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House Bill 578
Appropriations

(Delegate N. King, *et al.*)

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 - Montgomery County -
Montgomery Village and Germantown Boys & Girls Club

This bill authorizes a portion of funds appropriated for the Montgomery Village Foundation in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 to be redirected to the Germantown Boys & Girls Club. The bill restricts the authorized use of funds remaining for the Montgomery Village Foundation.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Redirecting grant funds would not materially affect State finances or operations.

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill reduces the amount of funds authorized for Lake Whetstone facilities in Montgomery Village in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 to \$25,000, contingent on a required local match. Use of State funds is restricted to planning and design.

The bill redirects up to \$225,000 in matching funds to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Washington for the construction of a gymnasium in Germantown. The required local matching funds may consist of in kind contributions.

Current Law: Chapter 46 of 2006 authorized up to \$250,000 in matching funds for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of improvements to the Lake Whetstone facilities in Montgomery Village.

Chapter 153 of 2003 established a seven-year limitation on the authority to spend an appropriation for a capital expenditure and a seven-year limitation on the authorization for State debt.

Background: Montgomery Village Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides public services to the residents of Montgomery Village. State funds were previously authorized for the upgrade and weatherization of the community boathouse on Lake Whetstone, which functions as a meeting and educational facility for residents. The foundation has not yet determined the parameters of the project and will not be able to complete the project before the authorization expires. The \$25,000 remaining will assist the foundation in planning for future renovations.

The Germantown Boys and Girls Club previously received \$500,000 from the Legislative Community Initiatives Loan of 2004 for the construction and capital equipping of a new gymnasium. The required matching funds have been certified. Approximately \$1.2 million of the estimated \$2.5 million cost of the facility has already been raised, including the State funds. This bill authorizes an additional \$225,000 in matching funds for construction.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 233 (Senator Hogan, *et al.*) – Budget and Taxation.

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