

- (ii) Maximization of federal funding opportunities;
- (iii) Consideration of the special needs of developmentally disabled children, including needed services, supports, and appropriate provider training;
- (iv) Promotion of the use of school buildings and local public transportation resources for after-school opportunity programs;
- (v) Where applicable, use of the local child care resource and referral centers of the Maryland Child Care Resource Network for technical assistance purposes;
- (vi) Promotion of continued expansion of high quality after-school opportunity programs in the State; and
- (vii) Consideration of implementing the full range of options for improving the delivery of after-school opportunity programs, including the potential expansion of the purchase of care voucher system.

(d) (1) Each fiscal year, in consultation with the Advisory Board and subject to the availability of money in the Fund, the Executive Committee shall issue a request for proposals under the State procurement law soliciting bids for a grant from the Fund.

(2) Subject to subsection (b)(2) of this section, the Executive Committee may award a grant from the Fund to an applicant only after consultation with the Advisory Board and upon a favorable vote of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee.

(3) In any fiscal year, the total grants awarded to applicants operating within a particular county or Baltimore City may not exceed 15% of the total grants awarded in that fiscal year.

(4) The Executive Committee must identify and ensure that a responsible organization will administer any grant awarded from the Fund.

(e) In selecting an organization to administer a grant from the Fund, the Executive Committee shall select the responsive and responsible bidder whose application best incorporates features that will have a positive measurable impact on one or more of the conditions of well-being for Maryland children and youth identified by the Maryland Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families.

(f) The Executive Committee may award a planning grant from the Fund to assist an organization in a county to prepare an application for a grant for the next fiscal year.

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Subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Executive Committee shall report by December 31 of each year to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Program, including an evaluation of the effectiveness of the after-school opportunity programs funded by grants under the Program.