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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Office on Aging - Senior Citizen Activities Centers Capital Improvement**
3 **Grants Program - Grant Amounts**

4 FOR the purpose of clarifying the circumstances under which a grantee of the Senior
5 Citizen Activities Centers Capital Improvement Grants Program may qualify for
6 subsequent grants; specifying that the sum of the prior grant and any
7 subsequent grants may not exceed maximum funding allowed under the
8 Program; and generally relating to the Senior Citizen Activities Centers Capital
9 Improvement Grants Program.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Article 70B - Office on Aging
12 Section 29
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Article 70B - Office on Aging**

18 29.

19 (a) Grants awarded under §§ 26 through 32 of this subtitle are subject to the
20 following terms and conditions:

1 (1) Any federal grant that is received for an eligible project shall be
2 applied first to the cost of the project;

3 (2) For the development of a comprehensive master plan, a State grant
4 may not exceed the lesser of \$15,000 or 50 percent of the cost of development of the
5 plan;

6 (3) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a State grant
7 for a project may not exceed the lesser of \$300,000 or 50 percent of the cost of eligible
8 work remaining unpaid after any federal grant has been applied; and

9 (4) At the discretion of the Board of Public Works a grant for a project
10 may exceed 50 percent of the cost of eligible work remaining unpaid after any federal
11 grant has been applied, if:

12 (i) The project involves the conversion, acquisition, renovation,
13 construction, or improvement of a building for use as a senior citizen activities center;

14 (ii) The value of real property and existing improvements made
15 available by the local government equals or exceeds the amount of the State grant;
16 and

17 (iii) The residual value of the real property and existing
18 improvements made available by the local government is in excess of:

19 1. Any prior amounts used for matching funds under this
20 Program;

21 2. Outstanding State debt relating to the property from any
22 program other than this;

23 3. Any prior grant under this Program; and

24 4. Any other tangible State investment in the property.

25 (b) A grantee who received funds for an eligible project under THIS SUBTITLE
26 OR a prior act authorizing grants for senior citizen activities centers may receive [a
27 grant] ADDITIONAL GRANTS FOR THE PROJECT under this [subtitle] SUBTITLE, but
28 only in an amount [equal to] THAT DOES NOT EXCEED the difference between the
29 SUM OF ANY prior [grant or] grants and the maximum funding allowable.

30 (c) The amount of the State grant for any project shall be determined after
31 consideration of:

32 (1) The elderly population density of the area affected by the project;

33 (2) The proximity of the proposed center to any existing senior citizen
34 activities center; and

35 (3) Localities eligible for State funding that have not received previous
36 funding under this or similar acts.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
2 effect October 1, 1998.