

(b) The Department shall make the loan or grant from the Fund or from other sources of money authorized by law.

(c) (1) A loan or grant may be for up to 90 percent of the nonfederal and nonprivate portion of the eligible project costs. However, a loan that, as to principal, is to be repaid in full may not exceed \$3,000,000. Any other loan or grant may not exceed \$2,000,000. The aggregate cumulative total of grants and outstanding principal balance of loans, made to or within any one county or Baltimore City, may not exceed 40 percent of the aggregate cumulative total of appropriations and payments to the Fund, except that the aggregate cumulative total of grants and outstanding principal balance of loans may exceed the 40 percent limitation by an additional sum not to exceed 25 percent of such amount, if the additional sum is restricted to loans made to a political subdivision exclusively for use within an area designated an enterprise zone pursuant to [§ 5-302] § 5-402 of this article. Not more than 50 percent of the cumulative total of appropriations and payments to the Fund may be made available as grants or loans to all of the designated enterprise zones in the State.

(2) As determined by the Secretary, the principal of a loan:

(i) May be repayable, in whole or in part, from specified revenues or on a contingency;

(ii) May be noninterest bearing or bear interest at a rate of not more than 1/8 of 1 percent plus the interest cost of the:

1. Most recent State general obligation bond issue preceding approval by the Secretary of the application for the loan for a loan made from sources other than State general obligation bond proceeds; or

2. State general obligation bond issue out of which the loan is made for a loan made from the proceeds of a State general obligation bond issue;

(iii) To the extent that it is to be repaid, may be repayable in accordance with any schedule, with maturity of up to 25 years; and

(iv) To the extent that it is to be repaid, is a general obligation secured by the assets and revenues of the political subdivisions that will assure repayment. However, notwithstanding any other provision of law, a loan to Baltimore City, Baltimore County, or Prince George's County, under this subtitle may be undertaken or entered into by the counties or Baltimore City pursuant to and within the limitations of this subtitle without regard to any limitations set forth in its charter or other applicable public local or public general law that would otherwise apply, and without complying with any procedures set forth in its charter or other applicable public local or public general law that would otherwise be required.

(d) The Secretary may adopt regulations governing all aspects of the program, and may in his discretion facilitate the process of application by preparation of guidelines or formats in nonregulatory form.

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