

notwithstanding inconsistent provisions of this [subheading] SUBTITLE relating to bonds or notes issued by the Administration. Except as so determined, the provisions of this [subheading] SUBTITLE relating to bonds or notes issued by the Administration apply to these securities.

[(16)] (15) (i) Administer a program of financial assistance for home improvement projects, energy conservation projects and solar energy projects. Financial assistance shall be provided with funds and other moneys made available to the Administration for such projects from sources including, but not limited to: payments of financial assistance made to the Administration pursuant to federal law, including without limitation Title V of the Energy Security Act (P.L. 96-294); bonds or notes issued by the Administration pursuant to this [subheading] SUBTITLE; or any bonds or notes issued by the State [of Maryland]. Any loan for a home improvement project having a principal balance in excess of \$5,000 shall be secured by a mortgage. Subject to the provisions of any contract with noteholders or bondholders, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY consent to the modification, with respect to rate of interest, time of payments of any installment of principal or interest, security, or any other term, of any loan, loan commitment, contract or agreement of any kind to which the Administration is a party. In connection with any property on which the Administration holds a loan, the Administration is authorized to foreclose on the property or commence any action to protect or enforce any right conferred upon it by any law, mortgage contract or other agreement, and to bid for and purchase the property at any foreclosure or at any other sale, or acquire and take possession of the property; and in either event the Administration may complete, administer, pay the principal of and interest on any obligations incurred in connection with the property, dispose of, and otherwise deal with the property, in a manner as may be necessary or desirable to protect the interests of the Administration. Any lien held by the Administration on property shall be a lien superior to all other liens on the property except liens for taxes owed to the State [of Maryland] or any subdivision thereof and earlier mortgage liens. The Administration may sell any mortgage or other obligation held by it, at public or private sale, with or without public bidding, including the sale of such obligations and commitments to the solar energy and energy conservation bank pursuant to Title V of the Energy Security Act, P.L. 96-294.

(ii) Coordinate the promotion of its programs of financial assistance for energy conservation projects with the energy conservation promotion programs of the Maryland Energy Office.

(iii) Coordinate its programs of financial assistance for energy conservation and solar energy projects with the activities of the Maryland Energy Office, public utilities,