

SENATE BILL 491

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By: **Senators King, Feldman, Kagan, Lee, Madaleno, Manno, Montgomery, and Raskin**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Creation of a State Debt – Montgomery County – Cornerstone Montgomery and**
3 **Interfaith Works Project**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$350,000, the
5 proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Cornerstone
6 Montgomery, Inc. and the Board of Directors of the Interfaith Works, Inc. for certain
7 development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan
8 proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching
9 fund; prohibiting the use of the loan proceeds or matching fund for sectarian religious
10 purposes; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan
11 proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the
12 loan.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
14 That:

15 (1) The Board of Public Works may borrow money and incur indebtedness on
16 behalf of the State of Maryland through a State loan to be known as the Montgomery
17 County – Cornerstone Montgomery and Interfaith Works Project Loan of 2015 in a total
18 principal amount equal to the lesser of (i) \$350,000 or (ii) the amount of the matching fund
19 provided in accordance with Section 1(5) below. This loan shall be evidenced by the
20 issuance, sale, and delivery of State general obligation bonds authorized by a resolution of
21 the Board of Public Works and issued, sold, and delivered in accordance with §§ 8–117
22 through 8–124 and 8–131.2 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

23 (2) The bonds to evidence this loan or installments of this loan may be sold as a
24 single issue or may be consolidated and sold as part of a single issue of bonds under
25 § 8–122 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) The cash proceeds of the sale of the bonds shall be paid to the Treasurer and
2 first shall be applied to the payment of the expenses of issuing, selling, and delivering the
3 bonds, unless funds for this purpose are otherwise provided, and then shall be credited on
4 the books of the Comptroller and expended, on approval by the Board of Public Works, for
5 the following public purposes, including any applicable architects' and engineers' fees: as a
6 grant to the Board of Directors of the Cornerstone Montgomery, Inc. and the Board of
7 Directors of the Interfaith Works, Inc. (referred to hereafter in this Act as "the grantee")
8 for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and
9 capital equipping of the #2 Taft Court facility and for the relocation of Cornerstone
10 Montgomery and Interfaith Works facilities, located in Montgomery County.

11 (4) An annual State tax is imposed on all assessable property in the State in rate
12 and amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds, as and when due
13 and until paid in full. The principal shall be discharged within 15 years after the date of
14 issuance of the bonds.

15 (5) Prior to the payment of any funds under the provisions of this Act for the
16 purposes set forth in Section 1(3) above, the grantee shall provide and expend a matching
17 fund. No part of the grantee's matching fund may be provided, either directly or indirectly,
18 from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may
19 consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date
20 of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or
21 assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the
22 matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2017, to present
23 evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided.
24 If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the
25 matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of
26 the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of
27 the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works
28 shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

29 (6) No portion of the proceeds of the loan or any of the matching funds may be
30 used for the furtherance of sectarian religious instruction, or in connection with the
31 acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, relocation,
32 or capital equipping of any building used or to be used as a place of sectarian religious
33 worship or instruction, or in connection with any program or department of divinity for any
34 religious denomination. Upon the request of the Board of Public Works, the grantee shall
35 submit evidence satisfactory to the Board that none of the proceeds of the loan or any
36 matching funds have been or are being used for a purpose prohibited by this Act.

37 (7) The proceeds of the loan must be expended or encumbered by the Board of
38 Public Works for the purposes provided in this Act no later than June 1, 2022. If any funds
39 authorized by this Act remain unexpended or unencumbered after June 1, 2022, the
40 amount of the unencumbered or unexpended authorization shall be canceled and be of no
41 further effect. If bonds have been issued for the loan, the amount of unexpended or
42 unencumbered bond proceeds shall be disposed of as provided in § 8-129 of the State
43 Finance and Procurement Article.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
2 1, 2015.