

(C) FUNDS SHALL BE EXPENDED ONLY UPON PROJECTS THAT FURTHER AN INTEGRATED PLAN THAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AS PROVIDING PROTECTION AGAINST STORM AND FLOOD EVENTS.

(D) THE ELIGIBLE COSTS OF A PROJECT FOR STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE MAY INCLUDE THE COSTS OF REPORTS, PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES, EQUIPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR IMPROVEMENT. BOND PROCEEDS APPROPRIATED TO THE FUND MAY NOT BE USED FOR PROJECT ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS. COSTS FOR PERIODIC ADDITIONS OF SAND OR OTHER ELEMENTS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF A PROJECT SHALL BE ELIGIBLE FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

(E) THE STATE SHALL ASSUME 100 PERCENT OF THE COSTS OF ANY LAND ACQUISITION PROJECT. STATE ASSISTANCE FOR ANY OTHER TYPE OF AUTHORIZED PROJECT SHALL NOT EXCEED 50 -60- 50 PERCENT OF NONFEDERAL COSTS.

(F) ALL PROJECTS RECEIVING STATE ASSISTANCE UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE DESIGNED AND MANAGED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WHICH SHALL CONSULT WITH THE PROJECT SPONSORS.

(G) ANY ACCRETION TO EXISTING BEACHES RESULTING FROM ACTIVITIES ASSISTED BY THE FUND SHALL BE DEEMED NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE STATE, AND TITLE TO ANY ACCRETION IS VESTED IN THE DEPARTMENT. LAND CREATED BY ANY ACCRETION TO OR REPLENISHMENT OF ANY OCEAN BEACH IN MARYLAND IS NOT VACANT LAND WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE REAL PROPERTY ARTICLE, AND THE COMMISSIONER OF LAND PATENTS MAY NOT ISSUE ANY PATENT FOR LAND SO CREATED.

~~(H) GRANTS OR LOANS FOR A PROJECT SHALL NOT BE AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION UNLESS THE MUNICIPALITY AND COUNTY IN WHICH THE PROJECT IS LOCATED SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT:~~

(H) GRANTS OR LOANS FOR PROJECT CONSTRUCTION MAY NOT BE AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SECTION UNTIL THE DEPARTMENT AND THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS SUBMITTED BY THE MUNICIPALITY OR COUNTY, AS APPROPRIATE, IN WHICH THE PROJECT IS LOCATED:

(1) AN APPROVED DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT TOGETHER WITH A FINANCING PLAN;

(2) A GUARANTEE OF THE PORTION OF COSTS NOT PROVIDED BY STATE AND FEDERAL ASSISTANCE;

(3) AN AGREEMENT TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BEACH CLEANING, POLICING, AND LIFEGUARD SERVICES ON ANY RESTORED OR PROTECTED BEACH;

(4) AN AGREEMENT TO CONVEY AT NO COST TO THE STATE ANY LANDS OR EASEMENTS GRANTED TO THE COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY AND NECESSARY FOR BEACH REPLENISHMENT OR DUNE RESTORATION OR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES; AND