

funds secured pursuant to the provisions of this Act unless satisfactory assurances are made to the Board of Public Works that the work described in the individual items in this Act can be completed with the funds specified for each such item respectively.

(8) Where federal funds may be available to help accomplish any specific appropriation under this Act, the using department or agency shall formally advise the Board of Public Works that efforts have been made through proper administrative procedures to obtain such federal funds, and the reason, if any, why the federal funds were not obtained. Federal funds, if they are allocated, shall be used to defray the cost of the approved project, not expand its scope, except in the case of land acquisition projects of the Department of Natural Resources, for State parks and recreation areas. These latter projects may be expanded in scope beyond that proposed in the specific appropriation in this Act, if the addition of federal funds makes this possible; but no project may be expanded beyond the total park acreage or area indicated on the master plan for State parks and recreation areas adopted by the Department of Natural Resources.

(9) Any project listed in Section 1(3) of this Act which has not been contracted for within two years from the effective date of this Act shall be deemed to have been abandoned. To the extent that the loan authorized by this Act has been issued within the two-year period, the amount specified herein for any such abandoned project shall be transferred to the Annuity Bond Fund and shall be applied to the debt service requirements of the State. To the extent the loan authorized herein has not been issued within the two-year period, the total bonds authorized by this Act, but not yet issued, shall be reduced by the amount specified herein for any such abandoned project.

(10) Except as otherwise indicated herein, moneys derived from the sale of bonds authorized by this Act shall be used only for capital improvements and for no other purpose. In determining whether an expenditure represents a capital improvement, the Board of Public Works shall be guided by the principle that a capital improvement is an improvement, the useful life of which shall be at least equal to the life of the bonds by which it is financed.

(11) For any project listed in Section 1(3) of this Act for which preliminary planning funds are appropriated and for which the program required by Section 10(b) of Article 88C of the Annotated Code (1969 Replacement Volume and 1978 Supplement) has not been prepared, the appropriate State agency shall submit a program to the Department of State Planning for approval before the planning funds may be expended. For any project listed in Section 1(3) of this Act for which funds for construction are appropriated and for which the preliminary plans and outline specifications required by Section 10 of Article 15A of the Annotated Code