

(1) REVIEW LOCAL PROGRAMS AND APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING SUBMITTED BY SPONSORS FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE LOCAL PLANS UNDER § 5-9B-04(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) SUBMIT APPLICATIONS REVIEWED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR FUNDING, ALONG WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON THE APPLICATION; AND

(3) COORDINATE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WITH AVAILABLE REMAINING FUNDING.

(C) (1) APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING UNDER THIS SECTION IN A FISCAL YEAR SHALL BE RECEIVED AT A DATE DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND REVIEWED USING CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT UNDER § 5-9B-06(A)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(2) APPLICATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL BY THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE FORWARDED TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS WITH A FAVORABLE RECOMMENDATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CRITERIA.

~~(D) (1) THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL APPROVE STATE FUNDING FOR QUALIFIED APPLICATIONS IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE FUNDING SUPPLIED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, TO THE EXTENT THAT UNEXPENDED STATE MONEYS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THAT FISCAL YEAR FROM:~~

~~(i) 80% OF THE INTEREST EARNED IN THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR BY THE MARYLAND WATER QUALITY REVOLVING LOAN FUND UNDER § 9-1605 OF THE ENVIRONMENT ARTICLE; AND~~

~~(ii) UP TO 15% OF ANY AVAILABLE SURPLUS IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR.~~

~~(2) AN APPLICATION THAT IS REJECTED DUE TO UNAVAILABILITY OF STATE FUNDS IN A GIVEN FISCAL YEAR MAY BE RENEWED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT THE START OF THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR.~~

5-9B-06.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHALL:

(1) PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAMS, INCLUDING MAPPING, AND IDENTIFICATION OF SMALLER PARCELS THAT MAY BE AGGREGATED FOR PROTECTION UNDER LOCAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAMS;

(2) ADOPT CRITERIA FOR DISTRIBUTING AVAILABLE STATE FUNDING TO LOCAL LAND PRESERVATION PROGRAMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(3) ASSIST SPONSORS TO COORDINATE LAND PRESERVATION EFFORTS IN THEIR REGIONS UNDER LOCAL LAND PRESERVATION AND RECREATION PLANS WITH RELATED EFFORTS UNDER PROGRAM OPEN SPACE, THE RURAL LEGACY