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Senate Bill 305

(Senator Kramer, *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

Appropriations

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2005 - Montgomery County - Odd
Fellows Hall

This bill extends the deadline to June 1, 2009, for the Board of Trustees of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows Sandy Spring Lodge #6430, Inc., as grantee, to provide matching funds for the repair, renovation, and preservation of the Odd Fellows Hall.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Extending the deadline for providing matching funds would not materially impact State finances.

Local Effect: This bill would not affect the finances or operations of Montgomery County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 445 of 2005 authorized up to \$100,000 in matching funds for the repair, renovation, and preservation of the Odd Fellows Hall in Sandy Spring. The required matching funds may include in kind contributions or funds expended prior to June 1, 2005. Evidence of these matching funds must be provided by June 1, 2007. The grantee is also required to convey an historic easement to the Maryland Historical Trust.

Background: The Grand Order of the Odd Fellows is among the oldest African American fraternal organizations in the State. Since 1906 the Odd Fellows Hall in Sandy Spring has been used for social, religious, and educational events. State funds are part of a \$300,000 effort to repair the foundation and masonry of the facility as well as reinforce the framing and roofing.

The grantee has not yet raised the funds necessary to proceed with the project. A portion of available funds was used for the survey and title search required to convey an easement to the Maryland Historical Trust, which has pledged funds to the project for architectural planning and preservation. An extension of the deadline will allow the grantee the time needed to raise the required match for construction.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 128 (Delegate Montgomery, *et al.*) – Appropriations.

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