

(4) Expenditures from the Fund may only be made:

(i) pursuant to an appropriation approved by the General Assembly in the annual State budget; or

(ii) by the budget amendment procedure provided for in § 7-209 of this article, provided that:

1. the budget amendment and supporting information have been submitted to the budget committees for their review and comment; and

2. at least 45 days have elapsed from the time the budget amendment and supporting information were submitted to the budget committees.

[(d) The Board of Public Works shall designate the Department of Business and Economic Development as the agency to administer the grant funding under this section.]

[(e)] (D) The [Department of Business and Economic Development] COUNCIL shall award grants on the basis of the BINDING recommendations of the Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Board.

[(f)] (E) (1) There is a Maryland Agricultural Education and Rural Development Assistance Board.

(2) The Board shall consist of:

(i) the Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary's designee;

(ii) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development or the Secretary's designee;

(III) THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(IV) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

[(iii)] (V) the Secretary of Natural Resources or the Secretary's designee; and

[(iv)] (VI) the Chairman of the [Forvm for Rural Maryland] COUNCIL or the Chairman's designee.

(3) THE AGENCIES LISTED IN SUBSECTION (E)(2)(I) THROUGH (V) OF THIS SECTION MAY ASSIST THE COUNCIL WITH ADMINISTERING INDIVIDUAL GRANT AWARDS.

[(3)] (4) The Board shall:

(i) establish procedures for applications for grants;

(ii) review applications for grants; and