

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2012 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 664 (Carroll County Senators)  
Budget and Taxation

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**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2010 - Carroll County - Carroll  
County Agriculture Center**

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This bill extends the deadline from June 1, 2012, to June 1, 2014, for the Board of Directors of the Carroll County Agriculture Center, Inc., as grantee, to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided for the Carroll County Agriculture Center project as required by 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 June 1, 2014.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2012.

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**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 Carroll County.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 483 of 2010 authorized up to \$150,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Carroll County Agriculture Center, Inc., for the repair, renovation, capital equipping, and utility upgrades of the Carroll County Agriculture Center located in Westminster. Matching funds may not consist of real property but may

consist of in-kind contributions or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2010 effective date of Chapter 483.

Chapter 336 of 2008 authorized up to \$100,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Carroll County Agriculture Center, Inc. for the design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of the Agriculture Center. Matching funds may consist of funds expended prior to the June 1, 2008 effective date of Chapter 336.

Chapter 488 of 2007 authorized up to \$100,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Carroll County Agriculture Center, Inc. for the construction, including road construction and reforestation requirements, and capital equipping of the Danele Shipley Memorial Arena; and up to \$100,000 in matching funds for the repair, renovation, and reconstruction of the Marlin K. Hoff Memorial Barn. Chapter 488 also required the grantee to convey an historic easement for the Marlin K. Hoff Memorial Barn.

Chapter 46 of 2006 authorized up to \$150,000 in matching funds Board of Directors of the Carroll County Agriculture Center, Inc. for the construction and capital equipping of the Danele Shipley Memorial Arena. Matching funds may consist of funds expended prior to the June 1, 2006 effective data of Chapter 46.

Chapter 445 of 2005 authorized up to \$150,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Carroll County Agriculture Center, Inc. for completion of the construction and the capital equipping of the Danele Shipley Memorial Arena. Matching funds may consist of funds expended prior to the June 1, 2005 effective data of Chapter 445.

**Background:** The Carroll County Agriculture Center, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation dedicated to supporting 4-H, the Farmer's Market, Future Farmers of America (FFA), Grange, and similar groups within Carroll County, Maryland. The Agriculture Center provides an accessible facility for agriculture-related and educational programs by supported groups, other charitable and educational organizations, and the general public. The Agriculture Center is the site of the annual Carroll County 4-H and FFA Fair each summer in addition to the Carroll County 4-H Therapeutic Riding Program and many other 4-H and FFA events throughout the year.

The Danele Shipley Memorial Arena has upgraded the fairgrounds from a series of 40-year-old pole barns to an enclosed, year-round, multi-purpose facility which is rented for many community activities and a wide variety of events. The building as designed is an open flexible use space. The ventilation is designed to be able to handle animals during the fair, but it also has heat to allow year-round usage for 4-H programs, FFA, livestock sales, community groups, and any number of other educational and exhibition

uses. The new building is also handicapped accessible; so all members of the community have access.

The Carroll County Agriculture Center, Inc., the grantee, reports that the tough economy has hindered its fundraising; thus, it needs more time to raise the required matching funds. The grantee also reports it has already received bids for repairing the roof of the Danele Shipley Memorial Arena, the primary project that is supported by the matching funds.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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