WILLIAM DONALD SCHAEFER, Governor

- 1. MAKE MATCHING OR REIMBURSABLE GRANTS TO LAND TRUSTS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF INTERESTS OR RIGHTS IN REAL PROPERTY FOR RECREATIONAL OR OPEN SPACE PURPOSES; OR
- 2. ACQUIRE, UNDER AN AGREEMENT WITH A LAND TRUST, TITLE TO OR AN INTEREST OR RIGHT IN PROPERTY OWNED BY A LAND TRUST OR PROPERTY, ON WHICH THE LAND TRUST HOLDS AN OPTION OR A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE.
- (III) AS A CONDITION TO ANY AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH A LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGREES TO ACQUIRE TITLE TO OR AN INTEREST OR RIGHTS IN PROPERTY OWNED BY A LAND TRUST OR PROPERTY ON WHICH THE LAND TRUST HOLDS AN OPTION OR A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE, A PERPETUAL CONSERVATION EASEMENT ON THE LAND SHALL BE DONATED.
- (IV) A PROJECT MAY NOT RECEIVE FUNDS FROM A LOCAL LAND TRUST GRANT FUND UNLESS:
- 1. THE DEPARTMENT APPROVES THE PROJECT AS BEING IN CONFORMITY WITH CRITERIA GOVERNING LAND ACQUIRED UNDER A LOCAL GRANT FROM PROGRAM OPEN SPACE;
- 2. THE OFFICE OF PLANNING APPROVES THE PROJECT AS BEING CONSISTENT WITH THE LOCAL RECREATION AND PARKS MASTER PLAN; AND
- 3. THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS APPROVES THE GRANT.
- (V) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MAY APPROVE A GRANT FROM A LOCAL LAND TRUST GRANT FUND CONDITIONAL UPON MODIFYING ITS TERMS.
- (7) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBPARAGRAPH (III) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IF ANY PORTION OF AN ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT TO A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY IS NOT ENCUMBERED WITHIN 5 YEARS OF THE ALLOCATION, THE UNENCUMBERED FUNDS SHALL REVERT TO THE DEPARTMENT, TO BE HELD BY THE DEPARTMENT IN A SPECIAL ACCOUNT UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.
- (II) AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, THE FUNDS HELD IN THE SPECIAL ACCOUNT UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE ADDED TO THE FUNDS APPROPRIATED UNDER § 5–903(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE TO ASSIST LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES IN ACQUISITION AND DEVELOPMENT OF LAND FOR RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PURPOSES.
- (III) IF A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY DEMONSTRATES TO THE DEPARTMENT THAT UNENCUMBERED FUNDS HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED FOR A SPECIFIED PURPOSE, SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS