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Department of Aging

Capital Budget Summary

Grant and Loan *Capital Improvement Program*
(\$ in Millions)

Program	2016 Approp.	2017 Approp.	2018 Request	2019 Estimate	2020 Estimate	2021 Estimate	2022 Estimate
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Senior Center Capital Program	\$1.012	\$1.680	\$0.946	\$1.600	\$1.600	\$1.600	\$1.600
Total	\$1.012	\$1.680	\$0.946	\$1.600	\$1.600	\$1.600	\$1.600

Fund Source	2016 Approp.	2017 Approp.	2018 Request	2019 Estimate	2020 Estimate	2021 Estimate	2022 Estimate
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GO Bonds	\$1.012	\$1.680	\$0.946	\$1.600	\$1.600	\$1.600	\$1.600
Total	\$1.012	\$1.680	\$0.946	\$1.600	\$1.600	\$1.600	\$1.600

GO: general obligation

Summary of Recommended Bond Actions

1. Senior Centers Capital Grant Program

Approve.

Program Description

Program Description: The Senior Centers Capital Grant 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

Note: Numbers may not sum to total due to rounding.

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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, and local governments are required to match State funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis.

There are 115 senior centers in Maryland serving 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 population in the centers.

Approval of two projects totaling \$946,000 in general obligation (GO) bonds is included in the fiscal 2018 allowance.

Lifetime Limit on Project Funding

Section 10-504 of the Human Services Article limits funding for the lifetime of each senior center to \$800,000, or 50%, of total costs. One of the projects included in the allowance will reach the lifetime limit on funding. Over the lifetime of the program, seven centers have reached their lifetime funding limit.

When the Senior Centers Capital Grant Program was established, the lifetime funding limit was \$300,000. In 1998, the lifetime limit was increased to \$600,000, as some senior centers reached the previous limit. The limit was increased again in 2007 to the current level.

The department has introduced HB 199, which proposes to alter the Senior Centers Capital Grant Program in two ways:

- allows a local government that has already received the maximum funding for a senior center allowed under current law to apply for and receive an additional grant for a different project at the same center; and
- limits funding for all projects made to a senior center to \$800,000 in any 15-year period.

Under HB 199, demand for the program will likely increase.

Budget Overview

The fiscal 2018 allowance totals \$946,000 in GO bonds for the Senior Centers Capital Grant Program, leveraging \$5.9 million in local matching funds. The Taneytown Senior Center in Carroll County is programmed for a parking lot expansion (\$146,000 in GO bonds) to address insufficient parking and the need for improved traffic flow. St. Mary's County is constructing a new senior center (\$800,000 in GO bonds) to replace the current Garvey Senior Center, which will improve accessibility and increase space.

Taneytown Senior Center Parking Lot Expansion (Carroll County)

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

Fund Uses	Prior Approp.	FY 2018 Request	Future Estimated	Estimated Total
Construction	\$0.162	\$0.292	\$0.000	\$0.454
Total	\$0.162	\$0.292	\$0.000	\$0.454

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

Fund Source				
State: 50.00%	\$0.081	\$0.146	\$0.000	\$0.227
Matching Fund: 50.00%	0.081	0.146	0.000	0.227
Total	\$0.162	\$0.292	\$0.000	\$0.454

The Taneytown Senior Center intends to expand its parking lot to a total of 52 spaces and resurface the lot for one-way traffic to improve safety and utilize current space. The parking lot currently has capacity for 28 vehicles, although 830 individuals are registered at the Taneytown Senior Center. The limited number of spaces impedes attendance to activities offered at the senior center. The parking lot is also uneven and a hazard for individuals with mobility needs.

Funds were provided in fiscal 2015 to renovate the parking lot at Taneytown Senior Center. However, the project encountered indirect costs due to stormwater issues and the discovery of debris, a septic tank, a buried abandoned structure, and rocks. The fiscal 2018 appropriation is required in order to complete the project. The total project cost is \$454,000, with \$227,000, or 50%, in State funds.

Garvey Senior Activity Center (St. Mary’s County)

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

Fund Uses	Prior Approp.	FY 2018 Request	Future Estimated	Estimated Total
Construction	\$0.000	\$6.516	\$0.000	\$6.516
Total	\$0.000	\$6.516	\$0.000	\$6.516

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

Fund Source				
State: 12.28%	\$0.000	\$0.800	\$0.000	\$0.800
Matching Fund: 87.72%	0.000	5.716	0.000	5.716
Total	\$0.000	\$6.516	\$0.000	\$6.516

The current Garvey Senior Center is not sufficient for the growing population in the area. It contains three activities rooms, which lead to lines and waitlists. The building is in poor condition and has no room for expansion. The planned replacement will be double the size of the current senior center. The replacement will house a comprehensive array of programs including fitness programs, a congregate meal plan, health education, information and assistance services, and arts and crafts.

Total project cost is \$6,515,800, with \$800,000, or 12.28%, in State funds. Design began in January 2016 fully funded with local funds and is projected to reach completion in January 2018.

Whether the current Garvey Senior Center remains in operation following the opening of the replacement is not decided yet. It may serve as administrative office space or be repurposed for a local function.

GO Bond Recommended Actions

1. Approve.