

(b) Except as provided in subsection (5)(c) below, a grant may not exceed 50% of the eligible costs of the work proposed in the grant application.

(c) A grant to a municipality for a facility or system that will serve a State institution or agency, that will serve regional needs, or that will incorporate a waste-to-energy or recycling component may cover 100% of the eligible costs of the work proposed.

(d) Total grants for a single facility or system may not exceed \$700,000 except that total grants for a facility or system that will serve regional needs or that will incorporate a waste-to-energy or recycling component may not exceed \$1,000,000.

(e) All financial assistance provided under this Act shall be in the form of reimbursable grants. ~~In the event that funds provided under this Act are used for the engineering, financial or legal analyses or design of a facility or system which is constructed or implemented, then the recipient of the funds shall repay those funds to the State. The amount repaid shall be limited to the amount provided under this Act for the engineering, financial or legal analyses or design actually incorporated into the facility or system which is constructed or implemented. If a facility or system is not constructed or implemented, then funds provided under this Act shall be deemed a grant grants which shall be repaid by the recipients of the funds.~~

(f) Financial assistance may be provided under this Act only for a facility or system of a municipality, and only if the municipality and the Maryland Environmental Service execute an agreement that is designed to assure compliance by the municipality with the purposes and terms of this Act.

(g) Each application for financial assistance under this Act shall be submitted to the Maryland Environmental Service. Copies of the application shall be submitted by the applicant to the Departments of the Environment and State Planning.

(h) The Maryland Environmental Service, in consultation with the Departments of the Environment and State Planning, shall periodically prepare and submit to the Board of Public Works a list of pending applications for financial assistance under this Act, together with a recommendation for the priority and amount of funding of each application. High funding priorities shall be assigned to facilities or systems that will serve regional needs, that will incorporate waste-to-energy or recycling components or other innovative or alternate solutions to solid waste management problems, or that are necessary to avoid a critical loss of solid waste disposal capability. The