

17. The Commission is hereby specifically authorized and empowered, in addition to the general powers herein conferred, (a) to apply for, receive and expend without limit as to amount and under such regulations and conditions as it may deem advisable or as may be prescribed by the United States of America or other governing authority, any monies, loaned, granted or otherwise made available by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works of the United States, created by the National Industrial Recovery Act, the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, a body corporate of the District of Columbia, or by any other corporation or agency of the United States of America for the purpose of making plans for, acquiring by purchase or otherwise, constructing and operating public works as herein mentioned; (b) to make plans for, to acquire by purchase or otherwise, construct, operate, lease, mortgage and sell under such conditions as it may prescribe, public works as herein mentioned; (c) to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of any property so constructed or acquired, and any security acquired in connection therewith, or to lease, mortgage or otherwise encumber such property with or without the privilege of purchase; (d) to provide for the repayment of any monies so received by the execution of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness secured by any public work or other property owned by it, and the revenue anticipated therefrom, provided, however, that the Commission shall have no power to pledge the credit of the State of Maryland or of any political subdivision thereof or to impress upon any evidence of indebtedness issued by it the power to tax any of the citizens of the State of Maryland for the repayment thereof; (e) to authorize the formation of corporations under the general laws of the State of Maryland and to subscribe and pay for the stock of such corporations for the purpose of owning, leasing or operating or dealing with any of the public works herein mentioned; (f) to transfer, assign and pledge said stock and to grant, convey, lease, mortgage or assign to any such corporation any of the public works herein mentioned; (g) to grant, convey, assign, sell, lease, mortgage, encumber or otherwise dispose of any of the public works herein mentioned to any person or body corporate, public or private; (h) to charge, collect, receive and expend rentals, fees and other sums of money for the use and enjoyment of any of the public works herein mentioned or any part thereof, and for the preparation of plans and other preliminary work in connection therewith, and to execute any and all contracts, agreements and other documents in connection therewith.