

transportation needs of the municipalities within their jurisdictions. Nothing in this section shall preclude a municipality from requesting the county to apply for part or all of the county's allocation of funds available under this section on behalf of the municipality.

(2) In the event a municipality believes it is not afforded a reasonable share of the funds available to the county under this section, the municipality may appeal the county's allocation decision directly to the Secretary.

(e) (1) If any of the allocated funds described in subsection (c) of this section are not applied for by the counties within 6 months after the beginning of the fiscal year, the Secretary shall make those funds available to counties pursuant to application procedures and criteria developed by the Secretary, in consultation with the Maryland Office on Aging and the Governor's Office for Handicapped Individuals. The criteria shall provide that:

(i) Such funds may be made available to counties in which the Secretary determines that additional funds for transportation service to the elderly and handicapped are most needed; and

(ii) Local match requirements described in subsection (f) of this section shall apply to all disbursements.

(2) A written application submitted by a county under this subsection may not be accepted or considered by the Secretary unless the local area agency on aging certifies its approval of the project for the funding for which the application is made.

(f) (1) The Department shall provide capital assistance with funds described in this section only on the basis of a 95 percent State, 5 percent county matching fund obligation.

(2) The Department shall provide operating assistance with funds described in this section only:

(i) To fund operating deficits of the county's transportation service; and

(ii) On the basis of a 75 percent State, 25 percent county matching fund obligation.

(g) The Secretary, in consultation with the Maryland Office on Aging and the Governor's Office for Handicapped Individuals, shall develop procedures for the proper enforcement of this section. The procedures shall provide that: