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House Bill 1519
Appropriations

(Delegate Chang)

Prior Authorizations of State Debt - Alterations

This bill modifies authorizations of State debt in prior year capital budgets by extending deadlines for expending or encumbering funds, altering the jurisdiction in which a project is located, renaming grant recipients, and/or altering the purpose for which funds may be used. In some cases, altering the purpose of grant funds merely makes minor or technical changes for how the funds may be used; in other cases, grant funds may be reassigned/redistributed to an entirely different purpose within the same or different jurisdiction. Notably, funding for numerous prior projects is redirected for the purpose of designing, constructing, and equipping the Health and Human Sciences facility on the University of Maryland College Park campus; the authorization for such funding may not terminate before June 1, 2032. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2025.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill modifies the conditions under which State grant funds may be used. These changes do not materially affect State finances.

Local Effect: None, unless the grantee is a local government.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: Several prior authorizations of State debt are consolidated into an omnibus bill. The types of modifications to prior authorizations of State debt that have been consolidated into the bill are shown in **Appendix 1**, by current project name, jurisdiction for the current project, and the year of the initial authorization.

Current Law: In general, when a matching fund is required, a grantee must present evidence of the matching fund to the Board of Public Works within two years of the authorization for State debt, and the matching fund must be certified prior to the grantee's expending or encumbering State funds.

Chapter 153 of 2003 established a seven-year limitation on the authority to spend an appropriation for a capital expenditure and a seven-year limitation on the authorization for State debt unless otherwise provided in an enabling act. The Act applies to all debt authorized on or after June 1, 1997.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): University System of Maryland; Department of General Services; Department of Legislative Services

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Appendix 1 – Modifications to Prior Authorizations Consolidated into the Bill

<u>Current Project Name</u>	<u>Current Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Year of Initial Authorization</u>	<u>Change(s)</u>
Hamilton Street Parking	Prince George’s County	2012	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹
Maryland STEM Lab at Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation	Statewide	2013	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹ , Location ²
Glassmanor Recreational Center Renovations	Prince George’s County	2013	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹
15sq Arts Center	Frederick County	2014	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹ , Location ²
Brentwood Town Center Project	Prince George’s County	2014	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹
Laurel Armory-Anderson and Murphy Community Center	Prince George’s County	2014	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹
Laurel Park Path System Improvements	Prince George’s County	2014	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹
Silver Spring Volunteer Fire Department Station #16	Montgomery County	2014	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹ , Location ²
Camp Woodlands Restoration Project	Anne Arundel County	2015	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹ , Location ²
Park Berkshire Neighborhood Park	Prince George’s County	2015	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹
Crossland High School	Prince George’s County	2015	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹
Prince George’s County Public High School Athletic Facilities	Prince George’s County	2016	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹
Hillcrest Heights Community Center Pool	Prince George’s County	2016	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹
Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County	Wicomico County	2016	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹ , Location ²
Robert W. Johnson Community Center	Washington County	2016	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹ , Location ²
Arthur Perdue Stadium Improvements	Wicomico County	2017	Grantee, Purpose, Deadline ¹ , Location ²
Dulaney High School – Athletic Fields	Baltimore County	2018	Grantee, Deadline ¹
American Visionary Art Museum	Baltimore City	2018	Purpose, Deadline ¹
Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake	Baltimore City	2020	Purpose

GGSF Community Outreach Center	Montgomery County	2022	Purpose
Dunfield Recreational Activity Center	Baltimore County	2023	Purpose
The Flats at Knowles Station – Public Parking	Montgomery County	2023	Purpose
Marlboro Pike – Public Art Playground	Prince George’s County	2023	Grantee, Purpose

¹ Extends the deadline to expend or encumber funds.

² Alters the location of the project to be within Prince George’s County.

GGSF: Guru Gobind Singh Foundation

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

Source: Department of Legislative Services
