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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 1067 (Senator Pugh)
Budget and Taxation

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 - Baltimore City - Morgan Mill Facility

This bill changes the authorized location of the grant for the Board of Directors of Project PLASE, Inc. specified by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011, from the Morgan Mill Facility to St. Joseph's Monastery School.

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 operations or finances of Baltimore City.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 396 of 2011 authorized up to \$100,000 for the acquisition and renovation of the Morgan Mill Facility in Baltimore City. The required matching funds may not consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to June 1, 2011. The grantee must provide evidence that a matching fund will be provided by June 1, 2013. Proceeds of the loan must be encumbered by the Board of Public Works or expended by the grantee by December 1, 2014.

Background: Project PLASE provides a full range of services to homeless men and women with one or more of the following disabilities: HIV/AIDS, mental health issues,

substance abuse, developmental disabilities, and post traumatic stress disorder. Project PLASE is seeking to develop a long-term housing facility that will also provide support services intended to assist clients in achieving self sufficiency.

The grantee reports that the organization originally planned to locate the housing project at the Morgan Mill Facility in Baltimore's Station North neighborhood. However, the organization has decided to change the location to the St. Joseph's Monastery School because that site has a number of advantages. The grantee reports that the St. Joseph's site is twice as large, has significantly more parking, will cost \$1 million less to renovate, and needs less extensive renovations. The grantee also reports that the St. Joseph's site will serve the same population as the original site.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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