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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 972
Appropriations

(Delegate Guzzone)

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 - Howard County - The Arc of Howard County - Graeoch Home Renovation

This bill changes the purpose of the grant authorized by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 to the Board of Directors of The Arc of Howard County, Inc. so that the funds may be used for the planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Homewood Road facility project, rather than the construction, renovation, and capital equipping of a home for residents with disabilities. The bill also changes the title of the grant from “The Arc of Howard County – Graeoch Home Renovation” to “The Arc’s Homewood Road Renovation.”

The bill prohibits the grant from terminating before June 1, 2015, rather than December 1, 2014, and likewise gives the grantee an extension to present evidence that a matching fund 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 does not affect the operations or finances of Howard County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 396 of 2011 (the fiscal 2012 capital budget) authorized up to \$145,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of The Arc of Howard County, Inc. for the construction, renovation, and capital equipping of a home for residents with disabilities, located in Laurel. Matching funds may consist of in-kind contributions. The grantee was required to provide evidence of matching funds by June 1, 2013. 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 unexpended or unencumbered authorizations must be cancelled.

Background: The Arc of Howard County’s mission is “achieving full community life for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities – one person at a time.” For 51 years, the organization has been serving Howard County families by providing community education, family support, respite care, and day services for adults with severe disabilities, among other things. The Homewood Road facility project is to reconfigure and renovate certain facility areas to provide better functionality and accessibility.

The organization advises that the Graeoch Home Renovation project is complete, but its Homewood Road facility project is in need of funding. The Board of Public Works and the Department of General Services (DGS) advise that there is approximately \$9,000 in funds available on the 2011 Graeoch Home Renovation project grant.

Chapter 424 of 2013 (the fiscal 2014 capital budget) authorized up to \$100,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of The Arc of Howard County, Inc. for the planning, design construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Homewood Road facility project.

Additional Comments: DGS advises that the language of the bill must be modified in order to divert the \$9,000 in funds from the Graeoch Home Renovation project to the Homewood Road facility project.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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