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Miscellaneous Grant Programs

Forbush School (Baltimore County)

General Obligation Bonds **\$2,500,000** **Recommendation: Approve**

Bill Text: Provide a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Sheppard Pratt Health System for the acquisition, design, construction, renovation, and improvement to facilities on a former school site acquired for use by the Forbush School, subject to the requirement that the grantee provide an equal and matching fund for this purpose. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1(5) of this Act, the matching fund may consist of funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act.

Program Description: This project will assist the Sheppard Pratt Health System (Sheppard Pratt) to renovate portions of an existing school site in Glyndon, Maryland and construction of a gymnasium, greenhouse, and potentially a woodshop for use by the Forbush School. The Forbush School was previously located on the campus of the Greater Baltimore Medical Center (GBMC) but needed to relocate because GBMC has plans to build a medical office on the site of the school.

The Forbush School is operated by Sheppard Pratt. The Forbush School has been in operation for more than 40 years and is a nonpublic special education school where the students are referred as a result of serious emotional problems or autism. The school serves more than 300 students in its day and residential school programs in grades preK-12. The school provides small class sizes and support staff including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, vocational coaches, and teaching assistance. Approximately 160 children are served through the day program receiving assistance in this project.

Prior Authorization and Capital Improvement Program

Authorization Uses
(\$ in Millions)

<i>Fund Uses</i>	<i>Prior Authorization</i>	<i>2011 Allowance</i>	<i>2012 Estimate</i>	<i>2013 Estimate</i>	<i>2014 Estimate</i>	<i>2015 Estimate</i>
Acquisition	\$17.250	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
Planning	0.500	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Construction	2.000	2.500	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total	\$19.750	\$2.500	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000

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**Authorization Sources
(\$ in Millions)**

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GO Bond	\$2.500	\$2.500	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000
Nonbudgeted Funds	17.250	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total	\$19.750	\$2.500	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000	\$0.000

Program Analysis and Performance

This is the second and final year of the Forbush School project as planned in the 2009 and 2010 *Capital Improvement Program (CIP)*. The first year of funding for this project was provided in fiscal 2010. The total general obligation (GO) bond commitment of this project is \$5.0 million, with \$2.5 million provided in fiscal 2010 and the remaining \$2.5 million provided in fiscal 2011. The GO bond commitment in fiscal 2011 is consistent with the planned commitment in the 2009 CIP. The \$2.5 million available for fiscal 2010 are provided for construction of this project. This is slightly less than planned in the 2009 CIP due to the revised project cost estimate.

The 2009 CIP anticipated a total project cost of \$25.0 million with matching funds of \$20.0 million. However, in the 2010 CIP, the total cost of this project is estimated at \$22.25 million. The \$17.25 million difference between the GO bond commitment and total cost consists of nonbudgeted matching funds, 78% of the total project cost. The matching funds were expended prior to the inclusion of this project in the 2009 CIP for the acquisition of the property. Language in both the fiscal 2010 and 2011 capital budget bill allows funds expended prior to the effective date of the bill to be used for the matching funds. The matching funds included both fundraising and financing.

The property was acquired in calendar 2008 and was available for renovation beginning January 2009. The existing school facility was renovated to provide smaller classrooms, additional office space, and conference rooms to accommodate the needs of the Forbush School. The renovated school was occupied beginning in August 2009 by the Forbush School. In addition, the greenhouse has been constructed.

A portion of this project is ongoing including the planning and construction for the new gymnasium. Sheppard Pratt advises that the price estimates for the gymnasium have been completed. The decision to build a woodshop has not been finalized.

Recommended Actions

Approve.