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House Bill 734
Appropriations

(Washington County Delegation)

Budget and Taxation

**Community Based Regional Initiatives Loan of 2004 - Washington County -
Cumberland Valley Technology Center**

This bill alters the location, by removing the specific reference to a location, of the Cumberland Valley Technology Center project in the Community Based Regional Initiatives Loan of 2004. The bill also repeals the requirement for an historic easement.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Changing the location of the project and eliminating the requirement for an historic easement would not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The bill would not affect the finances or operations of Washington County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 204 of 2003 authorized \$12,700,000 for community initiative projects approved by the House of Delegates under the Community Based Regional Initiatives Loan of 2004. Of this total, Chapter 204 authorized up to \$200,000 in matching funds to the Board of Trustees of ABC Cumberland Valley Technology Center, L.L.C., as grantee, for the acquisition, planning, design, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the former Maryland National Guard Armory at

328-330 North Potomac Street in Hagerstown, for use as a preapprenticeship and apprenticeship training center for the construction, maintenance, and industrial trades. The grantee must grant and convey a historic easement to the Maryland Historical Trust. The matching funds may include real property, in kind contributions, or prior expended funds. The grantee has until June 1, 2006 to provide evidence of matching funds.

Background: After Chapter 204 was enacted, the grantee decided to move the project to a different, more suitable location. The grantee has purchased the property, and the project is now located at the Old Broadway School in Hagerstown. This facility has sufficient parking on site and existing classroom structures, although the classrooms will need renovation. The grantee already has made expenditures sufficient to meet the match requirement and is in the process of having its match certified. The historic easement, intended to preserve the armory building, is no longer appropriate.

In addition to the amount above, Chapter 204 of 2003 authorized \$17,700,000 for community initiative projects under the Legislative Community Initiatives Loan of 2004. Of that, \$12,700,000 was for projects initially approved by the Senate and \$5,000,000 was for community initiative projects as agreed upon by both houses. Chapter 432 of 2004, the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan, modified those amounts to \$15,200,000 for projects initially approved by the Senate and \$2,500,000 for projects initially approved by the House.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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