anne Arundel County (but designated as statewide)	2016	Purpose Grantee Deadline ^{1,2}
Resiliency and Education Center at Kuhn Hall	Anne Arundel County	2017	Removal of match ⁴
A Penn-North Initiative Youth Violence Prevention Center	Baltimore City	2016	Deadline ²
Berean Child Care Center	Baltimore City	2016	Deadline ²
Get Involved Community Center	Baltimore City	2016	Deadline ²
Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake	Baltimore City	2018	Location
Langston Hughes Community, Business and Resource Center	Baltimore City	2018	Removal of match ⁴
Roland Water Tower Stabilization	Baltimore City	2012	Deadline ¹
Irvine Nature Center Native American Village	Baltimore County	2016	Purpose
Project Genesis: New Beginnings, Inc. Community Center	Baltimore County	2017	Deadline ² Grantee
Road and Intersection Improvements for the Intersection of MD 30 and Mount Gilead Road	Baltimore County	2018	Grantee
North Beach Volunteer Fire Department	Calvert County	2018	Purpose
Sharp Road Community Park	Caroline County	2016	Deadline ²
Sykesville Freedom District Fire Department	Carroll County	2016	Deadline ²
Brunswick Heritage Museum Building	Frederick County	2016	Modification of Match
Downtown Frederick Hotel and Conference Center (2016)	Frederick County	2016	Purpose Deadline ^{1,2}
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Bloomington Water Distribution System	Garrett County	2018	Certification ³
Center for the Visual and Performing Arts Amphitheater	Harford County	2016	Purpose

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Bethesda Graceful Growing Together Community Center (2015)	Montgomery County	2015	Purpose Grantee Deadline ^{1,2}
Bethesda Graceful Growing Together Community Center (2017)	Montgomery County	2017	Purpose Grantee Deadline ^{1,2}
Dream Catcher Meadows	Montgomery County	2018	Certification ³
Halpine Hamlet Community Center	Montgomery County	2017	Grantee Deadline ²
Madison Fields Therapeutic Equestrian Center	Montgomery County	2017	Deadline ²
The Quince Orchard Colored School	Montgomery County	2017	Deadline ²
American Legion Post 381 Annex	Prince George's County	2016	Removal of match ⁴
Collington Station Safety and Surveillance Systems	Prince George's County	2017	Removal of match ⁴
Maryland Multicultural Youth Centers (2016)	Prince George's County	2016	Deadline ²
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Riverdale Park Station	Prince George's County	2017	Deadline ²
Riverdale Park Station Pedestrian Improvements	Prince George's County	2017	Deadline ²
St. Nicholas Catholic Church Parish Hall	Prince George's County	2017	Purpose Deadline ²
Robert W. Johnson Community Center	Washington County	2016	Deadline ²

¹Extends the deadline to expend or encumber funds.

²Extends the deadline to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided.

³Modifies the requirement for certifying matching funds by allowing the matching fund to include in-kind contributions and/or previously expended funds.

⁴Removes the requirement that the grantee raise matching funds; makes technical changes to certification requirements as appropriate.