

(5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property or in kind contributions. The fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2003, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. 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 grant and convey to the Maryland Historical Trust a perpetual preservation easement to the extent of its interest:

(i) On the land or such portion of the land acceptable to the Trust;
and

(ii) On the exterior and interior, where appropriate, of the historic structures.

(b) If the grantee or beneficiary of the grant holds a lease on the land and structures, the Trust may accept an easement on the leasehold interest.

(c) The easement must be in form and substance acceptable to the Trust and any liens or encumbrances against the land or the structures must be acceptable to the Trust.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2001.

Approved May 18, 2001.

CHAPTER 608

(Senate Bill 586)

AN ACT concerning

Smart Growth - Arts and Entertainment Districts

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Secretary of the Department of Business and Economic Development to designate one or more arts and entertainment districts within which certain tax benefits would apply; establishing an application process for a county or municipal corporation to apply to the