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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 380 (Senator Rosapepe)
Budget and Taxation

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2007 and 2008 - Prince George's
County - Historic Laurel Mill Ruins

This bill changes the purpose and matching fund requirements for the Historic Laurel Mill Ruins grants, as established by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2007 and 2008.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

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

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill amends Chapter 488 of 2007 and Chapter 336 of 2008 by repurposing \$205,000 in grant funds for the Historic Laurel Mill Ruins project for the renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Laurel Armory Anderson-Murphy Community Center. The portion of the funds reallocated from Chapter 488 – \$30,000 – has no matching fund requirement. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, as grantee, must present evidence of a matching fund of \$175,000, the amount included in Chapter 336, by June 1, 2012.

Current Law: Chapter 488 of 2007, as amended by Chapter 219 of 2008, authorizes a \$100,000 grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel for the repair, stabilization, and reconstruction of the Historic Laurel Mill Ruins, located in Laurel.

Chapter 336 of 2008 authorizes up to \$175,000 in matching funds to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel for the repair, stabilization, and reconstruction of the Historic Laurel Mill Ruins. The matching fund may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2008 effective date of Chapter 336.

Background: The Historic Laurel Mill was constructed in 1811 on the Patuxent River. The grantee advises that initially the grant funds were to be used to rebuild the mill to reflect its original appearance. However, the Maryland Historical Trust did not approve the project. The grantee then decided to merely clean and stabilize the mill, which was significantly less expensive.

The grantee advises that the bill repurposes the grant funds to cover expenses associated with the renovation of the Laurel Armory Anderson-Murphy Community Center. Planned repairs and upgrades to the center include installing an air conditioning system, electrical upgrades, office renovations, and disability access upgrades.

The Laurel Armory Anderson-Murphy Community Center has already been authorized to receive up to a total of \$275,000 in State matching funds from the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2006, 2007, and 2008, for the renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the facility. In order for State matching funds to be issued, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Laurel, as grantee, must grant and convey an historic easement to the Maryland Historical Trust.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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