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- (4) A DESCRIPTION OF THE SPONSOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO A PROPOSED PROJECT AS REQUIRED BY § 4-706(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.
- (A) LOANS MAY BE USED FOR THE COSTS OF IMPLEMENTING AN ENERGY CONSERVATION PROJECT, INCLUDING COSTS OF ALL NECESSARY TECHNICAL ASSESSMENTS, STUDIES, SURVEYS, PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS, START-UP, ARCHITECTURAL, ENGINEERING, OR OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES, AS WELL AS COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION, REHABILITATION, OR MODIFICATION, INCLUDING THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF ANY NECESSARY MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, OR FURNISHINGS
- (B) EACH SPONSOR MUST MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO A PROJECT THAT IS OF A TYPE AND AMOUNT ACCEPTABLE TO THE DEPARTMENT.
- (C) THE SPONSOR MUST DOCUMENT THAT THE ANTICIPATED ENERGY COST SAVINGS OVER A DEFINED PERIOD FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE PROJECT ARE GREATER THAN THE COST OF THE PROJECT.
  - (D) LOANS MADE UNDER THE PROGRAM SHALL:
- (1) BE REPAYABLE BY THE SPONSOR FROM SPECIFIED REVENUES WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE ENERGY COST SAVINGS GENERATED BY A PROJECT;
- (2) BEAR INTEREST AT A RATE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO BE NECESSARY AND REASONABLE FOR THE PROJECT; AND
- (3) BE REPAYABLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH A SCHEDULE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT WHICH MAY BE ON A DEFERRED PAYMENT BASIS.
- (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REQUIRE A SPONSOR TO PROVIDE ASSURANCES FOR THE REPAYMENT OF A LOAN. SUCH ASSURANCES SHALL INCLUDE A PROMISSORY NOTE AND MAY ALSO INCLUDE SUPERIOR OR SUBORDINATE MORTGAGE LIENS, GUARANTEES OF REPAYMENT, OR OTHER FORMS OF COLLATERAL.
- (F) LOANS MAY BE MADE IN CONJUNCTION WITH, OR IN ADDITION TO, FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED THROUGH OTHER DEPARTMENTAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL PROGRAMS.

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(A) THE FUND SHALL OPERATE AS A CONTINUING, NONLAPSING, SPECIAL FUND, THAT CONSISTS OF MONEYS APPROPRIATED BY THE STATE TO THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING THE ENERGY OVERCHARGE RESTITUTION TRUST FUND, MONEYS RECEIVED FROM OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SOURCES, INCLUDING - THE - ENERGY - OVERCHARGE - RESTITUTION TRUST FUND, THE ENERGY - OVERCHARGE - RESTITUTION - TRUST FUND, INTEREST EARNINGS ON THE FUND, AND REPAYMENTS AND PREPAYMENTS OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON LOANS MADE FROM THE FUND.