

(i) Referral of plans and projects. Each local governmental subdivision within the Region shall submit to the Council for review any application to agencies of the state or Federal Government for loans or grants-in-aid for projects before such application is made. The Council's findings and determinations shall be forwarded to the local governmental subdivision responsible for such referral and to the appropriate state or federal agency. Whenever the Council has adopted a general development plan for the Region:

(1) no plan or change of plans having regional impact may be adopted by any unit of government within the Region until and unless the plan has been referred to the Council for its consideration, review and recommendations thereon;

(2) no road, park, public way, public building or any other development which is regional in nature or affects an area greater than a single unit of government, may be constructed or authorized in the Region, until and unless the proposed location and extent thereof has been referred to the Council for its consideration, review and recommendations.

(j) Budget and financing. Tri-County Council shall be entitled to receive state financial support to assist in carrying out its activities.

On or before August 1 of each year, the Council shall submit to the Department of State Planning its proposed work programs and operating budget for the following fiscal year, together with supporting schedules to show that such budget is financed as herein provided, for review and recommendations and then forward to Department of the Budget for consideration and, provision shall be made in the State Budget for such ensuing fiscal year for an appropriation to partially support the Council; provided, however, that the State of Maryland's contribution shall be subject to annual review by the General Assembly.

(k) Appropriations. The Council and its activities may be financed cooperatively by the State of Maryland and Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties and may avail itself of additional funds from any other public or private source.

The County Commissioners of Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties are authorized and directed respectively to appropriate annually the following sums for the use of the Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland: Calvert County, seven thousand dollars (\$7,000.00); Charles County, nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00); St. Mary's County, nine thousand dollars (\$9,000.00). The sums so appropriated shall be used for the purpose of fostering cooperative planning and development in the Tri-County region.