

Relevant Law

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Local Development Council

§9-1A-31. IN EFFECT

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, the local impact grants provided under § 9-1A-27 of this subtitle shall be distributed in the following manner:

(i) 82% to the local jurisdictions with video lottery facilities, based on each jurisdiction's percentage of overall gross revenues from video lottery terminals; and...

(b) (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, local impact grants provided under subsection (a)(1)(i) of this section shall be used for improvements primarily in the communities in immediate proximity to the video lottery facilities and may be used for the following purposes:

- (i) infrastructure improvements;
- (ii) facilities;
- (iii) public safety;
- (iv) sanitation;
- (v) economic and community development, including housing;

and

- (vi) other public services and improvements...

(c) (1) A local development council shall be established in each geographic area where a video lottery facility is located.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, a local development council shall consist of the following 15 members appointed by the chief executive of the county in which the local development council is located, in consultation with the Senators and Delegates who represent the communities surrounding the facility and the respective county councils, city councils, or county commissioners:

(i) one Senator who represents the district where the facility is located;

(ii) two Delegates who represent the districts where the communities surrounding the facility are located;

(iii) one representative of the video lottery operation licensee;

(iv) seven residents of the communities in immediate proximity to the facility; and

(v) four representatives of businesses or institutions located in immediate proximity to the facility.

(d) (1) Prior to any expenditure of local impact grant funds provided under § 9–1A–27 of this subtitle, a county or municipality shall develop, in consultation with the local development council, a multiyear plan for the expenditure of the local impact grant funds for services and improvements consistent with subsection (b) of this section.

(2) A county or municipality shall submit the plan to the local development council for review and comment before adopting the plan or expending any grant funds.

(3) The local development council shall advise the county or municipality on the impact of the facility on the communities and the needs and priorities of the communities in immediate proximity to the facility.

(4) (i) A local development council shall have 45 days to review, comment, and make recommendations on the plan required under this subsection.

(ii) Except as provided in subparagraph (iii) of this paragraph, on the request of a local development council, the county or municipality shall hold a public hearing on the plan.

(iii) Baltimore City shall hold a public hearing on the plan for the expenditure of funds allocated under subsection (a)(1)(ii) of this section.

(5) A county or municipality shall make best efforts to accommodate the recommendations of the local development council and any testimony presented at the hearing before adopting the plan required under this subsection.

(e) A video lottery operation licensee shall provide to the local development council a master plan for the development of the site on which the video lottery facility will be located.

Comprehensive Transportation Plan

§9–1A–32.

(a) The State may pay for the reasonable transportation costs to:

(1) mitigate the impact on the communities in the immediate proximity to the facility; and

(2) make each video lottery facility accessible to the public.

(b) (1) A comprehensive transportation plan shall be:

(i) developed by each county where a facility is located, in consultation with the local development council created under § 9–1A–31 of this subtitle; and

(ii) approved by the Maryland Department of Transportation.

(2) The comprehensive transportation plan shall include provisions on roads and provisions regarding mass transit if mass transit is a substantial manner of transportation in the county where a video lottery facility is located.