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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1442 (Delegate Stein)
Appropriations

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010 - Baltimore County -
HopeWell Cancer Support

This bill extends the deadline – from June 1, 2012, to December 1, 2012 – for the Board of Trustees of HopeWell Cancer Support, Inc., as grantee, to provide evidence that a matching fund will be provided for the HopeWell Cancer Support Facility, as specified in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan 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 December 1, 2012.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

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

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 483 of 2010 (as amended by Chapter 396 of 2011) authorized up to \$175,000 for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of the HopeWell Cancer Support Facility. The matching funds may not consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2010 effective date of Chapter 483. Chapter 396 of 2011 amended Chapter 483 to accurately

reflect the location of the HopeWell Cancer Support Facility project. The project site is located in Lutherville; the site had been incorrectly identified as Brooklandville.

Background: HopeWell Cancer Support offers various oncology support programs, educational seminars, exercise classes, and social activities to people in the Baltimore metropolitan area. Since 1992, HopeWell has served over 7,500 individuals. In 2009, HopeWell served about 1,000 people who made roughly 8,000 visits. The organization's participant level has increased 20% per year over the last three years.

The facility is located in an old farmhouse on an eight-acre lot in Baltimore County. The grantee advises that the organization has a two-phase renovation plan. The first phase of the organization's program expansion, which the grantee advises has been completed, included construction of a new facility to serve more individuals suffering from cancer. The second phase addresses the facility's inadequate infrastructure; in particular, grant monies will be used to build an additional parking lot. The grantee advises that matching funds have been raised; however, it ran into minor difficulties regarding its contractor. The difficulties have been resolved, and the grantee anticipates completing the parking lot in June 2012, assuming fair weather. Extending the grant deadlines gives an allowance for rainy weather.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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