

(A) PROJECT REQUEST AND APPLICATION.—THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY SHALL SUBMIT EVERY PROJECT REQUEST FOR ACQUISITION OR DEVELOPMENT UNDER THIS PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR REPORT AND EVALUATION OF THE BENEFITS TO BE ACHIEVED BY THE GRANT. ANY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY APPLY BY SUBMITTING LOCAL PROJECT APPLICATIONS THROUGH ITS LOCAL GOVERNING BODY TO THE DEPARTMENT. THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW THE PROPOSED PROJECT AND SHALL REQUEST THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PLANNING TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON IT. IF THE DEPARTMENT APPROVES THE PROJECT AND IT FALLS WITHIN THE LIMITS IMPOSED BY THE FORMULA DEVELOPED BY THE APPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE FOR THE ALLOCATION OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATION, THE PROJECT WILL BE PRESENTED, ALONG WITH REVIEWS FROM APPROPRIATE AGENCIES TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR COMMITMENT OF FUNDS.

(B) SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL PROGRAM FOR ALLOCATION PURPOSES.—BEGINNING ON DECEMBER 1, 1973, AND ON THE FIRST OF DECEMBER THEREAFTER, THE PARTICIPATING LOCAL GOVERNING BODY SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PLANNING. UPON REVIEW, THE ANNUAL PROGRAM SHALL BECOME THE BASIS FOR TOTAL ALLOCATIONS TO EACH OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODIES WITHIN THE LIMITS IMPOSED BY THE FORMULA DEVELOPED FOR THE APPORTIONMENT OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR PROGRAM OPEN SPACE. ANY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION MAY SUBMIT AN ANNUAL PROGRAM THROUGH ITS LOCAL GOVERNING BODY. ANY PROGRAM MAY BE REVISED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY AND THE REVISED PROGRAM, AFTER THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PLANNING REVIEWS IT, SHALL BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE ORIGINAL PROGRAM.

(C) USE OF FUNDS FOR ACQUISITION PROJECTS.—EXCEPT IN BALTIMORE CITY, AT LEAST ONE-HALF OF A LOCAL GOVERNING BODY'S ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT SHALL BE USED FOR ACQUISITION PROJECTS. LOCAL MATCHING FUNDS ARE NOT REQUIRED FOR ACQUISITION PROJECTS. IF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY IS UNABLE TO OBTAIN FEDERAL FUNDS PURSUANT TO §5-906 OF THIS SUBTITLE, FOR AN APPROVED LOCAL ACQUISITION PROJECT, THE TOTAL COST OF THE PROJECT SHALL BE DEFRAYED OUT OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY'S ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT OF STATE FUNDS FOR OPEN SPACE. IN BALTIMORE CITY ANY PORTION OF THE ANNUAL APPORTIONMENT MAY BE USED EITHER FOR ACQUISITION OR DEVELOPMENT.

(D) USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS; EFFECT ON STATE'S SHARE.—IF FEDERAL FUNDS ARE PROVIDED ON ANY ACQUISITION PROJECT, THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE 100