

(c) A committee, to be appointed by the Governor, shall prepare and adopt an apportionment formula relating to the percentage of the total funds each county, including municipal corporations therein, and Baltimore City shall be able to receive. The committee shall consist of two members of the Senate, three members of the House of Delegates, and four members of the public at large. The Secretary of State Planning, the Director of Forests and Parks, the Director of Game and Inland Fish, and the Chairman of the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission, shall serve as advisors to the committee.

357F.

(a) Each year the Department of Forests and Parks, the Department of Game and Inland Fish and the St. Mary's City Commission shall prepare a list of State acquisition projects for the next fiscal year. These projects shall be submitted to the General Assembly in a manner similar to other capital projects as provided in Article 15A of this Code.

(b) There is hereby created an advance option and purchase fund. The General Assembly may designate a portion of the funds available for State projects to be used to obtain options for critical parcels of land in advance of purchase or to purchase specific tracts of land. Provided, such appropriation is made, the Department of Forests and Parks, the Department of Game and Inland Fish and the St. Mary's City Commission, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, may obtain options to purchase certain lands. Property so optioned or any other parcel or parcels may be purchased by the State provided funds are available in the advance option and purchase fund.

357G.

(a) Any subdivision may apply to the State Department of Forests and Parks for a grant from the total funds appropriated by the General Assembly for local projects.

(b) The Department of Forests and Parks shall administer the local projects portion of Program Open Space and shall promulgate and adopt rules and regulations governing the submission of applications for grants by the subdivisions. Such rules and regulations shall be prepared in conjunction with the Department of State Planning and such other State, local, or regional agencies or organizations as the Department of Forests and Parks may deem appropriate to consult. The Department of Forests and Parks shall process and submit applications, plans, and other supporting data, together with recommendations, to the Board of Public Works. The Board of Public Works may approve, or modify and approve, the recommendations submitted, provided that any modifications made by the Board of Public Works shall be in accord with the rules and regulations promulgated and adopted by the Department of Forests and Parks. The Board of Public Works shall certify the obligation of funds for each approved project to the State Treasurer, and the Treasurer, through the Department of Forests and Parks, shall make such funds available to the governing body of the subdivision submitting the approved application.