

presentation of the matching fund shall continue until the first to occur of the disbursement of the total amount of the grant or June 1, [1997] 1998.

(g) The grantee has until June 1, [1997] 1998, to present the final evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that the total matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact, the amount of the final installment of the matching fund, and the amount of the total matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the final proceeds of the loan equal to the final installment of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. After June 1, [1997] 1998, any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

(6) (a) Prior to the issuance of the bonds, the grantee shall petition the [United States] Secretary of the UNITED STATES Navy to grant and convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation [easement] COVENANT to the extent of [its] THE interest OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY on the historic vessel.

(b) The [easement] COVENANT must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust and the extent of the interest to be encumbered must be acceptable to the Trust.

Chapter 144 of the Acts of 1996

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Baltimore City - U.S.S. Constellation Loan of 1996 in a total principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$500,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8-117 through 8-124 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and Article 31, § 22 of the Code.

(2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as a single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under § 8-122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

(3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works, for the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees: as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Constellation Foundation, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee") for the design, repair, restoration, improvement, and preservation of the U.S.S. Constellation.