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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1364
Appropriations

(Delegate Bohanan)

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2008 - St. Mary's County - St.
Mary's College Amphitheater

This bill defunds the St. Mary's College Amphitheater grant, as established by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2008, and repurposes the funds to two other projects in St. Mary's County: the Cedar Lane Apartment Renovations and the U.S. Colored Troops Memorial Monument.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

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

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes up to \$150,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Friends of Cedar Lane, Inc. for the renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Cedar Lane Apartments, including replacement of the roof, rooftop HVAC unit, and emergency generator. Matching funds may not consist of in-kind contributions, real property, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2008 effective date of Chapter 336.

The bill authorizes up to \$150,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of the U.S. Colored Troops Memorial Monument. Matching funds may consist of in-kind contributions, real property, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2008 effective date of Chapter 336.

Each grantee must present evidence of a matching fund by June 1, 2012.

Current Law: Chapter 336 of 2008 authorizes up to \$300,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the St. Mary's College of Maryland Foundation, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of the St. Mary's College Amphitheater. Matching funds may not consist of in-kind contributions, but may consist of real property and funds expended prior to the June 1, 2008 effective date of Chapter 336. Chapter 46 of 2006 also authorizes up to \$250,000 in matching funds for this project.

Chapter 485 of 2009 authorizes up to \$125,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Friends of Cedar Lane, Inc. for upgrades to the Cedar Lane Apartments facility. State grant funds have not been previously authorized for the U.S. Colored Troops Memorial Monument.

Background: St. Mary's College of Maryland Foundation, Inc. planned to renovate and upgrade the St. Mary's College Amphitheater to support the River Concert Series and other community events at St. Mary's College. However, the grantee advises that the project is indefinitely on hold because anticipated matching funds have been withdrawn due to economic constraints. Thus, the grantee advises that the grant will not be used.

The Friends of Cedar Lane, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that provides fiscal and material support for the St. Mary's Home for the Elderly, I, II, III, Inc., collectively known as Cedar Lane Apartments, which operates apartment houses and assisted living programs for low- and moderate-income elderly citizens of St. Mary's County. The grantee advises that the project used 2009 State grant funding to complete the first phase of its facility renovation. These renovations included replacing the roof, the heating and air conditioning system, and an emergency generator. Future grant funding will be used to upgrade the building's fire alarm system and replace flooring.

The Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions, Inc. is also a nonprofit organization; its mission is to increase understanding of African American contributions to history and the development of St. Mary's County. The grantee advises that construction of the project began recently and that matching funds are in place for the State grant. The grantee further advises that it anticipates that the monument will be finished in advance of the 150-year anniversary of the Civil War.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Friends of Cedar Lane, Inc.; St. Mary's College of Maryland Foundation, Inc.; Unified Committee for Afro-American Contributions, Inc.; Department of General Services; Department of Legislative Services

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