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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1564

(Delegate Gaines, *et al.*)

Appropriations

Budget and Taxation

Prince George's County - Greenbelt Community Center Loan of 2001

This bill alters the purpose of the Prince George's County Springhill Lake Recreation Center Loan of 2001 to be for the repair and replacement of windows in the historic portions of the Greenbelt Community Center, including removal of lead paint and repairs associated with window repair and replacement. The bill makes a conforming change to the title. The bill also: (1) extends the deadline, from June 1, 2003 to June 1, 2007, by which the Mayor and City Council of Greenbelt, as grantee, must provide evidence of a \$200,000 matching fund (reducing the amount of the matching fund); and (2) repeals the provision establishing that the amount of the loan for the project is the lesser of \$300,000 or the amount of the matching fund provided by the grantee.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Altering the purpose of the project, reducing the amount of the matching fund, and extending the date for the matching fund's certification would not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The City of Greenbelt would have an additional \$300,000 for the window renovations in the historic section of the Greenbelt Community Center.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 124 of 2001 authorized \$300,000 to the grantee for the repair, renovation, and reconstruction of the existing Springhill Lake Recreation Center and for the construction and capital equipping of an addition to the facility. The amount of the grant is the lesser of \$300,000 or the amount of the matching fund provided by the grantee. The grantee has until June 1, 2003 to have its matching fund certified.

Background: The grantee advises that a third party has offered to build a new recreation center at a different location if the grantee will transfer ownership of the current recreation center so that the third party may tear it down for development and expansion of multifamily housing facilities.

Chapter 674 of 1998 provided \$325,000 to the grantee, which the grantee combined with a \$75,000 matching fund, to repair or replace windows in the historic section of the Greenbelt Community Center. With the combined \$400,000, the grantee was able to complete the renovation of approximately 45% of the windows. The grantee advises that the amount of this grant, combined with the \$200,000 matching fund, would allow the grantee to complete the window renovations.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 941 (Senator Pinsky) – Budget and Taxation.

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