

Baltimore City, and the State shall not be responsible for the costs involved with the development or maintenance of such parcel or parcels.

(2) Each year the Department of Forests and Parks, Department of Game and Inland Fish and Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs shall prepare a list of acquisition projects for the next fiscal year, and these projects shall be submitted to the General Assembly in a manner similar to other capital projects as provided in Article 15A of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

(c) The other one-half of the funds available under this Program shall be used exclusively to assist the subdivisions in the acquisition and development of land for recreation and open space areas.

(d) All acquisition and development projects funded under the Program must meet needs identified in the State Planning Department's "Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan," and in the Department of Forests and Parks "Master Plan for Outdoor Recreation, 1967-1976." Projects contained in the adopted master plan for recreation and parks for Baltimore City shall be embodied in the "Maryland Outdoor Recreation and Open Space Plan."

(e) The funds available under the program shall be utilized by the State and by the subdivisions only for acquisition of land. This provision shall not apply in Baltimore City and special exception may be made by the Department 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 percent (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 percent (50%) of the total project cost.

(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.