

purpose of this sub-title to enable the State Roads Commission of Maryland, the counties, the City of Baltimore, the cities, municipalities, towns, special taxing areas and the other State and local agencies and sub-divisions of government in the State of Maryland to equalize and secure the benefits of any Federal funds made or to be made available to the State of Maryland under the Federal Acts, such funds to be used in a program of construction and reconstruction of roads, bridges, streets, tunnels and other highway underground structures, highways and appurtenant road projects, and to thereby assist in the national recovery and for the purpose of promoting the general welfare.

(4) The State Roads Commission of Maryland is hereby authorized and empowered to accept any Federal funds which have been or will be made available to the State of Maryland, for its use or for the use of any of its political subdivisions herein mentioned, under the provisions of the Federal Acts. The State Roads Commission of Maryland is further authorized and empowered to allocate and apportion such Federal funds to itself, the respective counties, the City of Baltimore, the cities, municipalities, towns, special taxing areas and the other agencies and subdivisions of government in the State of Maryland, pursuant to the provisions of the aforesaid Federal Acts, and to act as the agent or representative of any such political subdivision for the purpose of negotiating, contracting or dealing with the Federal Government or its authorized representatives with respect to construction and reconstruction under the Federal Acts and to undertake all contracts, plans, specifications and estimates relating thereto and to supervise directly the construction and reconstruction work and labor done pursuant to such Acts.

(5) In the event that the counties, the City of Baltimore, the cities, municipalities, towns, special taxing areas and the other agencies and subdivisions of government in the State of Maryland do not provide funds in any of the manners authorized in the preceding sub-sections hereof to equalize and secure the benefits of the said Federal funds and allotments, then the State Roads Commission, the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller are further authorized and empowered to permit the use by the counties, the City of Baltimore, the cities, municipalities, towns, special taxing areas, and the other agencies and subdivisions of government in the State of Maryland, of their respective shares of the Gasoline Tax Fund and other funds available for them under the provisions of this Article in order to enable them to equalize, match and secure the benefits of any Federal funds allocable to the said counties, City of Baltimore, the cities, municipalities, towns,