

MENT OF FORESTS AND PARKS REGARDING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS OF SPECIAL MERIT IN OTHER MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

(f) Any subdivision may apply to the State Department of Forests and Parks for a grant from the total funds authorized by this Program provided that:

(1) Such Federal funds as are available for financing acquisition and development projects shall be used to the maximum extent possible.

(2) The State shall provide up to twenty-five per cent (25%) of the total project cost for each approved acquisition and development project. If Federal funds are not available, the State shall provide additional funds, but not more than fifty per cent (50%) of the total project cost.

~~(3) No development project shall be approved until sixty per cent (60%) of the funds allocated to the subdivisions have been obligated for acquisition. This provision shall not apply to Baltimore City.~~

(3) NO DEVELOPMENT PROJECT SHALL BE APPROVED FOR A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION UNTIL SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT (75%) OF THE FUNDS ALLOCATED TO THE COUNTY, INCLUDING ANY MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS THEREIN, HAVE BEEN OBLIGATED FOR ACQUISITION. THIS PROVISION SHALL NOT APPLY TO BALTIMORE CITY.

(4) Each project shall conform to a comprehensive plan and shall have the approval of official planning agencies having jurisdiction, including comprehensive planning agencies with area-wide jurisdiction.

(5) Each applicant shall certify the availability of the local fund share for any project submitted within 12 months of the date of submission.

(6) Each applicant shall certify that a local program is established to manage and administer an outdoor recreation or open space program.

(7) Each applicant shall certify that the cost of any proposed land acquisition project has been established by qualified appraisal, subject to verification and approval by the State Department of Forests and Parks.

(8) Land acquired or developed shall not, without the approval of the Director of the Department of Forests and Parks and the Director of the State Planning Department, be converted to any use other than public recreation use. The Director may approve such conversion only if the applicant replaces land of at least equivalent area and of equal recreation value.

(9) The rules and regulations of the State Department of Forests and Parks, have been complied with.

(g) A Committee, to be appointed by the Governor, shall prepare and adopt an apportionment formula relating to the percentage of the total funds ~~each political subdivision~~ EACH COUNTY, INCLUD-