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House Bill 177
Appropriations

(Delegate Hixson, *et al.*)

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2009 - Easter Seals Inter-Generational Center

This bill removes the matching fund requirement for the Board of Directors of Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Region, Inc. for a State capital grant authorized in 2009.

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 Montgomery County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 485 of 2009 authorizes up to \$70,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of Easter Seals Greater Washington-Baltimore Region, Inc. for the construction, repair, and capital equipping of the Easter Seals Inter-Generational Center, located in Silver Spring. No part of the grantee's matching fund may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to June 1, 2009.

Background: The grantee advises that various programs and services will be available at the Inter-Generational Center, including adult and senior day services, geriatric and pediatric physical therapy, speech therapy, academic tutoring, after-school and summer enrichment programs, and structured intergenerational activities.

The \$16.7 million project is funded by private sources; various federal, State, and local grants; and tax-exempt bonds. The grantee advises that the facility has been constructed and is almost fully operational. The purpose of this grant is to make the facility more accessible to disabled persons by upgrading bathrooms and building entrance ramps. The cost of these improvements is approximately \$70,000 – the amount included in this State grant. However, the grantee did not anticipate, or was not aware of, the included matching fund requirement; if the matching funds were raised, the improvements would have more funding than necessary. The grantee advises that removing the matching fund requirement results in the appropriate amount of funding needed for the upgrades.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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