

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1116  
Appropriations

(Delegates Proctor and Vallario)

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**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 - Charles County - Heritage House**

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This bill removes the matching fund requirement for the Heritage House project as specified in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012.

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 Charles County.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 444 of 2012 (the fiscal 2013 capital budget) authorized a total of up to \$100,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of The African American Heritage Society of Charles County, Inc. for the repair, renovation, and reconstruction of the Heritage House project, located in La Plata. Matching funds may consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2012 effective date of Chapter 444. The grantee has until June 1, 2014, to present evidence that matching funds will be provided. The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works by December 1, 2015. If any funds remain unexpended or unencumbered after December 1, 2015, the amount of the unexpended or unencumbered

authorizations must be cancelled. (Chapter 430 of 2013 made a technical correction to the grantee's name.)

**Background:** The African American Heritage Society of Charles County is a nonprofit organization established to share the contributions of African Americans to Southern Maryland's history and culture. The original 2012 bond bill was to fund the creation of a community space at the Heritage House to serve as a cultural and educational center. Specifically, the organization seeks to increase the Heritage House's size and accessibility. The organization advises that, at the time of application, it was under the impression that it could use certain real property to meet the matching fund requirement; however, it is unable to do so because the Heritage House is not located on the property it was going to use as the match. The organization further advises that it does not have the funding or means to provide the requisite amount of matching funds at this time.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** African American Heritage Society, Department of General Services, Department of Legislative Services

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