

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That section(s) of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed, amended, or enacted to read as follows:

Article 41 - Governor - Executive and Administrative Departments

441C.

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION, THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

(2) "POLITICAL SUBDIVISION" MEANS ANY COUNTY OR THE CITY OF BALITMORE.

(3) "PROJECT" MEANS AN ACCESS ROAD, A UTILITY LINE OR BOTH AN ACCESS ROAD AND UTILITY LINE THAT ARE LOCATED WITHIN A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION AND THAT LEAD-TO DIRECTLY SERVE AN INDUSTRIAL SITE.

(4) "PROJECT COSTS" MAY INCLUDE THE COST OF PLANNING AND ENGINEERING, ENGINEERING SERVICES, DESIGN SERVICES, OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, AND THE ACTUAL COST OF CONSTRUCTING, RECONSTRUCTING, OR IMPROVING A PROJECT.

(5) (I) "UTILITY LAW LINE" MEANS ANY LINE, PIPE, CONDUIT, WIRE, CABLE OR ANY OTHER MEANS OF PROVIDING FOR DRAINAGE, SEWAGE, GAS, WATER, LIGHT, ELECTRIC POWER, OR FOR PROVIDING FOR ANY OTHER FORM OF ENERGY, SIGNAL OR SERVICE.

(II) "UTILITY LINE" INCLUDES ANY SANITARY OR STORM SEWER, DRAINAGE, GAS OR WATER MAIN, AND ANY ELECTRIC POWER OR TELEPHONE LINE.

(B) SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY APPLY FOR AND THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPEMENT MAY APPROVE A LOAN~~7--A GRANT~~~~7--OR--BOTH~~ TO FINANCE ANY PORTION OF THE PROJECT COSTS OF AN ACCESS ROAD, A UTILITY LINE, OR BOTH.

(C) (1) TO APPLY FOR ASSISTANCE, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT.

(2) IN THE MANNER AND DETAIL REQUIRED BY THE SECRETARY OF ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, THE APPLICATION SHALL:

(I) EXPLAIN THE NEED FOR THE PROJECT FOR WHICH ASSISTANCE IS REQUESTED; AND

(II) STATE THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF ASSISTANCE REQUESTED FOR THE PROJECT.