

(c) "Solid wastes" has the meaning stated in Natural Resources Article, § 3-101(n) of the Code, as amended.

(5) The expenditure of funds under this Act is subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(a) Not more than \$500,000 may be used to provide State grants to assist in the conduct of engineering and financial analyses for, and in the preliminary design of facilities or systems.

(i) Eligible costs under this subsection (5)(a) include expenses incurred for financial, engineering, and legal analyses necessary or incidental to determining the practicality of a facility or system, and costs of plans, preliminary designs and specifications, surveys, investigations, demonstrations, and permit applications. Staff and operating costs shall not be considered eligible costs.

(ii) Except as provided in subsection (5)(a)(iii) below, a State grant under this subsection (5)(a) may not exceed 50% of the eligible costs of the work proposed in the grant application.

(iii) A State grant to the Maryland Environmental Service for a facility or system that will serve a State correctional, health, educational, or other institution or agency, that will serve regional needs, or that will incorporate a waste-to-energy component may cover 100% of the eligible costs of the work proposed.

(iv) Total grants under this subsection (5)(a) for a single facility or system may not exceed \$200,000, except that total grants for a facility or system that will serve regional needs or that will incorporate a waste-to-energy component may not exceed \$350,000.

(b) Not more than \$250,000 may be used to provide State grants or loans (or a combination thereof) to assist in the detailed design, construction, enlargement, rehabilitation, improvement, and equipping of facilities or systems.

(i) Eligible costs under this subsection (5)(b) include expenses incurred for the detailed design, construction, enlargement, improvement, rehabilitation, or equipping of a facility or system, costs of land, easements, rights-of-way, machinery, and equipment. Staff and operating costs shall not be considered eligible costs.

(ii) Except as provided in subsection (5)(b)(iii) below, a State grant or loan under this subsection (5)(b) may not exceed 50% of the eligible costs of the work proposed in the application for financial assistance.