

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 973 (Senator Astle)  
Budget and Taxation

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**Legislative Community Initiatives Loan of 2004 - Anne Arundel County - Carrie  
Weedon Science Center**

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This bill extends the deadline to June 1, 2013, for the Board of Directors of the Carrie Weedon Science Center Foundation, Inc. to expend matching fund proceeds authorized by the Legislative Community Initiatives Loan of 2004. The bill specifies that the proceeds of the loan must be expended by the grantee or encumbered by the Board of Public Works by June 1, 2013.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2011.

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**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.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 204 of 2003, as amended by Chapter 432 of 2004, authorized up to \$25,000 in matching funds for the replacement of the well, storage tank, plumbing equipment, and windows of the Carrie Weedon Science Center in Galesville. Matching funds may not consist of in-kind contributions, real property, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2004 effective date of Chapter 432 of 2004.

Chapter 202 of 2007 altered the authorized uses of the grant by specifying that the monies may be used for the repair, renovation, construction, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Carrie Weedon Science Center, including the replacement of the windows and the installation of a heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning system.

Chapter 293 of 1999 also authorized \$100,000 in matching funds to the center.

**Background:** The Carrie Weedon Science Center Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that hosts science field trips for children in grades one through five, with programming designed to complement the curriculum of Anne Arundel County Public Schools. The Anne Arundel County Board of Education has assisted with renovations to the center, satisfying certain requirements for the 1999 grant to the center.

The grantee advises that about \$22,000 of the \$25,000 of the matching funds has been expended; in large part, these expenditures reflect the cost of completing the replacement of the windows at the center. The grantee advises that the extension is needed in order to allow for the roughly \$3,000 in remaining matching funds to be expended. The remaining monies will be used to purchase a new saltwater aquarium for the science center.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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