

~~SHALL NOT EXCEED 87-1/2 PERCENT OF TOTAL ELIGIBLE PROJECTS COSTS-~~  
 AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1984 shall be in an amount up to [one-half]  
 72.22 PERCENT of the eligible cost remaining after the maximum  
 Federal grant has been applied OR UP TO 32.5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL  
 ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS. When the maximum federal grant offer  
 covers more than ~~75-~~ 55 percent of the total project cost for an  
 innovative or alternative project as defined by the Federal  
 Environmental Protection Agency, the State grant offer shall be  
~~three-fourths~~ UP TO 85 PERCENT of the remaining amount or ~~12--1/2~~  
 percent~~7--~~ whichever ~~is~~ least UP TO 21.25 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL  
 ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS. In the case of a project to be operated  
 by a State owned institution or facility, the State grant offer  
 shall equal the total cost of the project less the amount of any  
 Federal grant offer made therefor.

3. The Board of Public Works is authorized, in its discretion and upon recommendation of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to approve a State grant not to exceed 87-1/2 percent of the eligible cost of a project or part of a project, if the Board finds (A) that the immediate initiation or continuation of such project is critical to the public health or compliance with water quality standards of the State, and (B) that a timely and sufficient Federal grant is not available for such project or part of a project. In approving such grants, the Board of Public Works shall make all reasonable efforts not to jeopardize Federal grants for the remaining part of such projects.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 5(b) of Chapter 561 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1966, as amended by Chapter 689 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1967, by Chapter 55 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1973, by Chapter 262 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1975, and by Chapter 395 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1979, be and it is hereby repealed and reenacted with amendments, to read as follows:

Chapter 561 of the Acts of 1966

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(b) Any county, municipality, or any agency which is entitled to receive a State grant pursuant to the provisions of Section 387B(a)2 of Article 43 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, as amended from time to time, may petition the State Department of Health for a grant, within the following conditions and limitations:

1. That a preliminary application, in such form as the State Department of Health shall specify, must be received by the State Department of health for each project no later than January 1 of each year, for projects to be financed during the fiscal year starting the following July 1.