

revenues of the facility, if the facility ~~is implemented~~ becomes operational.

(ii) State loans extended under this Act shall be:

1. For a term not greater than the useful life of the facility or part of the facility being financed; and

2. Subject to the same rate of interest as the bonds from which proceeds are used to provide the loan.

(c) A federal grant which may be available for the purposes of this Act shall be applied first to the cost of acquisition, design, construction, equipping, or improvement of a facility. The percentage of State financial assistance under this Act shall be applied against the eligible costs remaining after the federal grant is applied.

(d) All recipients of State financial assistance under this Act shall comply with all federal or State laws, regulations, orders, or permit conditions pertaining to air or water quality or waste management. In addition, all facilities ~~of a municipality~~ receiving financial assistance under this Act shall be included in the county solid waste plan required under ~~Section 9-501~~ Subtitle 5 of Title 9 of the Health - Environmental Article of the Code, as amended.

(e) The Maryland Environmental Service, in consultation with the Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene and State Planning, shall annually prepare and submit to the Board of Public Works a statement of priority projects for the ensuing calendar year. High funding priorities shall be for facilities serving statewide or regional needs or which are subject to corrective orders issued by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. An award of financial assistance under this Act for any one facility may not exceed 25 percent of the aggregate principal amount of the general obligation bonds authorized to be issued under this loan.

(f) The cost of a facility eligible for a grant or loan shall include the cost of feasibility studies, plans and specifications, equipment and machinery, rehabilitation, construction, land, easements, and rights of way. In addition, one year's debt service reserve fund requirement for any bonds issued by the Maryland Environmental Service may be considered an eligible cost. Staff or operating costs, other than for start-up, shall not be considered eligible costs.

(6) There is hereby levied and imposed an annual State tax on all assessable property in the State in rate and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds as and when due and until paid in full, such principal to be discharged within fifteen years of the date of issue of the bonds.