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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 744 (Senators Kagan and King)
Budget and Taxation

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 - Montgomery County -
Water Park at Bohrer Park**

This emergency bill prohibits two grants for the Water Park at Bohrer Park project, specified in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011, from terminating before June 1, 2016, rather than December 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: Absent the bill, the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg may lose access to \$80,000 and \$125,000 in matching funds authorized for the Water Park at Bohrer Park in 2011.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 396 of 2011 (the fiscal 2012 capital budget) authorized two separate grants of up to \$80,000 and \$125,000 in matching funds to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg for the repair, reconstruction, renovation, and refurbishment of the Water Park at Bohrer Park, located in Gaithersburg. The grantee had until June 1, 2013, to present evidence that a matching fund for each grant would be provided. Matching funds could not consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of the Act. The proceeds of the loans had to be expended or encumbered by the Board of Public Works by December 1, 2014. If any funds authorized remained unexpended or unencumbered after December 1, 2014, the

amount of unexpended or unencumbered authorizations had to be cancelled. The bill's changes apply to both grants.

Background: Although funds authorized for the Water Park at Bohrer Park remained unexpended and unencumbered after December 1, 2014, the funds are being held administratively available, pending passage of this bill.

The City of Gaithersburg Water Park has served more than 1.6 million since its opening in 1990. Due to age and usage, the city advises that certain water park equipment and components are in need of repair. Such components include, but are not limited to, pool walls, drainage systems, gutters, and a water slide.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 925 (Delegate Barve, *et al.*) - Appropriations.

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