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House Bill 1487 (Delegate Heller)
Appropriations

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 - Montgomery County - Our
House Youth Home

This bill extends the deadline to June 1, 2010, for the Board of Directors of Our House Youth Home, Inc., as grantee, to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided for a new dormitory, as specified in 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 Montgomery County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 46 of 2006 authorized up to \$425,000 in matching funds for the construction and capital equipping of a new dormitory at Our House Youth Home in Olney. The grantee was to present evidence to the Board of Public Works by June 1, 2008, for the provision of the matching funds. This deadline was extended until June 1, 2009 by Chapter 219 of 2008. The grantee is required to grant and convey an historic easement to the Maryland Historical Trust as a condition of award.

Background: Our House is a residential program that teaches carpentry and building trades to at-risk adolescent males referred by the Department of Juvenile Services and local departments of social services. The program is attempting to expand capacity by an additional eight slots by constructing and equipping a dormitory on the current grounds at Mellwood Farm.

The initial deadline to present evidence of matching funds was extended to June 1, 2009, in order for the grantee to receive a special exception to zoning requirements for the construction of the dormitory. The grantee anticipates receiving the special exception this summer and a building permit shortly thereafter. The grantee advises that matching funds have been certified for the amount authorized in 2006, \$175,000, and fundraising efforts will resume for the remainder of the authorization once the permits are obtained. According to the grantee, the building should be completed by the spring of 2011.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 1025 (Senator Kramer) - Budget and Taxation.

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