(A) (1) A GUARANTEE OF A LONG-TERM LOAN MADE BY THE FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TO A QUALIFIED APPLICANT; AND

(2) AN INTEREST SUBSIDY.

(B) IN PROVIDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, THE AUTHORITY SHALL RECOGNIZE THE NEED TO SERVE APPLICANTS FROM ALL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE STATE.

13-233.2.

(A) THE AUTHORITY MAY UTILIZE THE SPECIAL FUND TO GUARANTEE UP TO ~~90~~ 80 PERCENT OF THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST OF A LONG-TERM LOAN MADE BY A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION TO AN APPLICANT ONLY IF:

(1) THE APPLICANT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF § 13-231 AND HAS NOT VIOLATED ANY PROVISIONS OF § 13-233.4 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) THE LOAN AMOUNT IS NOT LESS THAN $5,000 AND NOT MORE THAN $500,000;

(3) THE LOAN IS TO BE USED BY THE APPLICANT FOR WORKING CAPITAL OR THE ACQUISITION OF MACHINERY OR EQUIPMENT;

(4) THE LOAN SHALL MATURE IN NOT LESS THAN 1 YEAR AND NOT MORE THAN 10 YEARS FROM THE DATE OF CLOSING OF THE LOAN; AND

(5) THE RATE OF INTEREST ON THE LOAN IS NO GREATER THAN THE RATE OF INTEREST DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY TO BE THE MONTHLY WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF THE PRIME LENDING RATE, PLUS 1 PERCENT, PREVAILING FROM TIME TO TIME IN THE CITY OF BALTIMORE ON UNSECURED COMMERCIAL LOANS.

(B) A GUARANTEE SHALL CONTAIN SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS THE AUTHORITY MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE.

(C) (1) THE AUTHORITY MAY NOT APPROVE A GUARANTEE PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION UNLESS THE AUTHORITY CONSIDERS THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE LOAN SOUGHT TO BE GUARANTEED TO BE SUBSTANTIAL.

(2) TO DETERMINE THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF A PROJECT, THE AUTHORITY MAY CONSIDER:

(I) THE AMOUNT OF THE GUARANTEE OBLIGATION;

(II) THE TERMS OF THE LOAN TO BE GUARANTEED;