

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1540 (Delegate Haynes)  
Appropriations

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**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 - Baltimore City - Winchester Street Potter's House**

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This bill seeks to revive the Winchester Street Potter's House project by extending the deadline – from June 1, 2013, to June 1, 2016 – for the proceeds of the loan to be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works, as required by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2014.

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**Fiscal Summary**

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

**Local Effect:** The bill does not affect the finances or operations of Baltimore City.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 46 of 2006 (the fiscal 2007 capital budget) authorized up to \$125,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of Winchester Street Potter's House, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Winchester Street Potter's House, located in Baltimore City. The grantee had until June 1, 2008, to provide evidence that matching funds would be provided. Matching funds could consist of real property or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2006 effective date of Chapter 46. Matching funds could not consist of in-kind contributions. The deadline for the proceeds of the loan to be expended or encumbered

by the Board of Public Works was June 1, 2013. Thus, any funds that remained unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2013, were subject to cancellation.

**Background:** The Winchester Street Potter's House, Inc., is a community outreach organization that focuses on childhood and teenage illiteracy and self-esteem issues. In addition, the organization provides a number of services to the community, including GED and computer training, tutoring, and parenting classes.

**Additional Comments:** The Board of Public Works – Secretary's Action Agenda from November 20, 2013, indicates that a grant for the Winchester Street Potter's House in the amount of \$125,000 was cancelled.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Board of Public Works, Department of General Services, Department of Legislative Services

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