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House Bill 778
Appropriations

(Harford County Delegation)

Budget and Taxation

**Legislative Community Initiatives Loan of 2004 - Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse
Resource Center**

This bill extends the deadline, from June 1, 2006 to June 1, 2007, by which the Board of Directors of the Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center, Inc., as grantee, must provide matching funds for the Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center project in the Legislative Community Initiatives Loan of 2004. The bill also corrects the reference to the name of the center.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Extending the deadline for the provision of matching funds would not materially affect State finances.

Local Effect: The bill would not affect the finances or operations of Harford 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. In addition, 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. Of the Senate total, Chapter 432 authorized up to \$150,000 in matching funds to the grantee for the repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of a shelter and administrative offices for the Sexual Assault/Spousal Abuse Resource Center, located in Bel Air. The matching funds may not include real property, in kind contributions, or money spent prior to June 1, 2004.

Background: Because of a recent change in its executive director, the grantee does not yet have the entire amount of the required match. The grantee intends to begin work on the project in October 2006. The grantee currently has slightly over \$47,000 in funds dedicated to the project. In addition, the grantee expects to receive another \$40,000 from Harford County in Community Development Block Grant money in the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2006. The grantee also anticipates receiving an additional \$10,000 from a recently held fundraiser. Harford County is currently in the process of transferring the building where the project is located to the grantee.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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