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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 325 (Delegate Gaines, *et al.*)
Appropriations

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 - Prince George's County -
Riverdale Park Town Hall Expansion

This bill specifies that two grants to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Riverdale Park for the Riverdale Park Town Hall Expansion, as established by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011, may not terminate before June 1, 2015.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Absent the bill, the Town of Riverdale Park could lose access to the \$275,000 in matching funds authorized for this project.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 396 of 2011 (the fiscal 2012 capital budget) authorized two separate grants totaling \$275,000 to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Riverdale Park for the design, construction, and renovation of the Riverdale Park Town Hall, located in Riverdale Park. Matching funds may not consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2011 effective date of Chapter 396. The grantee was required to provide evidence of matching funds by June 1, 2013. The proceeds of the loans 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. The bill's changes apply to both grants.

Background: The Riverdale Park Town Hall serves as the Town of Riverdale Park's local government building. The expansion project is for the renovation of a space in the town hall to accommodate a youth and community wing for use by a number of community groups, including the Riverdale Boys and Girls Club, Girl Scouts, and Boy Scouts.

The town advises that it needs an extension because of a delay in the town's procurement process. The town's first request for proposals related to the expansion project failed to garner any responses from contractors. As a result, a second request for proposals was necessary, which delayed the expansion project start date. The town further advises that the second request for proposals garnered the necessary responses and, if given an extension, the town will be able to fully draw down on the funds that the two grants provide.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 358 (Senator Pinsky) - Budget and Taxation.

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