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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 246 (Senator Rosapepe)
Budget and Taxation

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 - Prince George's County -
College Park City Hall**

This bill adds “construction” to the list of authorized uses of the grant provided for the College Park City Hall, as established by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: The bill does not directly affect the finances or operations of Prince George’s County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 46 of 2006 authorizes up to \$400,000 in matching funds to the Mayor and City Council of the City of College Park for the design and engineering of a new city hall.

Background: The City of College Park advises that “construction” was mistakenly omitted from Chapter 46 and the city always intended to use the funds for that purpose. The \$6.8 million project is being financed with a combination of State, county, and municipal funds. Matching funds have been certified for this project.

The city is undertaking an economic development project to create a town center with a mixed-use facility and parking garage. These new structures will be located on the current city hall site. In order to complete this project, city hall must be relocated.

The city selected the old Calvert Road Elementary School as the preferred site of the new city hall. Owned and maintained by the city, the site is currently restricted by deed to public use. The existing building dates back to 1938 and sits on 3.73 acres. The building is located within the National Register Historical District neighborhood of Calvert Hills as well as the proposed Old Town Historic District. Therefore, the city must retrofit the building for use as city hall while retaining its historic characteristics.

Chapter 434 of 2004 authorized up to \$100,000 in matching funds for this project in addition to the 2006 grant.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 256 (Delegate Pena-Melnyk, *et al.*) - Appropriations.

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