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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1426

(Delegates McHale and Hammen)(By Request)

Appropriations

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2007 and 2008 - Baltimore City - Beans and Bread

This bill defunds the grants authorized by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2007 and 2008 to the Board of Directors of St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore, Inc. for the construction and expansion of a homeless facility in Baltimore City. The funds authorized for this project are not redirected for any other purpose.

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 Baltimore City.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 488 of 2007 authorizes up to \$150,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of St. Vincent de Paul of Baltimore, Inc. for the planning, design, renovation, construction, and capital equipping of a homeless facility in Baltimore City. Likewise, Chapter 336 of 2008 authorizes up to \$150,000 in matching funds for the renovation and construction of the facility. Chapters 488 and 336 each specify that matching funds may not consist of in-kind contributions or real property, but may consist of funds expended prior to the June 1, 2007 and June 1, 2008 effective dates of the authorizations.

Background: According to the grantee's 2008 "Bond Bill Fact Sheet," the current Beans and Bread facility cannot accommodate the volume of clients who seek food, clothing, housing, emergency financial assistance, and other services offered at the location.

The grantee has received \$800,000 in community development bond funds from Baltimore City to expand the facility. Baltimore City advises that the expansion is part of the city's 10-year plan to end homelessness; the plan calls for the creation of day resource centers with comprehensive services for homeless people. Baltimore City further advises that the grantee would likely seek additional funding from the city if the State grant were to be defunded.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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