

(2) The volunteer fire company or rescue squad is unable to maintain the minimum level of performance for adequate and safe service established by standards of the Maryland State Firemen's Association ~~OR-ANY-STATE-OR-FEDERAL-REGULATORY-AGENCY~~ because of a demonstrated lack of financial resources; and

(3) The Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning and the volunteer fire company or rescue squad receiving assistance have executed an agreement which provides that trust funds will be used as represented in the request for approval to the Board of Public Works and which grants to the State such security in the equipment or facilities acquired with trust funds and in the proceeds of that equipment or those facilities as is determined by the Board to be appropriate and adequate.

46B.

After consultation with the Maryland State Firemen's Association, the Governor is authorized to include the amount in the State budget each year to be appropriated to and administered by the Maryland State Firemen's Association for the following purposes:

(a) To formulate, publish, and distribute the fire laws of Maryland;

(b) To formulate, publish, and distribute an annual report and monthly or other timely bulletins and reports;

(c) To publish and distribute fire prevention literature;

(d) To keep records relating to the annual inspections of fire and rescue apparatus, equipment, and facilities; and

(e) To establish and maintain a data base on manpower availability and training, operational cost, apparatus availability, response time, STATE AND LOCAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT, and other relevant factors in providing fire and rescue services.

46C.

(b) For each volunteer fire company or rescue squad receiving trust funds under § 46A the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning shall require ~~-(~~financial statements for the fiscal year or fiscal years in which the funds were received AS WELL AS [and shall forward these financial statements to the Legislative Auditor.] DOCUMENTATION OF ACTUAL EXPENDITURES TO BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THE EQUIPMENT OR BENEFICIAL OCCUPANCY, AND SHALL FORWARD THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND THE DOCUMENTATION TO THE LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR. The Legislative Auditor shall review ~~-(~~these financial statements~~-)~~ AND THE DOCUMENTATION to determine if the trust funds were expended according to the provisions of the request for financial assistance as approved by the Board of Public Works and shall report his findings to the Department of Budget and Fiscal