

COUNTY FOR CERTIFICATION UNDER § 5-408 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE;

(5) To promote preservation of agriculture within the county by offering information and assistance to farmers with respect to establishment of districts and purchase of easements; and

[(5)] (6) To perform any other duties as assigned by the county governing body.

2-508.1.

(A) IF A COUNTY IS CERTIFIED BY THE OFFICE OF PLANNING UNDER § 5-408 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE AS HAVING ESTABLISHED AN EFFECTIVE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM, AND IF THERE ARE MONEYS REMAINING IN THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FUND AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, THE COUNTY MAY APPLY TO THE FOUNDATION FOR AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN:

(1) THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT ALLOTTED ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY UNDER GENERAL ALLOTTED PURCHASES OF EASEMENTS AS PROVIDED IN § 2-508(B)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE IN BOTH OFFER CYCLES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH EASEMENT PURCHASES ARE MADE; AND

(2) THE AMOUNT COMMITTED BY THE FOUNDATION ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY UNDER GENERAL ALLOTTED PURCHASES OF EASEMENTS AS PROVIDED IN § 2-508(B)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE AFTER BOTH OFFER CYCLES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH EASEMENT PURCHASES ARE MADE.

(B) THE DISTRIBUTION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE MADE WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE END OF EACH FISCAL YEAR.

(C) IF THE MONEYS REMAINING IN THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FUND AT THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR ARE INSUFFICIENT TO DISTRIBUTE THE TOTAL AMOUNT APPLIED FOR UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT THAT MAY BE DISTRIBUTED TO ANY CERTIFIED COUNTY IS:

(1) THE TOTAL SUM AVAILABLE DIVIDED BY THE NUMBER OF COUNTIES APPLYING FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDS UNDER THIS SECTION; LESS

(2) THE AMOUNT COMMITTED BY THE FOUNDATION ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY UNDER GENERAL ALLOTTED PURCHASES OF EASEMENTS AS PROVIDED IN § 2-508(B)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE IN BOTH OFFER CYCLES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH EASEMENT PURCHASES ARE MADE.