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House Bill 2
Appropriations

(Delegate Kullen)

Budget and Taxation

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 - Calvert County - United Way of Calvert County

This emergency bill expands the authorized use of funds appropriated in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 to include acquisition of the United Way Building in Prince Frederick.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Expanding the authorized uses of the grant would not materially affect State finances or operations.

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 46 of 2006 authorized up to \$145,000 in matching funds for the expansion of the parking lot and the repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the United Way Building in Prince Frederick. The required local matching funds for this project may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to June 1, 2006.

Background: The United Way of Calvert County was incorporated in 1980 to provide support to community-based service agencies. The organization's headquarters building, constructed in 1950, was purchased in 1997 and has since required significant

remediation to repair the building's air conditioning system and remove accumulated mold. Additional funds are needed to replace the roof, install energy-efficient windows, and expand the parking lot.

Chapter 204 of 1998 authorized up to \$100,000 in matching funds for the acquisition of the current facility and for the repair and renovation of that property. The required matching funds were certified by the Board of Public Works in April 2000.

Senate Bill 694 and House Bill 578 were introduced in 2006 to provide \$145,000 for expansion of the parking lot and environmental cleanup of the facility. The project was subsequently amended into the State's capital budget. Language authorizing acquisition was not included in the bills as introduced.

Information provided by the United Way of Calvert County in consideration of those 2006 bills assumed \$43,000 of the proposed grant would be used for acquisition, allowing the grantee to pay off the mortgage on the property.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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