

crops and preservation of agricultural land.

Special Fund Appropriation, provided that \$2,400,000 of this appropriation, made for the purpose of assisting farmers in the transition of tobacco farms to non-tobacco crops and preservation of agricultural land, shall be subject to the following restrictions:

- (1) No part of these funds may be used to promote the sale of tobacco;
- (2) No funds may be expended until:
 - (a) A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is executed between the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) and the Tri-County Council of Southern Maryland (Council) to outline the oversight responsibilities of the MDA to ensure accountability for the expenditure of any monies granted to the Council. This MOU should clearly outline the performance objectives and categories of spending proposed by the Council, consistent with the Managing for Results initiative as required by Chapters 172 and 173, Acts of 1999. With respect to the allocation of funds, the MOU should outline how grants to the Council will be administered by the MDA for the specified programs and purposes enumerated in the spending plan to ensure that funds are not granted before being ready for funding;
 - (b) A report has been submitted to the budget committees which addresses:
 - (i) Need for an itemized spending plan for specific purposes, that matches the funds in the fiscal 2000 deficiency and the fiscal