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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 883
Appropriations

(Delegate V. Turner, *et al.*)

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2008 - Prince George's County -
Forest Heights Municipal Building**

This bill removes the matching fund requirement for the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Forest Heights for a State capital grant authorized in 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 directly affect the finances or operations of Prince George's County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 336 of 2008 authorizes up to \$200,000 in matching funds – \$100,000 grants from each house of the General Assembly – to the Mayor and City Council of the Town of Forest Heights for the repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Forest Heights Municipal Building. The grant from the House of Delegates specifies that matching funds may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2008 effective date of Chapter 336; the Senate grant made no such matching fund allowances.

Background: The grantee advises that the State grant funds will be used to refurbish and repair the town's municipal building after it was water damaged due to leaks in its roof. Repairs to the building are slated to begin in February 2010.

The grantee further advises that it did not anticipate, or was not aware of, the matching fund requirements included in Chapter 336; thus, the town does not have funds in place to meet the requirement.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 100 (Senator Muse) - Budget and Taxation.

Information Source(s): Town of Forest Heights, Prince George's County, Department of General Services, Department of Legislative Services

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