

A. THE COSTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO UPGRADING AN ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM TO THE BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE REMOVAL OF NITROGEN; OR

B. THE COST DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A CONVENTIONAL ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM AND A SYSTEM THAT UTILIZES THE BEST AVAILABLE TECHNOLOGY FOR THE REMOVAL OF NITROGEN; AND

2. THE REASONABLE COSTS OF THE DEPARTMENT, NOT TO EXCEED 8% OF THE FUNDS DEPOSITED INTO THE SEPARATE ACCOUNT, TO:

A. IMPLEMENT AN EDUCATION, OUTREACH, AND UPGRADE PROGRAM TO ADVISE OWNERS OF ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS AND HOLDING TANKS ON THE PROPER MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEMS AND TANKS AND THE AVAILABILITY OF GRANTS AND LOANS UNDER ITEM 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH;

B. REVIEW AND APPROVE THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEM OR HOLDING TANK UPGRADES;

C. ISSUE GRANTS OR LOANS AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSUBPARAGRAPH 1 OF THIS SUBPARAGRAPH; AND

D. PROVIDE TECHNICAL SUPPORT FOR OWNERS OF UPGRADED ONSITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS OR HOLDING TANKS TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN THE UPGRADED SYSTEMS; AND

2. (1) TRANSFER 30% 40% OF THE FUNDS TO THE MARYLAND AGRICULTURE WATER QUALITY COST SHARE PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN ORDER TO FUND COVER CROP ACTIVITIES.

(2) (3) THE ADMINISTRATION COMPROLLER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE ADMINISTRATION, MAY ESTABLISH ANY OTHER ACCOUNTS AND SUBACCOUNTS WITHIN THE WATERSHED BAY RESTORATION FUND AS NECESSARY TO:

(+) (I) EFFECTUATE THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) (II) COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ANY BOND RESOLUTION;

(3) (III) MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF ANY FEDERAL OR STATE LAW OR OF ANY GRANT OR AWARD TO THE WATERSHED BAY RESTORATION FUND; AND

(4) (IV) MEET ANY RULES OR PROGRAM DIRECTIVES ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY OR THE BOARD.

(E) (I) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "ELIGIBLE COSTS" MEANS THE ADDITIONAL COSTS THAT WOULD BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO UPGRADING A WASTEWATER FACILITY FROM BIOLOGICAL NUTRIENT REMOVAL TO ENHANCED NUTRIENT REMOVAL, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

(2) FUNDS IN THE WATERSHED BAY RESTORATION FUND MAY SHALL BE USED ONLY: