

(4) At the discretion of the Board of Public Works a grant for a project may exceed 50 percent of the cost of eligible work remaining unpaid after any federal grant has been applied, if:

(i) The project involves the conversion, acquisition, renovation, construction, or improvement of a building for use as a senior citizen activities center;

(ii) The value of real property and existing improvements made available by the local government equals or exceeds the amount of the State grant; and

(iii) The residual value of the real property and existing improvements made available by the local government is in excess of:

1. Any prior amounts used for matching funds under this Program;
2. Outstanding State debt relating to the property from any program other than this;
3. Any prior grant under this Program; and
4. Any other tangible State investment in the property.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Director of the Office on Aging and the Governor shall work cooperatively to ensure that the Governor's allowance for fiscal years 2000 and beyond include an appropriate level of funding so that the number of senior citizen activities centers projects funded each year is not affected as a result of increasing the maximum grant amount as authorized by this Act.

SECTION 2. 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1998.

Approved May 21, 1998.

CHAPTER 688

(House Bill 382)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland National Guard - Tuition Assistance

FOR the purpose of allowing tuition assistance for members of the Maryland National Guard to apply to certain fees; altering the limitations on the amount of tuition assistance a Guard member may receive; repealing a certain residency requirement under the tuition assistance program; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to tuition assistance for members of the Maryland National Guard.