

or designated in said advertisements; and on the opening of such sealed proposals, as many of said bonds or Certificates of Indebtedness as have been so bid for shall be awarded by the Board of Public Works, to the highest responsible bidder or bidders therefor for cash, if the prices bid are adequate, in the judgment of the Board of Public Works, and when two or more bidders have made the same bid, and such bid is the highest and the Certificates so bid for by the highest responsible bidder are in excess of the whole amount of the Certificates offered for sale, such bonds or Certificates of Indebtedness shall be awarded to such responsible bidders bidding the same price in a ratable proportion; or if any insufficient price be bid for them, they may be subsequently disposed of under the direction of the Board of Public Works, at a private sale upon the best terms they can obtain for the same; provided they shall not be sold at private sale for less than par and accrued interest.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be paid by the Treasurer of the State upon the warrant of the Comptroller out of the proceeds of the sale of said bonds or Certificates of Indebtedness, for the payment of the expense of engraving, printing and other outlays connected with the issue of the loan here authorized, and for the payment of the advertising directed by this Act, and all other incidental expenses, connected with the execution of its provisions in connection with said loan.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, (a) That the actual cash proceeds from the sale of Certificates of Indebtedness to be issued under this Act shall be paid to the Treasurer of the State upon the warrant of the Comptroller, and such proceeds shall be used exclusively to assist the counties, municipalities, any agencies thereof, or any special governmental agency which is charged with providing sanitary facilities within a county or municipality, in the construction of sewerage systems. Such construction projects must meet the specifications required by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, and must be within the provisions of Section 387B of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended from time to time.

(b) Any county, municipality, or any agency which is entitled to receive a State grant pursuant to the provisions of Section 387(A)2 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended from time to time, may petition the State Department of Health for a grant, within the following conditions and limitations:

1. That a preliminary application, in such form as the State Department of Health shall specify, must be received by the State Department of Health for each project no later than January 1 of each year, for projects to be financed during the fiscal year starting the following July 1.

2. That the final petition and such supporting documents as may be required by the State Department of Health are received by the State Department of Health no later than May 1 of each year for all projects to be financed in the fiscal year starting the following July 1.

3. That such Federal funds as are available for financing such construction projects shall be used to the maximum extent possible.