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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 152 (Senator Simonaire)
Budget and Taxation

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2009 - Anne Arundel County -
Historical Freetown Renovation

This bill extends the deadline to June 1, 2012, for the Board of Directors of the Freetown Improvement Association, as grantee, to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided for the Historical Freetown Renovation project as required by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2009, as amended by Chapter 372 of 2010. 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, 2012.

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 Anne Arundel County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 485 of 2009 authorized up to \$150,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Freetown Improvement Association for the design, construction, repair, and renovation of Freetown Elementary, located in Glen Burnie. No part of the grantee's matching fund may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to June 1, 2009. Chapter 372 of 2010 amended

the terms of the grant to allow the matching fund to consist of funds expended prior to June 1, 2009.

Background: The Freetown Improvement Association is in the process of renovating the historical Freetown Elementary School for use as a community center. According to the grantee, the project has the necessary matching funds and has expended some funds to install a sewage system, build a parking lot, and begin renovating the building. However, according to the grantee, an extension is necessary to expend a sufficient amount of money to trigger State matching funds.

The \$300,000 project consists of equal grants from the State and Anne Arundel County. The grantee plans to renovate the historic 7,500-square-foot building, which was the one of the first all African American public schools in the county.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Freetown Improvement Association, Inc.; Department of General Services; Department of Legislative Services

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