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Department of Aging

Senior Citizens Activities Center Grant Program (Statewide)

General Obligation Bonds **\$1,150,000**

Summary of Recommended Bond Actions

1. Senior Citizens Activities Center Grant Program

Approve.

Bill Text: Provide grants to acquire property and to design, construct, renovate, and equip senior citizens activities centers. The funds appropriated for this purpose shall be administered in accordance with §§ 10–501 through 10–510 of the Human Services Article.

Program Description: This program provides financial assistance to local governments for the acquisition, design, construction, renovation, and equipping of senior centers. These centers provide programs and services to support seniors with health screening, congregate meals, continuing education, recreational programs, and information and assistance programs. The State may provide a grant of up to 50% of the project cost, not to exceed \$800,000. Local governments are required to match State funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

There are 113 senior centers in Maryland. These centers serve the elderly population by offering health, social, nutrition, education, and recreational services – the core program offerings in senior centers. Programs beyond these core services are determined by the needs and preferences of the populations in the centers. Approval of three projects totaling \$1.75 million is being requested. Use of \$600,000 in previously authorized, unencumbered funds results in a funding request of \$1.15 million. Projects intended for funding are:

- **Waxter Center (Baltimore City)** – This grant will assist in the first phase of a two-phase renovation of the Waxter Center. The facility has been in continuous use since opening in 1974 and has had no significant renovations. Phase I will include repair of a therapeutic pool which has a cracked shell and a lift that does not meet current regulations; leveling and restriping of the parking lot; repointing of the exterior brick cladding; replacement of elevator controls; expansion of the electrical distribution system; plumbing improvements; modifications to meet requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA); and reconfiguration of space to address space deficiencies for computer training, exercise/fitness activities, educational programming, and shower and bathroom facilities for the pool. Daily attendance is expected to increase from 250 to 850 as a result of this project. State funding of

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\$350,000 is requested for Phase I, which represents 50% of the projected \$700,000 project cost. In 2007, State funding of \$600,000 was approved to assist in the construction of a new center to replace Waxter Center. The plan for new construction has been abandoned, and the previously authorized funds will be used for these fiscal 2013 projects.

- **Somerset County Senior Activity Center** – This grant will assist in the renovation of the 6,000 gross square foot former Westover Elementary School located in Westover, Maryland to serve as the county’s primary location for senior services. This project, once complete, will replace the Crisfield and Princess Anne locations. The Crisfield Senior Center closed in 2010 due to its poor condition and lack of funding, leaving the 1,320 square foot Princess Anne Senior Center as the only senior center currently open. All senior program administrative services will operate out of this facility, and a majority of the senior programs will also occur at the new center. Seniors will be bused to the new center for programs and services, including meals. The existing kitchen will be used to reheat meals prepared in Salisbury. The Princess Anne center currently serves 444 seniors; once the new center is open, it is expected to serve 600 seniors. State funding of \$600,000 is requested for this project, which represents 46.15% of the projected \$1.3 million project cost.
- **Washington County Senior Center** – This grant will assist in the construction of a new 24,000 gross square foot senior center in Hagerstown, Maryland. Washington County currently does not have a dedicated senior center. Senior services are provided out of leased space which is shared with a local Girls Inc. program, and consequently, services cannot be provided after school hours, during school holidays, or during the summer. The new center will offer nutrition and fitness programs, arts and crafts, educational programs, counseling, and benefits assistance. The center will also be partnering with Hagerstown Community College to provide continuing education classes. The completed center is expected to have daily attendance of 500 seniors. State funding of \$800,000 is requested for this project, which represents 13.79% of the projected \$5.8 million project cost.

Prior Authorization and Capital Improvement Program

**Authorization Request
(\$ in Millions)**

<i>Fund Source</i>	<i>2011 Approp.</i>	<i>2012 Approp.</i>	<i>2013 Request</i>	<i>2014 Estimate</i>	<i>2015 Estimate</i>	<i>2016 Estimate</i>	<i>2017 Estimate</i>
GO Bonds	\$0.250	\$0.000	\$1.150	\$2.000	\$2.000	\$2.000	\$2.000
Total	\$0.250	\$0.000	\$1.150	\$2.000	\$2.000	\$2.000	\$2.000

Authorization Encumbrance and Expenditure Data

**Authorization Summary
(\$ in Millions)**

<i>Fiscal Year</i>	<i>Authorization</i>	<i>Funds</i>		<i>Balances</i>	
		<i>Encumbered</i>	<i>Expended</i>	<i>To Be Encumbered</i>	<i>To Be Expended</i>
2006	\$1.435	\$1.435	\$1.400	0.000	0.035
2007	1.393	0.793	0.793	0.600	0.600
2008	1.320	1.320	1.320	0.000	0.000
2009	1.845	1.845	1.030	0.000	0.815
2010	1.683	1.683	1.283	0.000	0.400
2011	0.250	0.250	0.250	0.000	0.000
2012	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total	\$7.926	\$7.326	\$6.076	\$0.600	\$1.850

Data as of January 31, 2012.

GO Bond Recommended Actions

1. Approve.

Proposed Use of Unexpended Funds

<u>Year Authorized</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Status</u>
2006	Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center	Right to Recovery Issue – resolution and fund expenditure forthcoming by 3/12
2007	Waxter Senior Center	Funds to be used for fiscal 2013 projects
2009	North Laurel Park Community Center	Right to Recovery Issue – resolution and fund expenditure forthcoming by 3/12
2009	Laurel-Beltsville Senior Center	Right to Recovery Issue – resolution and fund expenditure forthcoming by 3/12
2010	North Laurel Park Community Center	Right to Recovery Issue – resolution and fund expenditure forthcoming by 3/12

Note: Right to Recovery – recipients of State capital grants must sign a grant agreement which gives the State the right to recover the State funds should the facility for which the funds were granted is sold or has a change in use.

Fiscal 2013 Proposed Projects

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<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Prior Auth.</u>	<u>FY 2013 Amount</u>	<u>Future Request</u>	<u>Total State Share (%)</u>
Baltimore City	Waxter Senior Center	\$700,000	–	\$350,000	–	50.0%
Somerset	Somerset County Senior Activity Center	1,300,000	–	600,000	–	46.2%
Washington	Washington County Senior Activity Center	5,800,000	–	800,000	–	13.8%
Statewide	Less Available Funds	-600,000	–	-600,000	–	100.0%
Total		\$7,200,000	–	\$1,150,000	–	