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House Bill 324
Appropriations

(Delegate Taylor, *et al.*)

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007 - Montgomery County -
Damascus Heritage Museum

This bill extends the deadline to June 1, 2011, for the Board of Directors of the Damascus Heritage Society, Inc., as grantee, to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided for the Damascus Heritage Museum, as established in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2007.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not directly affect government operations or finances.

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 488 of 2007 authorizes a \$200,000 grant to the Board of Directors of the Damascus Heritage Society, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, and design of the Damascus Heritage Museum. The grant is subject to the requirement that the grantee must provide and expend a matching fund of \$100,000; the matching fund may consist of in-kind contributions. The grantee is required to present evidence to the Board of Public Works by June 1, 2009, that a matching fund will be provided.

Background: This project will provide a temporary location (three to five years) for the Damascus Heritage Museum. The temporary location for the museum will be located within the center of Damascus, either on land owned by the Damascus Volunteer Fire Department, or at a more suitable location – if one becomes available. The project will also undertake the preliminary engineering and architectural design studies necessary to identify a permanent site for the museum.

The \$300,000 project will be funded by private donations, in-kind professional and volunteer services, and the State grant.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 312 (Senator Kramer, *et al.*) - Budget and Taxation.

Information Source(s): Board of Public Works, Department of General Services, Montgomery County, Department of Legislative Services

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