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House Bill 750
Appropriations

(Delegate B. Robinson, *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2013 and 2014 - Baltimore City -
Skatepark of Baltimore at Roosevelt Park

This emergency bill changes the name of the grantee of the Skatepark of Baltimore at Roosevelt Park project, as established by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2013 and 2014, to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Baltimore. The bill extends the deadline – from June 1, 2015, to June 1, 2016 – for the grantee to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided, as specified in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2013.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Absent the bill, the City of Baltimore may lose access to \$75,000 and \$125,000 in matching funds authorized for the Skatepark of Baltimore at Roosevelt Park in 2013 and 2014, respectively.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 424 of 2013 (the fiscal 2014 capital budget) authorized a grant of up to \$75,000 in matching funds to the Board of Directors of the Skatepark of Baltimore, Inc., for the construction and capital equipping of the Skatepark of Baltimore at Roosevelt Park, located in Baltimore City. The grantee has until June 1, 2015, to present evidence that a matching fund will be provided. Matching funds may consist of real property or in-kind contributions. The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the

Board of Public Works by June 1, 2020. If any funds authorized remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2020, the amount of unexpended or unencumbered authorizations must be cancelled.

Chapter 463 of 2014 (the fiscal 2015 capital budget) authorized two separate grants of up to \$75,000 and \$50,000 in matching funds to the Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Skatepark of Baltimore at Roosevelt Park, located in Baltimore City. The grantee has until June 1, 2016, to present evidence that a matching fund for each grant will be provided. Matching funds may consist of real property or in-kind contributions. The proceeds of the loans must be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works by June 1, 2021. If any funds authorized remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2021, the amount of unexpended or unencumbered authorizations must be cancelled.

Background: Developed through a partnership between the Mayor and City Council of the City of Baltimore and the Skatepark of Baltimore, Inc., the Skatepark of Baltimore at Roosevelt Park project seeks to provide the youth of Baltimore City with a safe place for skateboarding, biking, and rollerblading. The Skatepark of Baltimore, Inc., and Baltimore City Department of Recreation and Parks advise that the original 2013 and 2014 grants should have been to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Baltimore as grantee, as Baltimore City owns the real property upon which the skatepark is being constructed. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Baltimore advise that matching funds for the 2013 grant have been appropriated. The Mayor and City Council of the City of Baltimore further advise that the city will provide a match for the 2014 grants in the appropriate fiscal year.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 116 (Senator Pugh) - Budget and Taxation.

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