

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 710 (Senator Forehand)  
Budget and Taxation

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**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2008 - Gaithersburg Upcounty  
Senior Center**

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This bill allows the matching funds for the Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center project, as specified in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2008, to be used for the renovation of the center in addition to the design and construction of the center.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2012.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill does not directly affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** Absent the bill, the City of Gaithersburg could lose access to the \$200,000 in matching funds.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 336 of 2008 authorized up to \$200,000 in matching funds to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg for the design and construction of the Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center. Matching funds may not consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2008 effective date of Chapter 336.

**Background:** Through a joint partnership, the City of Gaithersburg, Montgomery County, and the Housing Opportunities Commission (HOC) purchased the existing

8,000-square-foot Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center. Located above the senior center are 127 affordable single-room-occupancy apartments operated by HOC. Originally, the City of Gaithersburg, the grantee, had planned to construct a new 30,000-square-foot senior center and convert the existing senior center into handicapped-accessible affordable apartments. Due to fiscal constraints brought on by the recession, the city has decided to delay the construction of the new senior center indefinitely. Therefore, the city has decided to renovate the existing senior center. Specifically, the kitchen will be renovated and various repairs required by a recent U.S. Housing and Urban Development inspection will be made. The matching fund requirement has been certified by the Board of Public Works.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 1036 (Delegate Barve) – Appropriations.

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