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Senate Bill 933 (Senator McFadden)
Budget and Taxation

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 - Baltimore City - Mary Harvin Transformation Center

This bill extends the deadline – from June 1, 2013, to June 1, 2014 – for the Board of Directors of the Mary Harvin Transformation Center Development Corporation, Inc., as grantee, to present evidence that matching funds will be provided for the Mary Harvin Transformation Center as required by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011. The bill also specifies that the grant may not terminate before June 1, 2014.

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 finances or operations of Baltimore City.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 396 of 2011 (HB 71) authorized up to \$125,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Mary Harvin Transformation Center Development Corporation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, and construction of the Mary Harvin Transformation Center, located in Baltimore City. Matching funds may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2011 effective date of Chapter 396. The grantee has until June 1, 2013, 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, 2014. If any funds remain unexpended or unencumbered after December 1, 2014, the amount of the unexpended or unencumbered authorizations must be canceled.

Background: The Mary Harvin Transformation Center located in Baltimore City is a community-based organization that gives assistances to families in need through direct aid, by acting as a liaison between families and energy assistance programs, by connecting families to affordable telephone services, and by offering a performing arts and sports enrichment summer camp for local youth.

Additional Comments: This bill specifies that *the grant may not terminate before June 1, 2014*; however, the authorization in current law extends six months beyond that date. Moreover, because the Chapter 396 authorization specifies that the proceeds have to be encumbered or expended *no later than December 1, 2014* (and any amount remaining after that date has to be canceled), it is assumed that the later date still controls and that the intent of the bill is not to shorten the timeframe to encumber or expend proceeds. Nevertheless, the Department of Legislative Services advises that the earlier date associated with *termination* should be removed to clarify intent.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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