

purposes has not been made in this budget.

General Fund Appropriation 750,000

D05E01.05 Wetlands Administration

General Fund Appropriation 171,419

D05E01.10 Miscellaneous Grants to Private Non-Profit Groups

General Fund Appropriation, provided that \$250,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of providing a grant to the Maryland Zoo in Baltimore shall not be expended until the General Assembly has received a comprehensive report that provides an assessment of the Zoo's financial challenges and physical plant condition. Representatives from the Maryland Zoological Society, Inc. shall collaborate with State and local government officials from including but not limited to the Department of Budget and Management, the City of Baltimore, the Department of Business and Economic Development, and the Maryland State Department of Education in the preparation of the report. The report shall be submitted on or before September 1, 2007, and include recommendations for improving the Zoo's short and long-term financial stability and physical plant condition. At a minimum, the report shall provide recommendations on the following:

- (1) controlling expenditures and increasing revenues, including strategies for increasing private and philanthropic fund raising and financial contributions from non-State public sources;
- (2) improvements to the Zoo's attendance, including an assessment of the ticket pricing policy and tourism/marketing strategies; and