

installation of automated flood warning projects, provided that the projects are consistent with the plans and implementation prepared and adopted in accordance with this subtitle, and provided further that each project:

(i) Is undertaken as part of a comprehensive flood management plan prepared and adopted by the subdivision; and

(ii) Is not inconsistent with any State or interjurisdictional flood management plan.

[(3)] (4) Grants for automated flood warnings projects shall be conditioned to require all affected local governing bodies [to]:

(i)[Adopt] TO ADOPT a specific and compatible response plan which has been coordinated with local emergency management authorities and reviewed and approved by the Department and the Maryland Emergency Management Agency; and

(ii)[Provide] TO PROVIDE for financial and other commitments to properly operate and maintain the project.

[(4)] (5) (i) Subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works, the Department may provide grants to subdivisions immediately after a flood for acquisition of any flood damaged owner-occupied dwelling.

(ii) Total expenditures for grants made under this paragraph may not exceed 50 [percent]% of the total authorized budgeted funds in a fiscal year for grants under this subsection.

[(5)] (6) The amount of any grant made by the Department for a flood control and watershed management capital project shall be matched by a minimum amount of 50 [percent]% of local funds. The Department may provide up to 50 [percent]% of the nonfederal share of the funding for a flood control and watershed management capital project which meets the criteria of this subtitle.

[(6)] (7) To receive a grant, the subdivision must participate in the national flood insurance program.

[(7)] (8) Before making a grant, the Department, in cooperation with the Office of Planning, shall review the flood control and watershed management operations of the applicant subdivision to assure that [they] THE FLOOD CONTROL AND WATERSHED MANAGEMENT OPERATIONS are in compliance with this subtitle.

[(8)] (9) The Department, in consultation with the Office of Planning, shall [promulgate rules and] ADOPT regulations necessary for the administration of the grant program. These [rules and] regulations may include:

(i) A determination of statewide and interjurisdictional needs and priorities;

(ii) Standards of eligibility for applicants and projects;