

CHAPTER 119**(Senate Bill 256)**

AN ACT concerning

Creation of a State Debt – Baltimore County – Eastside Economic Development Initiative

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$2,000,000 \$375,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for certain acquisition, development, or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Baltimore County – Eastside Economic Development Initiative Loan of 1996 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) ~~\$2,000,000~~ \$375,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

(2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for capital improvements in a defined geographic ~~section of the Essex Middle River area of Baltimore County, the improvements to include the repair and renovation of multifamily dwellings and public buildings such as the library and community center, street repair, lighting, landscaping, and other improvements to the existing buildings and land for the purpose of economic development and community enhancement.~~ area contained in the Eastern Baltimore County Revitalization Strategy to include extensions of sewer and water services, road improvements, street landscaping and signs, and curb and gutter improvements.