

2. That the final petition and such supporting documents as may be required by the State Department of Health are received by the State Department of Health no later than May 1 of each year, for all projects to be financed in the fiscal year starting the following July 1.

3. Except as provided below, a State grant offer shall be made only for a project or part of a project on which a Federal grant offer is made, and the State grant offer AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1984 shall be in an amount --{up-to-one-half-of-the eligible-cost-remaining-after-the-maximum-Federal-grant-has-been applied}--THAT--WHEN-COMBINED-WITH-THE-MAXIMUM-FEDERAL-GRANT--THE COMBINED-GRANTS--SHALL--NOT--EXCEED--87--1/2--PERCENT--OF up to [one-half] 72.22 PERCENT of the eligible cost remaining after the maximum Federal grant has been applied OR UP TO 32.5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS. When the maximum Federal grant offer covers more than 75- 55 percent of the total project cost for an innovative or alternative project as defined by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, the State grant offer shall be three-fourths UP TO 85 PERCENT of the remaining amount or 12-1/2-percent--whichever-is-least UP TO 21.25 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS. In the case of a project to be operated by a State owned institution or facility, the State grant offer may equal the total cost of the project.

4. The Board of Public Works is authorized, in its discretion and upon recommendation of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to approve a State grant not to exceed 87-1/2 percent of the eligible cost of a project or part of a project, if the Board finds (a) that the immediate initiation or continuation of such project is critical to the public health or water quality standards of the State, and (b) that a timely and sufficient Federal grant is not available for such project.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 5(b) of Chapter 699 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1967, as amended by Chapter 55 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1973, and by Chapter 262 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1975, and by Chapter 658 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1980, be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

Chapter 699 of the Acts of 1967

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(b) Any county, municipality, or any agency which is entitled to receive a State grant pursuant to the provisions of Section 387B(a)2 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland as amended from time to time, may petition the State Department of Health for a grant, within the following conditions and limitations: