

(b) To adopt an official seal and alter the same at its pleasure;

(c) To adopt, promulgate, amend and repeal by-laws for the regulation of its affairs and the conduct of its business. Said by-laws shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State department which will embrace the areas of housing, community and industrial development, if said department is established in the State of Maryland as previously referred to.

(d) To maintain offices at such place or places as it may determine under this Act, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the State department which will embrace the areas of housing, community and industrial development, if said department is established in the State of Maryland as previously referred to.

(e) To acquire by grant, gift, purchase, or otherwise real, personal, or mixed property or any interest therein; and to own, manage, operate, hold, clear, improve, and rehabilitate, and to sell, assign, exchange, transfer, convey, lease, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of or encumber the same; take assignments of rentals and leases; and make and enter into all contracts, leases, agreements, and arrangements necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties.

(f) To acquire any real property, upon making a finding that it is necessary or convenient, for the execution or implementation of a residential development and, upon the approval of the local governing body and of the State Board of Public Works, exercise the power of eminent domain in the manner provided in Article 33A of the Code of Public General laws of Maryland and acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto.

(g) To provide advisory, consultative, training and educational services, technical assistance, and grant and loan funds ~~therefore~~ THEREFOR AND FOR ANY DEVELOPMENT COST to any municipality, COUNTY, local public agency or local development corporation in order to carry out the residential development purposes of this Act.

(h) To carry out continuing studies and analyses of housing and urban problems within the State. In carrying out these studies, the Authority shall report periodically to the Governor and to the General Assembly on the nature of existing housing and urban problems and submit such recommendations for legislative action as may appear desirable and necessary.

(i) To establish priorities of housing needs and designate areas of the State where assistance is most needed. In the development of priorities, highest ranking shall be given to those developments which will most aid those persons of low and moderate income who are to be, or have been, forced to relocate by reason of public developments, the construction of highways, or the action of a public agency.

(j) To make mortgage loans for any development, secured by a mortgage lien, including temporary loans or advances, to any municipality, local public agency or local development corporation and to undertake commitments therefor. Any such commitment, mortgage or bonds or notes secured thereby ~~may~~ SHALL contain such terms and conditions not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act as the Authority may deem necessary or desirable to secure repay-