

with the approval of the Board of Public Works, and subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The project must be included in the county water and sewer plan approved by the county governing body and the Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT pursuant to [Section 387C of Article 43] § 9-502 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended from time to time.

(2) The total amount of the State loan(s) for any project may not exceed the eligible cost of the project less the total of federal and State grants and any federal loan for the project, nor may it exceed five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000).

(3) The eligible cost of a project for which a loan is made under this subsection includes the cost of reports, plans, specifications, legal and administrative services, equipment, construction, land, and easements and rights-of-way.

(4) The sewer facility must meet all requirements of State law and regulations and must have the final approval of the Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT pursuant to [Section 394 of Article 43] § 9-204 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended from time to time. No loan may be made for a project that is not connected directly or indirectly, through a sewer system of adequate capacity, to a sewage treatment plant capable of maintaining the water quality standards of the State. No loan may be made for a project which is likely to cause untreated sewage to spill from an existing sewer or to cause untreated or inadequately treated sewage to bypass a sewage treatment plant.

(5) The loan shall bear the same rate of interest as the bonds from which proceeds are used to provide the loan.

(6) The loan shall be repaid within 30 years, and the first payment shall be made at a time stipulated by the Board of Public Works.

(7) Before any loan is made, the petitioner shall execute an agreement specifying the purpose, amount, and manner of repayment of the loan and such other terms and conditions as may be required by regulations of the Board of Public Works. The agreement shall be signed on behalf of the State by the Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT and shall be approved by the Board of Public Works.

(8) Except in extraordinary circumstances, determined by the Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] THE ENVIRONMENT and the Board of Public Works, a petitioner may receive no more