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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1232 (Delegate Donoghue)
Appropriations

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2009 - Washington County -
Doleman Black Heritage Museum

This bill extends the deadline to June 1, 2013, for the Board of Directors of the Doleman Black Heritage Museum, Inc., as grantee, to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided for the Doleman Black Heritage Museum project as required by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2009. The bill also specifies that the proceeds of the loan must be encumbered by the Board of Public Works or expended by the grantee by June 1, 2013.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2011.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: The bill does not directly affect the finances or operations of Washington County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 485 of 2009 authorized up to \$25,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Doleman Black Heritage Museum, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, and design of the Doleman Black Heritage Museum, located in Hagerstown. The matching fund may not consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2009 effective date of Chapter 485.

Background: The grantee advises that the purpose of the project is to acquire property in a traditionally African American neighborhood within the City of Hagerstown to create a new location for the Doleman Black Heritage Museum. The museum collection includes more than 4,500 pieces. The museum is currently located in a private residence.

The grantee has not yet raised sufficient monies to meet the matching fund requirement established in Chapter 485. The grantee advises that the museum has received a \$150,000 federal grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to preserve the collection and to create mobile exhibits that can be displayed temporarily at schools or other public locations. Due to differences in the allowable uses of the grant monies, the federal grant may not be used as evidence of the existence of a matching fund. The grantee advises that efforts to raise matching funds through a capital campaign are ongoing.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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