

be eligible for the Maryland Register of Historic Properties. The funds may be expended by the [Maryland Historical] Trust for the following purposes:

(1) Purchase, or other acquisition or restoration, for resale, subject to appropriate covenants, of properties intended for preservation.

(2) Loans to nonprofit preservation foundations or organizations, political subdivisions, business entities and individuals for the purpose of acquiring or restoring properties worthy of perpetuation.

(b) Loans to individuals and business entities under this section will be considered only after the Trust has determined that private financing cannot be otherwise obtained. The loans to individuals and business entities shall bear interest at an annual rate equal to  $1/8$  of 1 percent plus the interest cost of the:

(1) Most recent sale of State general obligation bonds before the approval date of the loan for a loan made from sources other than State general obligation bond proceeds; or

(2) Sale of State general obligation bonds out of which the loan is made for a loan made from the proceeds of a State general obligation bond issue.

(c) Loans to nonprofit preservation foundations or organizations and political subdivisions may bear interest, if any, at a rate of not more than the annual rate provided in subsection (b) of this section.

(d) The Trust shall submit proposed loans bearing an interest rate lower than required under subsection (b) of this section and loans in excess of \$50,000 to the Board of Public Works for approval.

(e) The proceeds from the resale of any properties acquired and restored and funds received from the repayment of any loans made for that purpose shall be deposited in and returned to the Capital Revolving Account, to constitute a continuing revolving fund for the purposes listed above. The Capital Revolving Fund for Historic Preservation is a special fund within the meaning of § 10-306 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(f) The Trust shall include in its annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly the financial status of the Fund for the preceding twelve month period.

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