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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 1086 (Senator Benson)
Budget and Taxation

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 - Prince George's County -
Capitol Heights Seat Pleasant Boys and Girls Club Initiative**

This bill expands the purpose of two grants authorized by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011, as amended, to the Board of Directors of the Prince George's County Boys and Girls Club, Inc. so that the funds may be used for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of the scoreboard, signs, stands, gym floor, and sports fields for the Capitol Heights Seat Pleasant Boys and Girls Club, Inc., rather than just the acquisition, planning, design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of the scoreboard, signs, and stands for the Capitol Heights and Seat Pleasant Boys and Girls Club field.

The bill also adds the Board of Education of Prince George's County and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) as grantees for both grants. Further, the bill extends the deadline – from June 1, 2014, to June 1, 2016 – for the grantees to present evidence that matching funds will be provided.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: The bill gives the Board of Education of Prince George's County and M-NCPPC, as co-grantees with the Board of Directors of the Prince George's County Boys and Girls Club, Inc., access to \$100,000 in capital project funding.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 396 of 2011 (the fiscal 2012 capital budget) authorized two grants for a total of up to \$100,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Prince George's County Boys and Girls Club, Inc., for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, renovation, and capital equipping of the scoreboard, signs, and stands (associated with the Capitol Heights Seat Pleasant Boys and Girls Club Initiative), located in Prince George's County. One grant specified the project, but the other inadvertently did not. Thus, Chapter 430 of 2013 made a technical correction to clarify the purpose of one of the grants so that the funds could be used for the Capitol Heights Seat Pleasant Boys and Girls Club field. Chapter 430 also extended the deadline on both grants – from June 1, 2013, to June 1, 2014 – for the grantee to present evidence that matching funds will be provided.

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 proceeds of the loans must be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works by December 1, 2014. If any funds authorized remain unexpended or unencumbered after December 1, 2014, the amount of unexpended or unencumbered authorizations must be cancelled.

Background: The Capitol Heights Seat Pleasant Boys and Girls Club is a nonprofit organization that provides a number of youth the opportunity to participate in activities throughout Prince George's County. Specifically, the organization serves youth from low- to moderate-income households. The original 2011 bond bill was for the purpose of improving a number of sports facilities where the organization holds its events.

The organization advises that the project has been delayed due to the collaborative efforts undertaken by the Boys and Girls Club. As such, the additional grantees, as the *owners* of certain facilities, are necessary so that the funds can be used for capital improvements to the facilities where the organization holds its events. The organization, in addition, advises that the changes to the purpose of the grants are to allow the grant monies to flow to projects all around Prince George's County.

Additional Comments: Although the bill seeks to extend the deadline – from June 1, 2014, to June 1, 2016 – for the grantees to present evidence that matching funds will be provided, a corresponding change has not been made to the termination date for the grants. Any funds that remain unexpended or unencumbered after December 1, 2014, must still be cancelled.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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