SA25.09 Special Loan Programs – Capital Appropriation

Provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that a deficiency appropriation be made available to Baltimore City to supplement the State's lead abatement grant to the city should substantive changes be made to the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (LHRGP), which would allow Baltimore City to fully expend the fiscal 2003 grant funds as well as all available prior year LHRGP appropriations made to Baltimore City.

Further provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that should a fiscal 2003 deficiency appropriation not be made available, the Governor shall increase the funding for Baltimore City's lead abatement program by \$1,000,000 in fiscal 2004.

General Fund Appropriation, provided that \$500,000 of this appropriation shall be withheld until the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) and the City of Baltimore have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which sets forth that State appropriations made for the purpose of funding lead abatement grants and loans in Baltimore City under the Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program (LHRGP) shall be disbursed as a single block grant to either the Baltimore City Health Department or a designated private entity.

Further provided that the designated grant recipient, as provided for under the MOU, shall submit quarterly reports to DHCD that include statistical data on the use of the grant proceeds. The statistical data shall include the name of each lead abatement grant or loan provided, and the property address for which lead abatement grant and loan funds have been made available. The statistical data shall