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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 866 (Senator Middleton)
Budget and Taxation

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 - Charles County - Indian
Head Center for the Arts

This bill adds a co-grantee for two grants for the Indian Head Center for the Arts project, as established by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012. In addition, the bill establishes the authorized use for one of the two grants, such that it matches the purpose of the other grant.

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 Charles County or the Town of Indian Head.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill includes the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Indian Head as the project's co-grantee for each grant, which is in addition to the Board of Directors of the Indian Head Center for the Arts, Inc. – the current grantee for both grants. The bill also specifies that one grant may be used for the construction, renovation, and capital equipping of the Indian Head Center for the Arts, the same purpose as the other grant.

Current Law: Chapter 444 of 2012 (SB 151) authorized two grants totaling up to \$170,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Indian Head Center for the Arts, Inc. The grant for \$70,000 specified that it was for the construction, renovation, and capital equipping of the Indian Head Center for the Arts; however, there was no stated purpose for the grant for \$100,000. The bill establishes the authorized use for that grant, such that it matches the purpose of the other grant. Matching funds for both grants may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, and 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 loans 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 authorizations must be canceled.

Background: The Indian Head Center for the Arts plans to establish and operate an arts center in Indian Head to provide a venue for the promotion, display, and exhibition of diverse arts-based projects including community theater, musical performances, concerts, arts education, and arts exhibitions. Indian Head Center for the Arts, Inc., currently operates the Black Box Theatre on the first floor of a facility owned by the Town of Indian Head. The town has agreed to make the second floor of the facility available to the center to expand its cultural offerings to the community. However, first the space needs to be renovated. Renovations will include stabilizing the existing flooring, insulating the entire second floor area, creating a new interior fire escape route, improving the main entrance stairway, replacing windows and doors, adding new lighting and plumbing, installing a fire suppression and alarm systems for both floors, upgrading the water supply to the building, installing new drywall, and painting. It is assumed that the Town of Indian Head needs to be added as a co-grantee because the town owns the facility. Specifying the purpose of the one grant is a technical change.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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