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Senate Bill 364 (Senator Pugh)
Budget and Taxation

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2005 and 2006 - Baltimore City -
Waxter Center for Senior Citizens**

This bill expands the authorized use of funds appropriated to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Baltimore in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2005 and 2006 to include new construction of the Waxter Center for Senior Citizens.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Expanding the authorized use of funds would not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: Potential benefit to Baltimore City, as grantee, if State authorization is expanded to meet additional project requirements.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 445 of 2005 authorized up to \$100,000 in matching funds for the repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Waxter Center for Senior Citizens in Baltimore City. The grantee was required to present evidence to the Board of Public Works by June 1, 2007 that a matching fund would be provided; the matching fund was authorized to include funds expended prior to June 1, 2005.

Chapter 46 of 2006 authorized up to \$250,000 in matching funds for the repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Waxter Center for Senior Citizens. The grantee was required to present evidence of a matching fund by June 1, 2008, which was authorized to include funds expended prior to June 1, 2006.

Background: Baltimore City operates the Waxter Center for Senior Citizens through its Commission on Aging and Retirement Education. The center, opened in 1974, offers educational, recreational, and therapeutic services to over 2,200 members. The Baltimore Development Corporation and the Baltimore City Commission on Aging and Retirement Education entered into an Exclusive Negotiating Privilege for the redevelopment of the Waxter Center in September 2007. The city and the developer have not yet determined whether the center will be renovated or entirely rebuilt. The language in the bill would authorize State funds to be applied to either of the development options.

Matching funds for the 2005 authorization were certified by the Board of Public Works in July 2006. Matching funds for the 2006 authorization were certified in March 2007.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 354 (Delegate Tarrant, *et al.*) – Appropriations.

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