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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 720 Appropriations

(Delegate McIntosh, et al.)

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2009 - Statewide - Therapeutic Pool for People with Disabilities

This bill extends the deadline, to June 1, 2013, for the grantee to present evidence of the existence of a matching fund for the Therapeutic Pool for People with Disabilities project, as specified by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2009. The proceeds of the loan must be encumbered by the Board of Public Works or expended by June 1, 2013.

This bill takes effect June 1, 2011.

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 485 of 2009 authorized up to a total \$350,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of The League for People with Disabilities, Inc. for the design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Accessible Therapeutic Pool for the League of People with Disabilities, located in Baltimore City. Matching funds may not consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds

expended prior to the June 1, 2009 effective date of Chapter 485. The grantee must present evidence of a matching fund by June 1, 2011.

Background: The League for People with Disabilities, Inc. (LPD) provides comprehensive programs and services that help people with physical, neurological, and developmental disabilities gain independence, increase self-sufficiency, and improve their quality of life. LPD operates a wellness center that includes a heated therapeutic pool. The grantee advises that State grant funds will be used to make substantial renovations to the deck of the pool in an effort to prevent further deterioration of the deck. The grantee advises that evidence of a matching fund was submitted to the Department of General Services (DGS) in February 2011. Unless the materials submitted by the grantee to DGS are in some way insufficient, the grantee will likely meet the original June 1, 2011 deadline. Thus, the two-year extension established by the bill *may* not be necessary.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 866 (Senator Conway) – Budget and Taxation.

Information Source(s): The League for People with Disabilities, Inc.; Baltimore City;

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