

TO PROVIDE FOR OR ASSUME THE PAYMENT, WHEN DUE, OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON ALL THE BONDS MATURING IN EACH SUCH FISCAL YEAR AND, IF THE PROCEEDS FROM THE TAXES SO LEVIED IN ANY SUCH FISCAL YEAR PROVE INADEQUATE FOR SUCH PAYMENT, ADDITIONAL TAXES SHALL BE LEVIED IN THE SUCCEEDING FISCAL YEAR TO MAKE UP ANY SUCH DEFICIENCY. THE COUNTY MAY APPLY TO THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON ANY BONDS ANY FUNDS RECEIVED IN REPAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF OR INTEREST ON A LOAN MADE FROM THE FUND OR ANY FUNDS RECEIVED BY IT FROM THE STATE OF MARYLAND, THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ANY AGENCY OR INSTRUMENTALITY OF EITHER, OR FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE, IF SUCH FUNDS ARE GRANTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE COUNTY IN ACCOMPLISHING THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, AND, TO THE EXTENT OF ANY SUCH FUNDS RECEIVED OR RECEIVABLE IN ANY FISCAL YEAR, TAXES THAT MIGHT OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED TO BE LEVIED UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE REDUCED OR NEED NOT BE LEVIED.

(9) THE BONDS, THEIR TRANSFER, THE INTEREST PAYABLE THEREON, AND ANY INCOME DERIVED THEREFROM IN THE HANDS OF THE OWNERS THEREOF FROM TIME TO TIME (INCLUDING ANY PROFIT MADE IN THE SALE THEREOF), SHALL BE AND ARE HEREBY DECLARED TO BE AT ALL TIMES EXEMPT FROM STATE, COUNTY, MUNICIPAL OR OTHER TAXATION OF EVERY KIND AND NATURE WHATSOEVER WITHIN THE STATE OF MARYLAND.

(E) (1) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE LOW INTEREST LOANS TO VOLUNTEER FIRE, AMBULANCE, AND RESCUE COMPANIES DEPARTMENTS THAT ARE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING OF THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY FIRE BOARD OR THE ST. MARY'S COUNTY AMBULANCE AND RESCUE ASSOCIATION FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

(I) TO FINANCE THE PURCHASE OF MAJOR FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT; AND

(II) TO FINANCE LAND ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

(F) (1) THE FUND SHALL BE CHARGED WITH ALL EXPENSES OF ADMINISTERING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE FUND MAY NOT BE USED FOR OPERATIONAL EXPENSES OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE, AMBULANCE, AND RESCUE COMPANIES DEPARTMENTS.

(G) (1) A VOLUNTEER FIRE, AMBULANCE, OR RESCUE COMPANY DEPARTMENT SHALL APPLY FOR LOANS UNDER THIS SECTION ON FORMS AS PRESCRIBED BY THE COUNTY--BUDGET--DIRECTOR BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

(2) THE APPLICATION SHALL CONTAIN INFORMATION NECESSARY TO EVALUATE THE REQUESTED LOAN FOR NEED, FINANCIAL ABILITY OF BORROWER, SOURCES OF REPAYMENT, PROPOSED COSTS AND EXPENDITURES, FAIR VALUE OF COMPLETE PROJECTS, NORMAL OR USEFUL LIFE OF EQUIPMENT, SECURITY FOR THE LOAN, AND OTHER INFORMATION AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE OR USEFUL IN EVALUATING THE LOAN APPLICATION.