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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 82 (Delegate Busch)
Appropriations

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 - Anne Arundel County -
Shiplap House

This bill removes the matching fund requirement for the Board of Trustees of Historic Annapolis, Inc. (HA) for a State capital grant for the Shiplap House authorized in 2012.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: The bill does not directly affect the operations or finances of Anne Arundel County or the City of Annapolis.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 444 of 2012 (HB 151) authorizes up to \$250,000 in matching funds to the Board of Trustees of HA for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Shiplap House located in Annapolis. Matching funds may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2012 effective date of Chapter 444. The grantee has until June 1, 2014, to *present evidence* that matching funds will be provided; however, the *proceeds* of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works by December 1, 2015. If any funds remain unexpended or unencumbered after

December 1, 2015, the amount of the unexpended or unencumbered authorization must be canceled.

Background: Shiplap House (*ca.* 1715) is one of the oldest wood frame buildings in the City of Annapolis. The property was used as a residence, tavern, and tenement until 1957, when it was acquired by HA and restored. In 1980, the property was sold to a private individual and then repurchased by HA in 1987. In 1991, the property was transferred to the State; concurrently, HA and the State signed a long-term lease for operation of the property. It now houses HA main offices. HA has restored and maintains several historic properties in downtown Annapolis.

The project consists of the exterior conservation and restoration of the Shiplap House. This includes repointing all masonry work, repairing/reconstructing exterior windows and doors, selectively removing exterior siding and inspecting sills and other structural elements, repairing or replacing exterior siding, painting the exterior, and replacing the shake shingle roof.

The grantee advises that it thought the original authorization was intended to be a straight grant. HA further advises it is unable to meet the matching fund requirement and cannot begin the conservation and restoration of the Shiplap House without the bill.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None designated; however, SB 91 (Senator Astle – Budget and Taxation) is essentially identical.

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