

the consideration of any specific application for loan funds from the State, the **[Commission]** *Department*, as in its discretion seems advisable in the public interest, may require the applicant hospital to modify or change its plan as a condition precedent to the approval of the proposed loan by the **[Commission]** *Department*. In performing this function, the **[Commission]** *Department* may call upon any State official or agency for information that may be helpful, and it may utilize the services of private agencies for additional research analysis or information.

(c) Final authority for the granting of any State loan funds to any applicant hospital is vested in the Board of Public Works. If an applicant, or any hospital, is rejected by the Board of Public Works, neither the **[Commission]** *Department* nor the Board of Public Works shall receive or consider another application for loan funds from that hospital or applicant until after a period of six (6) months from the time the prior application was disapproved.

(d) In considering applications for loan funds and prior to making recommendations upon any application for State funds under this subheading, the **[Commission]** *Department* shall consider, ascertain and determine that:

(1) The applicant is, in fact, a voluntary nonprofit hospital corporation, chartered as such in the State of Maryland.

(2) The said applicant or hospital has sufficient financial integrity and is in such financial condition that it can reasonably be expected to meet its obligations to the State in the repayment of the principal and interest on the said loan.

(3) There exists in the community in which the hospital is located an ability to support the hospital in the repayment of the said loan.

(4) There exists a need for the hospital facilities applied for in relation to the availability and planned hospitals in the State and in that particular area. **[In this respect, the Commission shall require in writing from the State Department of Health a statement of its judgment with respect to the need. Said judgment, however, shall not be binding upon the Commission but shall be considered in the ultimate determination of need.]**

(5) That the said hospital or applicant cannot reasonably obtain from other sources that portion of the cost of its proposed program of construction, expansion, relocation, replacement or modernization of its buildings, facilities and equipment which it seeks to finance through the use of State funds at comparable rates and comparable terms and conditions. In the application of this paragraph endowment funds and other loan funds shall not be considered as other sources for financial aid.

(6) That the hospital can secure the paramedical assistance its proposed program will require.

(7) That the hospital's managerial, administrative and medical staffs conform or will conform to acceptable standards of professional integrity and ability.

(8) That hospital facilities obtained and constructed under the provision of this subheading will meet State Department of Health